

The Gospel of Luke

Chapter 1

- ¶1. Whereas many have taken in hand to compile a narrative concerning the events which have been accomplished among us,
2. just as they who, from the beginning, were eye witnesses and servants of the Word handed *them* down to us,
3. it seemed good to me as well, having carefully investigated everything from the start, to write a sequential account for you, most excellent Theophilus,
4. so that you might know the trustworthiness of the things you have been taught.
- ¶5. In the days of Herod the king of Judaea, there was a certain priest by the name of Zacharias. *He was* of the division of Abia, and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.
6. They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and judgments of the LORD blamelessly.
7. And they had no child because Elizabeth was barren, and both were well advanced in years.
- ¶8. Now, as he was performing his priestly service before God, in the order of his division,
9. by lot, according to the custom of the priestly office, it fell to him to enter the temple of the LORD to burn incense.
10. And the whole multitude of the people was outside, praying during the hour of incense burning.
11. Then, standing to the right of the altar of incense, an angel of the LORD appeared to him.
12. And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was shaken, and fear fell upon him.
13. But the angel said to him, “Do not fear, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and Elizabeth, your wife, will bear you a son, and you shall call his name, ‘John’.
14. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.
15. He will be great before the LORD, and wine or strong drink he must never drink, and he will be filled with *the* holy Spirit while in his mother’s womb.
16. And many of the sons of Israel will he turn to the LORD their God.
17. It is he who will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the LORD.”
18. And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? I am an old man, and my wife is aged.”
19. And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands before God, and I was sent to speak to you and declare these good tidings to you.

20. And behold, you will be silent, unable to speak, until the day these things come to pass because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their appointed time!”
21. Now, the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they were amazed at how long he was in the temple.
22. And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple, and as for him, he kept making gestures to them, but remained mute.
23. And it came to pass that when the days of his priestly service were completed, he went home.
- ¶24. After those days, his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she hid herself five months, saying,
25. “Thus the LORD has dealt with me in the days in which He looked with favor *upon me*, to take away my reproach among men.”
- ¶26. In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee called Nazareth,
27. to a virgin who was betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mariam.
28. And when the angel came, he said to her, “Rejoice, O favored woman! The LORD is with you! You are blessed among women!”
29. And when she saw *him*, she was perplexed by his speech, wondering what kind of greeting this might be.
30. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mariam. You have found favor with God.
31. Behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and you shall call his name, “Jesus”.
32. He will be great, and he will be called Son of the Highest. The LORD will give him the throne of David his father,
33. and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom, there will be no end.”
34. Then Mariam said to the angel, “How will this be, since I do not know a man?”
35. And the angel answered and said to her, “*The* holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you. And therefore, that holy thing which is born shall be called a son of God.
36. And behold, Elizabeth your kinswoman has herself also conceived a son in her old age, and this is now the sixth month with her who was called barren.
37. For nothing will be impossible with God.”
38. Then Mariam said, “Behold, *I am* the LORD’s slave. Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.
- ¶39. And in those days, Mariam arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah,
40. and she entered into Zacharias’ house and greeted Elizabeth.

41. And when Elizabeth heard Mariam's greeting, it came to pass that the baby leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with *the* holy Spirit,
42. and she cried out with a loud voice and said, "You are blessed among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!
43. And how has this *been given* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me!
44. Behold, when the sound of your greeting came into my ears, the child in my womb leapt with gladness.
45. Blessed is she who believed, because there shall be a fulfillment of the things spoken to her by the LORD."
46. And Mariam said, "My soul magnifies the LORD,
47. and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48. for He has looked on the lowly state of his slave. Behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.
49. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy *is* His name!
50. His mercy *endures* from generation to generation to those who fear Him.
51. With His arm, He has done mighty deeds. He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart.
52. He has brought the mighty down from thrones, and exalted the lowly.
53. He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
54. Remembering mercy, He has come to the aid of Israel His son,
55. as He said to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever."
- ¶56. And Mariam remained with her about three months, and then returned to her home.
- ¶57. And the time was fulfilled for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.
58. And her neighbors and kinsman heard that the LORD had magnified His great mercy with her, and they rejoiced with her.
59. And it came to pass on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child, and they were calling it by the name of his father Zacharias.
60. But his mother answered and said, "No! He will be called John."
61. And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name."
62. And they motioned to his father, *to see* what he wanted him to be called.
63. And after he asked for a little writing tablet, he wrote, "John is his name." And they all marveled.
64. Then, instantly, his mouth was opened and his tongue *loosed*, and he began to speak, praising God.
65. And fear came on everyone who lived around them, and throughout the hill country of Judea, all these things were talked about.
66. And everyone who heard *these things* laid them up in their heart, saying, "What will this child be?" And the hand of the LORD was with him.
- ¶67. And his father, Zacharias, was filled with *the* holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying,

68. “Blessed be the LORD, God of Israel, for He has visited and brought redemption to His people!
69. And He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant,
70. as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old,
71. *to bring us* salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us,
72. to perform mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant,
73. the oath which he swore to Abraham our father, that He would grant to us
74. that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear,
75. in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.
76. And you, child, shall be called prophet of the most High because you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways,
77. to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins,
78. through the tender mercy of our God, by which the dawn from on High has visited us,
79. to give light to those who sit in the darkness and shadow of death, to direct our feet into the path of peace.”
- ¶80. And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in desolate places until the day of his showing to Israel.

Chapter 2

- ¶1. It came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus to take a census of the whole empire.
2. (This first census took place when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
3. And so, everyone began traveling to be registered, each to his own city.
4. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,
5. to be registered with Mariam, the woman who was betrothed to him and was with child.
6. And it came to pass that while they were there, the days were fulfilled for her to give birth,
7. and she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, since there was no room for them in the inn.
- ¶8. And in the same area were shepherds, staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And behold, an angel of the LORD appeared to them, and the glory of the LORD shone round about them, and they were very afraid.
10. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! Behold, I am bringing you good news of great joy, which shall be for all the people!
11. For today, in the city of David, a Savior is born unto you who is Messiah and Lord!

12. And this *will be* the sign for you: you will find the baby wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”
13. And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of heaven’s army, praising God and saying,
14. “Glory to God in the highest, and upon earth, peace *and* good will to men!”
- ¶15. And it came to pass, after the angels went away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go right now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the LORD has made known to us!”
16. And they went with haste and found Mariam and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.
17. And when they had seen *them*, they made known what had been told them about this child.
18. And everyone who heard them wondered about the things spoken to them by the shepherds.
19. But Mariam treasured up all these sayings, pondering them in her heart.
20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, *for it had been* just as it was told them.
- ¶21. And when eight days were fulfilled for his circumcision, his name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
- ¶22. And when the days were fulfilled for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the LORD
23. (as it is written in the law of the LORD, “Every male that opens the matrix shall be called holy to the LORD”),
24. and to offer a sacrifice, as it is said in the law of the LORD, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”
25. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and *the* holy Spirit was upon him.
26. And it had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he would not see death before he would see the LORD’s Messiah.
27. And he came by the Spirit to the temple, and the parents brought in the child Jesus to do as was the custom of the law for him,
28. and he took the child into his arms, and blessed God, and said,
29. “Now, Master, let your slave go his way in peace, according to your word,
30. for my eyes have seen your salvation
31. which you have prepared before the face of all peoples,
32. a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel!”
33. And Joseph and the child’s mother were amazed at the things spoken about him.

34. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mariam, his mother, “Behold, this *child* is destined to cause the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign spoken against –
35. a sword shall pierce even your own soul! – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”
36. And Anna the prophetess was there, a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity,
37. and she was a widow of eighty-four years. She never left the temple, ministering *to the LORD* with fastings and prayers night and day.
38. And in that hour appearing, she began to praise the LORD and to speak to all those in Jerusalem who were looking for redemption.
39. And when they had completed everything according to the law of the LORD, they returned into Galilee to their own city, Nazareth.
- ¶40. And the child grew and became strong in spirit, full of wisdom, and God’s grace was upon him.
- ¶41. Now, every year, his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover.
42. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem, as was the custom for the feast,
43. and the days being completed, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem when they started back, and Joseph and his mother did not know it,
44. but assuming him to be among those traveling with them, they went a day’s journey, and then began searching for him among their relatives and acquaintances.
45. And when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for him.
46. And after three days, it came to pass that they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
47. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.
48. And when they saw him, they were overwhelmed, and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you done us like this? Behold, your father and I have been in anguish, looking for you!”
49. And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Didn’t you know that I must be about my Father’s business?”
50. But they did not understand what he said to them.
51. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and he was subject to them. And his mother kept all these things in her heart.
- ¶52. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

- ¶1. In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberias Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being Tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip, his brother, being Tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysinius being Tetrarch of Abilene,
2. during the priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.
3. And he went to all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for remission of sins,
4. as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of the LORD! Make His paths straight!
5. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill brought low, and the crooked ways shall be straight, and the rough ways, smooth roads,
6. and all flesh shall see the salvation of GOD!”
- ¶7. Then he said to the crowds who were coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
8. Bear fruit worthy of repentance, and don’t begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones!
9. Already, the ax is laid at the root of the trees. Every tree, therefore, not bearing good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire!”
10. And the crowds asked him, saying, “What, then, shall we do?”
11. He answered and said to them, “He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none, and let him who has food do the same.”
12. The tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”
13. And he said to them, “Exact nothing beyond what has been mandated to you.”
14. And even the soldiers asked him, saying, “What about us? What shall we do?” And he said to them, “Don’t extort money or harass anybody, but be content with your wages.”
- ¶15. Now, the people being in expectation of *the Messiah*, and everyone wondering in their hearts about John, whether he might be the Messiah,
16. John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to loosen. He will baptize you with holy Spirit and fire!
17. His winnowing fork *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean what he has threshed and will gather the wheat into his storehouse, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire!”
18. And with many other exhortations, he preached to the people.
- ¶19. Now, Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him in the matter of Herodius, his brother’s wife, and for all the evils that Herod had done,

20. added this, too, on top of everything: he also locked John up in prison.
- ¶21. And it came to pass that when all the people were being baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and as he was praying, heaven was opened,
22. and the holy Spirit descended in the bodily form of a dove upon him, and a voice from heaven came, saying, “You are my beloved Son; in you, I am well pleased.”
- ¶23. And Jesus himself was about thirty years old, being, as it was thought, the son of Joseph, son of Heli,¹
24. the son of Mathat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph,
25. the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,
26. the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Simej, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah,
27. the son of Jonan, the son of Rhesah, the son of Zorobabel, the son of Salathiel, the son of Neri,
28. the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Chosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Ar,
29. the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Mathat, the son of Levi,
30. the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim,
31. the son of Melea, the son of Mainan, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,
32. the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Naasson,
33. the son of Aminadab, the son of Aram, the son of Esrom, the son of Pharez, the son of Judah,
34. the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Thara, the son of Nahor,
35. the son of Serug, the son of Ragau, the son of Phalek, the son of Heber, the son of Sala,
36. the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Sem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,
37. the son of Mathusala, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Malaleel, the son of Cainan,
38. the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Chapter 4

¹ Another genealogy for Joseph is given in Matthew 1. One of the genealogies must be Joseph’s genealogy on his mother’s side, beginning with Heli as her father, or Mariam’s genealogy. If the latter, then Heli is Mariam’s father.

- ¶1. Now, Jesus, full of *the* holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led in the Spirit into the wilderness,
2. being tempted forty days by the Accuser, and he ate nothing during those days, and when they were ended, he was afterward hungry.
3. And the Accuser said to him, “Since you are a son of God, command this stone to become bread.”
4. And Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written that ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word of God.’”
5. And then the Accuser, leading him to a high mountain, showed him all the kingdoms of the earth in a moment of time.
6. And the Accuser told him, “To you will I give all this power, and the glory belonging to them, for it has been entrusted to me, and I give it to whomever I will.
7. If you, therefore, *fall down and* worship before me, it will all be yours.”
8. And Jesus answered him and said, “Get behind me, Satan! It is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only shall you serve.’”
9. And he brought him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and he said to him, “Since you are a son of God, throw yourself down from here,
10. for it is written, ‘He will command His angels concerning you, to protect you,’
11. and, ‘They will bear you up with *their* hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”
12. And Jesus answered and said to him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the LORD your God to the test.’”
13. And after the Accuser had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a season.
- ¶14. Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and news about him went out over the whole region,
15. and he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.
- ¶16. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and as was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read.
17. And the scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. And when he had unrolled the scroll, he found the place where it was written,
18. “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach liberty to those held captive, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send the oppressed away free,
19. to preach the acceptable year of the LORD.”
20. And when he had rolled up the scroll and handed it to the attendant, he sat down. And the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him.
21. Then he said to them, “Today, this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”
22. And they all began speaking highly of him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded from his mouth, and they were saying, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?”

23. Then he said to them, “No doubt, you will say this parable to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! All those things we heard were done in Capernaum, do here in your home town, too.’”
24. Then he said, “Truly, I tell you that no prophet is accepted in his own town.
25. And in truth I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and a great famine was upon all the land.
26. But Elijah was not sent to one of them, but to a widow in Zarephath of Sidon.
27. And there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet, but no one among them was cleansed, but Naaman the Syrian *was*.”
28. When they heard these things, everybody in the synagogue was filled with rage,
29. and they rose up and threw him out of the city, and they led him to the brow of the mountain on which their city was built, to throw him off the cliff.
30. But he passed through their midst, and went away.
- ¶31. And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and he was teaching them on the Sabbath,
32. and they were astonished at his teaching because his speech was with authority.
33. And in the synagogue, there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon, and it cried out in a loud voice,
34. saying, “Agh! What have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know you, who you are – the holy one of God!”
35. But Jesus rebuked it, saying, “Shut up, and come out of him!” And after the demon threw him down in the midst, it came out of him, doing him no harm.
36. And astonishment came upon all, and they began talking to one another, saying, “What *new* thing is this, that with authority and power, he commands unclean spirits, and they come out!”
37. And the report about him was going out everywhere in that region.
- ¶38. When he arose *and went* out of the synagogue, he entered into the home of Simon, and the mother-in-law of Simon was taken with a high fever, and they besought him for her.
39. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and he lifted her up, and right away, she began to wait on them.
- ¶40. Now, as the sun was going down, all who had any suffering from various diseases brought them to him. And he laid hands on each one of them and healed them.
41. And demons came out of many, crying out and saying, “You are the Messiah, the Son of God!” But rebuking *them*, he would not permit them to say that they knew him to be the Messiah.

- ¶42. Now, when the day was come, he had gone out, and he went to a secluded place, but the multitudes looked for him, and they came to him and held on to him so that he would not leave them.
43. But he said to them, “I have to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to other cities, too; that’s why I’ve been sent.”
- ¶44. And so, he continued preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Chapter 5

- ¶1. Now, it came to pass that as the people pressed on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret,
2. and he saw two boats moored at the edge of the lake, and the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.
3. And when he had climbed into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to push off a bit from land. And then he sat down and started teaching the multitudes from the boat.
4. And when he finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch.”
5. And Simon answered and said to him, “Master, we labored the whole night through and caught nothing, but I’ll do as you say and lower the net.”
6. And when they had done this, they closed in a large number of fish, and their nets began to tear.
7. And so, they signaled their partners who were in the other boat to come help them, and they came, and they filled both boats so *full* that they began to sink.
8. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Sir, get away from me; I’m a sinful man!”
9. For astonishment at the catch of fish that they had taken had seized him and all those with him,
10. and likewise both Jacobus and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid. From now on, you’ll be catching men.”
11. And when they brought the boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.
- ¶12. And it came to pass that while he was in one of the cities, behold, a man covered with leprosy was there. And when he had seen Jesus, falling on his face, he begged him, saying, “Sir, if you want to, you can make me clean.”
13. And he stretched forth *his* hand and touched him, and said, “I do want to. Be clean!” And the leprosy immediately departed from him.
14. And he ordered him to tell no one, but, “Leave! Show yourself to the priest, and offer *the gift* for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”
15. But the word about him spread all the more, and large multitudes came together to hear *him* and be healed of their diseases by him.

16. But he would frequently withdraw to desolate places, and pray.
- ¶17. And it came to pass on one of those days that he was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there who were come from every village of Galilee, and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the LORD was there to heal them.
18. And, behold, some men were carrying on a little bed a man who was paralyzed, and they kept looking *for a way* to bring him in and set *him* in front of him.
19. And when they found no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they climbed up on the roof and lowered him, with the little bed, through the tiles and into the midst, in front of Jesus.
20. And seeing their faith, he told him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”
21. And the scribes and Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this man who is speaking blasphemies? Who, except God only, can forgive sins?”
22. Then Jesus, perceiving their reasonings, answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts?
23. Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?
24. But so that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – he told the paralytic, “I tell you to get up, and take up your bed and go home.”
25. And at once, he stood up before them, and picking up what he had been lying on, he went away to his house, glorifying God.
26. And astonishment gripped them all, and they began glorifying God. And they were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen incredible things today!”
- ¶27. And after these things, he went out, and he noticed a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at the tax station, and he told him, “You follow me.”
28. And so, leaving everything behind, he rose up and followed him.
29. And Levi made a great reception for him in his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors was there, and there were others who were reclining at table with them.
30. But their scribes and the Pharisees began complaining to his disciples, saying, “What are you eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners for?”
31. And Jesus answered and told them, “Those who are healthy don’t need a physician, but those who are sick.
32. I haven’t come to call the righteous to repentance, but sinners.”
33. Then they said to him, “Why is it that the disciples of John, and those of the Pharisees as well, fast frequently and make prayers, but those who belong to you eat and drink?”
34. He said to them, “You can’t make the bridegroom’s attendants fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?
35. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken from them; then, in those days, they’ll fast.”

36. Then he also told them a parable: “No one puts a patch from a new garment onto an old garment; otherwise, the new also makes a tear and that *patch* from the new doesn’t fit the old.
37. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined.
38. Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins, and both are preserved.
39. No one wants new *wine* immediately after drinking the old, for he says, ‘The old is better.’”

Chapter 6

- ¶1. Now, it came to pass during a certain Sabbath² that he passed through the grain fields, and his disciples were plucking and eating heads of grain, rubbing *them* with their hands.
2. But certain of the Pharisees told them, “Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?”
3. And Jesus replied to them and said, “Have you not even read this, what David did the time he was hungry, he and those who were with him,
4. that he entered into the house of God, and took and ate the bread of the Presence, and he even gave *some* to those with him, which isn’t lawful to eat, except for the priests alone?”
5. Then he said to them, “The Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”
- ¶6. Now, it came to pass on a different Sabbath that he entered again into the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there, and his right hand was withered.
7. And the scribes and the Pharisees were watching closely *to see* if he would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against him.
8. But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Get up, and stand in the midst!” And he arose and stood *there*.
9. Jesus then said to them, “I am going to ask you something. Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath or to do harm? To save life or to kill?”
10. And when he had looked around on them all, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand!” So he did, and his hand was restored, as healthy as the other one.
11. But they were filled with madness, and they began discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.
- ¶12. Now it came to pass in those days that he went out to a mountain to pray, and he was in prayer to God throughout the night.
13. And when it was day, he summoned his disciples, and from them he chose twelve, to whom he gave the name, “apostles”:

² Literally, “a second-first Sabbath”, but the meaning of that is unclear.

14. Simon, whom he also named “Peter”, and Andrew his brother, Jacobus and John, Philip and Bartholomew,
15. Matthew and Thomas, Jacobus the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who is called “the Patriot”,
16. Judas *son of* Jacobus, and Judas Iscariot, who also was the betrayer.
17. And when he had come down with them, he stood on a level place with a multitude of his disciples, as well as a great number of people from all Judea, and Jerusalem, and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases,
18. and those vexed by unclean spirits were also being healed.
19. And the whole multitude kept trying to touch him, for power came from him and healed them all.
- ¶20. And when he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, he said, “Blessed *are you* who are poor in spirit, for the kingdom of God is yours.
- ¶21. “Blessed *are you* who hunger now, for *you* shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who are weeping now, for *you* shall laugh.
- ¶22. “Blessed *are you* when men hate you and when they exclude you, and revile and cast out your name as evil for the sake of the Son of man.
23. Rejoice in that day, and dance! Behold, *your* reward is great in heaven! For their fathers used to do such things to the prophets.
- ¶24. “Oh, but woe to you who are rich, for *you* have received all *your* comfort!
- ¶25. “Woe to you who are full, for *you* shall hunger! Woe to you who are laughing now, for *you* shall mourn and weep!
- ¶26. “Woe *to you* when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to do such things to the false prophets!
- ¶27. “Nevertheless, I say to you who hear, love your enemies; do good to those who hate you;
28. bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you.
29. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other one, too, and from him who takes away your cloak, don’t withhold *your* tunic, also.
30. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from him who takes your possessions, don’t ask for *them back*.
31. Just as *you* would that men should do to *you*, do the same also to them.
32. If *you* love those who love you, what thanks is due *you*? Even sinners love those who love them.
33. And if *you* do good to those who do good to *you*, what thanks is due *you*? Even sinners do that.

34. And what thanks is due you if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive? Even sinners lend to sinners so that they might be repaid as much.
35. But love your enemies, and do good and lend, expecting nothing in return, and then your reward shall be great, and you shall be sons of the Highest, for He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil.
36. So, be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.
37. And stop judging, and you'll never be judged. Don't condemn, and you'll never be condemned. Forgive, and you'll be forgiven.
38. Give, and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and overflowing, shall men give into your bosom. By the same measure by which you measure, it shall be measured to you again."
- ¶39. Then he spoke a parable to them: "A blind man can't guide a blind man, can he? Won't they both fall into a pit?
40. A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfected shall be like his teacher.
41. Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but don't consider the beam that is in your own eye?
42. Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself don't see the beam in your *own* eye? Hypocrite! First, take the beam out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly to take out the speck that's in your brother's eye!
43. Now, a good tree doesn't bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.
44. Each tree is known by its own fruit. Men don't gather figs from thornbushes, nor do they harvest grapes from a briar bush.
45. A good man brings forth what is good out of the good treasure in his heart, and an evil man brings forth what is evil out of the evil treasure in his heart, for out of the abundance of the heart, his mouth speaks.
- ¶46. "Why do you call me, 'Master! Master!' but don't do what I say?
47. Everyone who comes to me, and hears my words and does them, I will show you who he is like.
48. He is like a man building a house, who dug and went deep, and laid a foundation on the rock. Then, when a flood came, the river pounded against that house, but it could not shake it, for it had been founded on the rock.
49. But he who heard *my words* and did not do *them* is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation, which the river pounded, and immediately it fell, and the collapse of that house was great."

- ¶1. When he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he went into Capernaum.
- ¶2. And a certain centurion had a slave who was sick and about to die, who was dear to him.
3. And when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to him, since he had come, asking that he would come and heal his slave.
4. And when they came to Jesus, they entreated him earnestly, saying, “The man is worthy to have this done for him,
5. for he loves our nation; he even built the synagogue for us.”
6. Then Jesus went with them; however, when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him to tell him, “Sir, trouble yourself no further, for I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
7. nor did I consider myself worthy to come to you. Instead, speak the word, and my boy will be healed.
8. For I, myself, am also a man set under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does *it*.”
9. Now when Jesus heard these words, it amazed him, and turning to the multitude that was following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found in Israel such great faith.”
10. And when those who were sent returned to the house, they found the slave who was sick in good health.
- ¶11. And the next day, he went to a town called Nain, and many of his disciples went with him, as well as a large multitude.
12. And as he neared the town gate, then behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she *was* a widow, and a sizable crowd from the town was with her.
13. And seeing her, the Lord felt compassion for her, and said to her, “Don’t cry.”
14. Then he came and touched the bier, and those bearing *it* stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, get up.”
15. And the dead man sat up and began to talk. And *Jesus* gave him to his mother.
16. Then fear gripped *them* all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited His people!”
17. And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea, and in all the surrounding area.
- ¶18. And *John’s* disciples told John about all these things.
19. And John, summoning two of his disciples, sent them to Jesus, saying, “Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for another?”
20. So when the men came to him, they said, “John the Baptizer sent us to you saying, ‘Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for another man?’”

21. And in that same hour, he healed many of *their* diseases, and afflictions, and evil spirits, and he gave to many blind people their sight.
22. Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Go tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, *and* the poor are given good news.
23. And blessed is whoever is not offended in me.”
- ¶24. Now, when John’s messengers were gone away, he began to say to the multitudes about John, “What have you gone out to the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
25. But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft garments? Behold, those who are in splendid clothes and live in luxury are in kings’ palaces!
26. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet.
27. This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I am sending my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way before you!’
28. For I tell you, among those born of women, there *has arisen* no greater prophet than John the Baptizer; and yet, the least one in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”
29. (And when all the people heard *that*, including the tax collectors, they justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John,
30. but the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected the plan of God for themselves, not being baptized by him.)
31. “To what, then, shall I compare the men of this generation? And what are they like?
32. They are like children who are sitting in the marketplace and calling out to one another, and saying, ‘We played the flute for you, but you didn’t dance! We sang a dirge for you, but you didn’t weep.’
33. For John the Baptizer has come, neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon,’
34. *and* the Son of man has come, both eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Behold! A gluttonous man and a drunkard! A friend of tax collectors and sinners!’
35. But wisdom is justified by all her children.”
- ¶36. Now, a certain man, one of the Pharisees, asked him to eat with him. And so, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at table.
37. And behold, a woman of the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of perfume.
38. And as she stood behind, at his feet, crying, she began to wet his feet with the tears, and she wiped them dry with the hair of her head, and then she tenderly kissed his feet and anointed *them* with the perfume.

39. Seeing *this*, the Pharisee who had invited him said in himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.”
40. Then Jesus answered and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he said, “Teacher, say on.”
41. “There were two men in debt to a certain lender. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other, fifty.
42. When they had nothing to pay, he freely forgave *them* both. So now, tell me, which of them will love him more?”
43. Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one to whom he forgave the more.” He said to him, “You have judged rightly.”
44. And then, turning to the woman, he said to Simon, “See this woman? When I came into your home, you provided no water for my feet, but she washed my feet with tears and dried them with the hair of her head.
45. You gave me no kiss, but she, from the time I came in, has not stopped kissing my feet.
46. You didn’t anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume.
47. I tell you, it is because her sins, which are many, have been forgiven that she has loved much, but the one who is forgiven a little, loves a little.”
48. Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”
49. But those reclining with him at table began to say among themselves, “Who is this that even forgives sins?”
50. But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

Chapter 8

- ¶1. And so it was that he traveled about, through city and village, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God, and the twelve *were* with him,
2. as well as certain women who had been delivered from evil spirits and sicknesses: Maria who is called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,
3. Joanna the wife of Chouza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many other women, who ministered to them from their own possessions.
- ¶4. And when a large crowd was gathering, and folk were coming from every city to him, he said by a parable,
5. “The sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed, it fell along the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air gobbled it up.
6. And a different *seed* fell on rock, and after it came up, it withered because it had no moisture.
7. And a different one fell in the midst of thorns, and the thorns, springing up with it, choked it out.

8. And a different *seed* fell into good soil, and after it came up, it yielded fruit, a hundredfold.” When he said these things, he cried aloud, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”
- ¶9. Then his disciples began questioning him, saying, “What does this parable mean?”
10. And he said, “To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest, *everything is* in parables in order that ‘seeing, they might not see, and hearing, they might not understand.’
11. Now, this is the parable. The seed is the word of God.
12. The ones along the path are those who hear, but then the Accuser comes and takes the word away from their heart, lest they believe and be saved.
13. But the ones on rock are the ones who, when they have heard *it*, welcome the word with joy, but these have no root. They believe for a time, and yet, in time of trial they fall away.
14. But as for the *seeds* that fell among the thorns, these are they who, having heard *the word*, go their way and are choked out by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and they don’t bear fruit to maturity.
15. But as for that which *fell* on good soil, these are they who, having heard the word with a sincere and good heart, cling to *it* and bear fruit with patience.
- ¶16. “No one, having lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed; on the contrary, he puts it on a lampstand so that those who come in might see the light.
17. For there is nothing secret that shall not be revealed, nor concealed that shall not be made known and come to light.
18. Take heed, then, how you hear. For whoever has, it shall be given to him, and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have shall be taken away from him.”
- ¶19. Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they were not able to reach him because of the crowd.
20. And it was told him, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.”
21. But he answered and said to them, “My mother and my brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.”
- ¶22. And it came to pass on one of those days that he boarded a boat with his disciples and said to them, “Let’s go over to the other side of the lake.” So they set sail.
23. And as they sailed, he dropped off to sleep, and a great windstorm descended on the lake, and they began to be swamped and were in danger.
24. So they went to him and woke him up, saying, “Master! Master! We’re about to die!” Then, getting up, he rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and there was a *great* calm.

25. Then he said to them, “Where is your faith?” But they were afraid and amazed, saying to one another, “Who in the world is this man, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him!”
- ¶26. And they sailed down to the territory of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.
27. Then, when he got out onto the shore, a certain man from the city met him who for a long time had been possessed by demons; he wore no clothes, and he did not live in a house but among the tombs.
28. And seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before him, and with a loud voice, he said, “What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the highest God? I beg you, don’t torment me!”
29. (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.) Now, many times it had seized him, and he was put under guard, bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into desolate places.
30. Then Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” Then he said, “Legion”, because many demons had entered into him.
31. And he implored him that he would not command them to go away into the Abyss.
32. Now, there was a large herd of swine there, feeding on the mountain, and so, they began pleading with him that he would permit them to enter into them. And he gave them permission.
33. Then, when the demons had come out of the man, they entered into the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep slope into the lake, and drowned.
34. And seeing what had happened, the herdsmen fled, and in the city and in the countryside, they reported *everything*.
35. Then they came out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out sitting at Jesus’ feet, clothed and in a right mind, and they were afraid.
36. And those who had seen how the demon-possessed man was set free told them,
37. and the whole multitude from the territory of the Gadarenes asked him to go away from them because they were seized with a great fear. So, he boarded the boat and went back.
38. Now, the man from whom the demons had gone out kept asking to be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,
39. “Go back home and tell what things God did for you.” And so, he went away, proclaiming throughout the city what things Jesus did for him.
- ¶40. Now, it came to pass, when Jesus returned, that the people welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him.
41. And behold, a man came whose name was Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue, and falling down at Jesus’ feet, he begged him to come to his house,
42. for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. And as he went along, the multitudes were pressing hard on him.

- ¶43. And there was a woman who had lived with a discharge of blood for twelve years, who, though she had spent all her living on physicians, could not be healed by anyone.
44. She came up from behind and touched the tassel of his garment, and at once, her discharge of blood stopped.
45. And Jesus said, “Who was touching me?” And when all denied *doing it*, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes are crowding in and pressing on you, and you say, ‘Who was touching me?’”
46. But Jesus said, “Somebody touched me, for I felt power go out from me.”
47. Then, when the woman realized that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she told him in front of all the people the reason she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.
48. And he said to her, “Take heart, daughter. Your faith has made you whole. Go in peace.”
- ¶49. While he was still speaking, someone from the *house* of the synagogue ruler came, saying to him, “Your daughter has died. Don’t bother the Teacher any more.”
50. But when Jesus heard *it*, he answered him, saying, “Don’t be afraid. Just believe, and she will be healed.”
51. Then, when he went into the home, he allowed no one to enter except Peter, John, and Jacobus, and the father and mother of the child.
52. And everyone was weeping and beating their breast for her, but he said, “Stop crying. She isn’t dead; she’s sleeping.”
53. And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.
54. But after putting them all outside, and then taking her hand, he spoke, saying, “Child, rise up!”
55. Then her spirit returned, and she stood up at once. And he ordered *that something* be given her to eat.
56. And her parents were beside themselves, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Chapter 9

- ¶1. Now, when he had called the twelve together, he gave them power and authority over all demons and to heal diseases.
2. And then he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.
3. And he said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staves, nor a bag, nor bread, nor silver, nor yet have two tunics.
4. And into whichever house you enter, stay there, and leave from that place.
5. And whosoever will not receive you, when you leave that city, shake even the dust from off your feet as a testimony against them.”
6. Then, going out, they passed through village after village, declaring the good news and healing everywhere.

- ¶7. Now, Herod the tetrarch heard about all the things being done by him, and he was perplexed because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,
8. and by some that Elijah had appeared, but by others that one of the ancient prophets had arisen.
9. But Herod said, “John I beheaded; so, who is this man concerning whom I hear such things?” And he wanted to see him.
- ¶10. And when the apostles returned, they gave him a detailed account of the things they had done. Then, taking them with him, he withdrew to a secluded place near the city called Bethsaida.
11. When the multitudes learned *of it*, they followed him, but he welcomed them, telling them about the kingdom of God and healing those who needed healing.
- ¶12. Then the day began to wane, and the twelve approached and told him, “Send the multitude away so they may go to the surrounding towns and villages and find lodging and provisions because we’re in an isolated place here.”
13. But he said to them, “You give them *something* to eat.” But they said, “There is no more than five loaves and two fish among us, unless we go buy food for all these people.”
14. (There were about five thousand men.) But he said to his disciples, “Set them down in companies of fifty to eat.”
15. And they did so, and they all sat for a meal.
16. Then, when he had taken the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up toward heaven, blessed and broke them into pieces, and then he gave *the pieces* to the disciples to be set before the multitude.
17. And they ate, and were all filled. And what remained of *the* broken pieces was taken up by them, twelve small baskets.
- ¶18. And it came to pass that while he was alone praying, the disciples joined him, and he put a question to them, saying, “Who are the crowds saying I am?”
19. And answering, they said, “John the Baptizer, but others *say* Elijah, and others, ‘Some prophet of ancient times has risen.’”
20. Then he asked them, “And *you*? Who do you say I am?” Peter answered and said, “God’s Messiah!”
21. But he gave them warning and ordered them to tell this to no one,
22. saying, “The Son of man must suffer many things, and be repudiated by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day, to rise again.”
23. And he told them all, “If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me!
24. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it.

25. For how does a man benefit if he has gained the whole world but he himself is lost, or *his soul* forfeited?
26. Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, of him will the Son of man be ashamed when he comes in his glory, and *that* of the Father and of the holy angels.
27. But I tell you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste of death until they see the kingdom of God.”
- ¶28. Now, it was about eight days after these things, and taking Peter, and John, and Jacobus, he went up on the mountain to pray.
29. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became glistening white.
30. And, behold, two men were talking with him, who were Moses and Elijah,
31. who appeared in glory, speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem.
32. And Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep, but when they awoke, they saw his glory and the two men who were standing by him.
33. And as they were being taken away from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here, and we will make three tabernacles; one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” (not knowing what he was saying).
34. But as he spoke these things, a cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud.
35. And there was voice from the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!”
36. And after the voice came, Jesus was found alone. And in those days, they kept silent and told no one a thing about what they had seen.
- ¶37. Now, it came to pass on the next day, when they came down from the mountain, that a large crowd met him.
38. And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, saying, “Teacher, I beg you, look upon my son! He is my only child!
39. And, behold, a spirit takes him, and all of a sudden he screams, and it convulses him, with foaming *at the mouth*, and it mauls him, and it hardly ever leaves him!
40. And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they weren’t able.”
41. Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation! How long shall I continue with you and put up with you! Bring your son here, to *me!*”
42. And as he was coming, the demon threw him down, and he went into a convulsion. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.
43. And everyone was in awe at the majesty of God.
- ¶But while they were all marveling at all the things Jesus did, he said to his disciples,
44. “Let these words sink down into your ears! The Son of man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men!”

45. But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they should not comprehend it, and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.
- ¶46. And there arose an argument among them as to which of them would be the greatest.
47. But Jesus, knowing the thoughts of their heart, took a little child and stood it by him,
48. and he said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One who sent me. For the one who is least among you all, he shall be great.”
- ¶49. Then John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, but we stopped him because he’s not following with us.”
50. Then Jesus said to him, “Don’t hinder him, for he who isn’t against us is for us.”
- ¶51. Now, when the time for him to be taken up was come, he resolutely set his face to go to Jerusalem.
52. And he sent messengers before his face, and they went and entered into a village of the Samaritans to make preparations for him.
53. But they did not welcome him because his face was set on Jerusalem.
54. Seeing this, his disciples Jacobus and John said, “Master, do you want us to call for fire to come down from heaven, the way Elijah did, and destroy them?”
55. But turning around, he rebuked them and said, “You don’t know what kind of spirit you are of!
56. The Son of man didn’t come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them.” And so, they traveled on to another village.
- ¶57. Now, it came to pass that as they were walking along on the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go, Master.”
58. But Jesus told him, “The foxes have dens, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.”
59. And he said to another, “Follow me.” But he said, “Master, allow me to go bury my father first.”
60. Then Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their dead; you go spread the news of the kingdom of God!”
61. Yet another man said, “I will follow you, Master, but first, permit me to bid farewell to those in my house.”
62. But Jesus said to him, “No one putting his hand to the plow, and then looking at what is behind, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Chapter 10

- ¶1. After these things, the Lord also appointed seventy others and sent them out in pairs before his face into every city and place where he himself was about to go.

2. Then he began to tell them, “The harvest is certainly great, but the workers are few. So, pray to the LORD of the harvest, that He might send workers out into His harvest.
3. Be on your way. Behold, I am sending you away as lambs in the midst of wolves.
4. Don’t take along a money pouch, or a bag, or sandals, and greet no one along the way.
5. Into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’
6. And if a man of peace be there, your peace will rest upon it, but if not, then it will come back on you.
7. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they have, for the worker is worthy of his pay. Don’t move about from house to house.
8. And into whichever city you enter, and they receive you, eat what is set before you,
9. and heal those in *that city* who are sick, and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God is come upon you!’
10. But into whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,
11. ‘Even the dust of *your city* that clings to us, we wipe off against you! But know this, that the kingdom of God is come upon you!’
12. I tell you, for Sodom in that day, it will be more tolerable than for that city.
13. Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have long ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
14. Nevertheless, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the Judgment than for you!
15. And you, O Capernaum, the *city* exalted up to heaven! You shall be brought down to Hades!
16. He who hears you, hears me, and he who rejects you, rejects me. But he who rejects me, rejects Him who sent me.”
- ¶17. And the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Master, even the demons are subject to us through your name.”
18. But he said to them, “I watched Satan falling like lightning out of heaven.
19. Behold, I am giving you authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will by any means harm you.
20. Still, do not rejoice in this, that spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.
- ¶21. In that same hour, Jesus rejoiced in spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the learned and intelligent, and revealed them to babes. Yes, Father! For such was pleasing in your sight.”
22. And then he turned to the disciples and said, “All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son, and he to whom the Son may choose to reveal *Him*.”

23. And then, turning to the disciples, he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see the things you’re seeing.
24. For I tell you, many prophets and kings wanted to see the things you’re seeing, but didn’t see them, and to hear the things you’re hearing, but didn’t hear them.”
- ¶25. Then a certain expert in the law rose up, putting him to the test, and saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
26. And he said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?”
27. And he answered and said, “Love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”
28. And he said to him, “You have answered rightly. Do this, and you will live.”
29. But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
30. Then Jesus took up on this and said, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, but he fell among thieves who, after they had both stripped and beaten him, went away, leaving him as he was, half dead.
31. Now, by chance, a certain priest was coming down that road and, when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.
32. Likewise, a Levite also came to that place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.
33. But a certain Samaritan on a journey came upon him, and he was moved with compassion when he saw him.
34. And going to him, he bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. And putting him on his own beast, he took him to an inn and cared for him.
35. And as he was leaving the next morning, pulling out two denarii, he gave them to the innkeeper and said to him, ‘Take care of him, and whatever else you might spend, I will repay you on my return.’
36. Now then, which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell among the thieves?”
37. And he said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said to him, “You go, and do the same.”
- ¶38. And it came to pass, as they went on their way, that he entered into a certain village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.
39. She had a sister named Maria, who also sat at Jesus’ feet, listening to his message,
40. but Martha was distracted with much serving. Then she stopped and said, “Master, don’t you care that my sister has left me alone to serve? Tell her that she should help me!”
41. But Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you worry and get upset about many things,

42. but one thing is necessary, and Maria has chosen that good part, which will not be taken from her.”

Chapter 11

- ¶1. Now, as he was praying in a certain place, when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Master, teach us to pray, the way John taught his disciples.”
2. And he said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father who *is* in heaven, hallowed be your name. Let your kingdom come! Let your will be done on earth as it is *done* in heaven!
3. Give us each day our daily bread,
4. and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone indebted to us. And don’t lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One.’”
- ¶5. And then he said to them, “Which of you has a friend, and will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves
6. because a friend on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to offer him’?
7. And from inside, he answers and says, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already closed, and my children are with me in bed. I can’t get up to give you bread.’
8. I tell you that even though he will not rise and give him bread because he is his friend, yet, because of his persistence, he will get up and give him whatever he needs.
9. So, I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.
10. For everyone who asks receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened.
11. What father among you, when a son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or also a fish, he won’t give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?
12. Or if he asks for an egg, will he give him a scorpion?
13. If you, then, being evil, know to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father who is in heaven give the holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”
- ¶14. And he was casting out a demon, and it was dumb, but it came to pass that when the demon had gone out, the dumb man spoke. And the people marveled,
15. but some of them said, “He is casting out demons by Beelzebul, ruler of the demons.”
16. And others, testing him, sought from him a sign out of heaven.
17. But knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a house *divided* against a house falls.
18. And if Satan be divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand, since you say I am casting out demons by Beelzebul?
19. Furthermore, if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges.

20. But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God is now upon you!
21. When a fully armed strong man guards his house, his possessions are safe,
22. but when a stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away all his armor that he trusted in and divvies up his plunder.
23. He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters.
24. When the unclean spirit comes out of a man, it passes through dry places seeking rest, and finding none, it says, 'I'll return to my house that I came out of.'
25. And when it comes, it finds *the house* swept and decorated.
26. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they come and dwell there. And so, the last state of that man is worse than the first."
- ¶27. Now, it came to pass that as he was saying these things, a certain woman in the crowd lifted up her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts which you nursed!"
28. But he said, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God, and obey it!"
- ¶29. Now, as the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.
30. For just as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of man be to this generation.
31. The Queen of the South will rise up in the Judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, but, behold, something greater than Solomon is here.
32. The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the Judgment against this generation and condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, but, behold, something greater than Jonah is here."
- ¶33. "No one, having lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, so that those who come in might see the light.
34. The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, whenever your eye is single, your whole body is also full of light, but as soon as it becomes evil, then your body also is dark.
35. Take heed, then, lest the light in you become darkness.
36. If your whole body is full of light, not having any part darkened, it will be completely illuminated, as when a lamp gives you light with *its* brightness."
- ¶37. And as he spoke, a certain Pharisee asked him to dine with him, and he went in and reclined at table.
38. And the Pharisee marveled when he saw that he did not first wash before dinner.
39. Then the Lord said to him, "Nowadays, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but your insides are full of extortion and wickedness.
40. Fools! Didn't the One who made the outside also make the inside?

41. But rather, give alms *from* what is within, and everything about you will then be clean.”
- ¶42. “But woe to you Pharisees! You tithe the mint and the rue, and every other herb, but you pass over the justice and the love of God! *You* must do these things, and not leave those off!
43. Woe to you Pharisees! You love the seat of honor in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.
44. Woe to you scribes and Pharisees! Hypocrites! You’re like unmarked graves, and the men walking over them don’t realize *it*.”
- ¶45. Then one of the experts in the law answered and said to him, “Teacher, in saying these things, you reproach even us.”
46. But he said, “Woe to you experts in the law, as well! *You* burden men down with burdens hard to bear, but *you* yourselves don’t touch the same burdens with one of your fingers!
47. Woe to you! You build the sepulchers of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.
48. So then, *you* bear witness *against yourselves*, that *you* condone the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and *you* build their sepulchers!
49. This is also why the wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, and they will kill and persecute *some* of them,’³
50. in order that all the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world may be required of this generation,
51. from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zachariah, who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I tell you, it shall be required of this generation!
52. Woe to you experts in the law! You took away the key of knowledge! *You* yourselves don’t enter in, and *you* hinder those who are entering.”
- ¶53. As he was saying these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to provoke him to talk about more things,
54. lying in wait for him, trying to catch *him in* something from his mouth so that they might accuse him.

Chapter 12

- ¶1. Meanwhile, when so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first of all, “Keep yourselves away from the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.
2. There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or secret that will not be made known.
3. Therefore, whatever you say in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

³ This statement is not found in the Old Testament books as we have them.

4. I tell you, my friends, don't fear those who kill the body, but after that, have nothing more they can do.
5. But I will warn you whom you should fear. Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into Gehenna. Oh, I tell you, fear Him!
6. Aren't five sparrows sold for two assarii,⁴ and yet not one of them is forgotten before God.
7. Why, even the hairs of your head have all been numbered! So don't be afraid; you're more valuable than many sparrows.
8. And I tell you, whoever confesses me before men, the Son of man will also confess him before the angels of God,
9. but he who denies me before men will also be denied before the angels of God.
10. And everyone who will speak a word against the Son of man, it will be forgiven him, but he who blasphemes the holy Spirit will not be forgiven.
11. Now, when you're brought before the synagogues, and the rulers, and the authorities, don't be anxious about how or what you might offer in defense of yourselves, or what you should say,
12. for the holy Spirit will teach you at that very moment what needs to be said."
- ¶13. Then someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me!"
14. But he said to him, "Man, who appointed me judge or arbitrator between you?"
15. Then he said to them, "Watch out, and keep yourselves from covetousness. For a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."
16. And he spoke a parable to them, saying, "A certain rich man's land produced an abundant crop,
17. and he thought to himself, 'What am I to do, since I have nowhere to store my crops?'
18. Then he said, 'I'll do this. I'll pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my produce and my goods there.'
19. And then I will say to my soul, 'O soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Relax. Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!'
20. But God said to him, 'Foolish man! Tonight, they are demanding your soul from you! Now, whose will be the things you have prepared?'
21. This is how it is with the one who lays up treasure for himself but is not rich toward God."
- ¶22. Then he told his disciples, "This is why I say to you, don't be anxious about your life, what you will eat, neither for the body, what you will wear.
23. Life is more than food, and the body, more than clothing.

⁴ An *assarius* was a Roman coin worth 1/10 of a denarius, which was a day's wage for a laborer.

24. Consider the ravens, that they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storeroom nor barn, and yet, God feeds them. How much more valuable are *you* than birds!
25. Who among *you* by worrying can add a single minute to his lifespan?
26. So, if *you* cannot do even the smallest thing, why do *you* worry about the rest?
27. Consider the lilies, how they grow. They neither labor nor spin, but I tell *you*, not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these.
28. And if God clothes the grass in the field like this, which is here today, but tomorrow is thrown into a furnace, how much more *will He clothe you*, little-faiths?
29. So stop seeking after what *you'll* eat or what *you'll* drink, and stop *your* worrying.
30. For all the Gentiles in the world seek after these things, but *your* Father knows that *you* need these things.
31. *You* seek, instead, the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to *you*.
32. Don't be afraid, little flock; *your* Father is very pleased to give *you* the kingdom.
33. Sell *your* possessions and give alms. Make *yourselves* moneybags that don't grow old, an unfailing treasure in heaven where no thief comes near, nor a moth destroys,
34. for where *your* treasure is, there *your* heart will be also."
- ¶35. "Keep *your* loins girded and *your* lamps burning.
36. Be like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding, so that when he comes and knocks, they open to him immediately.
37. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds watching when he comes! Truly, I say to *you* that he will gird himself and have them to recline at table, and will come by and serve them.
38. And if he comes in the second watch, or if he comes in the third watch, and finds them so doing, those servants are blessed.
39. But this *you* know, that if the steward of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have left his house to be broken into.
40. So then, *you* be ready, for at an hour *you* don't expect, the Son of man is coming!"
- ¶41. Then Peter said to him, "Master, are you speaking this parable to us, or to everybody?"
42. And the Lord said, "Who, then, is a faithful and prudent steward, whom the master will put in charge over his servants to issue rations at the appropriate time?"
43. Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.
44. Truly, I tell *you* that he will set him over all his possessions.
45. But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the men servants and women servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk,

46. the master of that servant will show up on a day that he doesn't expect, and in an hour that he doesn't know, and he will cut him off⁵ and him his portion with the faithless.
47. That servant who knew his master's will, but did not prepare nor do his will, shall receive many stripes,
48. but the one who didn't know, and did things worthy of stripes, shall receive just a few. From everyone to whom much is given, much will be required, and from him to whom men have committed much, they will ask the more.
- ¶49. "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and I would that it was already lit!
50. But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am constrained until it be done!
51. Do you think that I have come to give peace to the land? No, I tell you, but rather division!
52. For from now on, there will be five divided in one house, three against two, and two against three.
53. Father will be divided against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.
54. Then he also said to the people, "When you see a cloud rising up from the west, immediately you say, 'A storm is coming,' and so it is.
55. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It will be hot,' and it is.
56. *You hypocrites!* You know how to discern the face of the earth and sky, but how is it that you don't discern this time?
57. And why do you not even judge for yourselves what is right?
58. When you go with your accuser before a ruler, on the way *there*, make an effort to be delivered from him, lest he drag you before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the magistrate, and the magistrate throw you into prison.
59. I tell you, you will never get out of there until you've paid the very last cent."

Chapter 13

- ¶1. There were some present at that time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
2. Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you think it's because these Galileans were more sinful than all the *other* Galileans that they suffered such things?
3. Not at all, I tell you, but unless you repent, you all will likewise perish!
4. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the people living in Jerusalem?
5. Not at all, I tell you, but unless you repent, you all will likewise perish!"

⁵ Or "cut him in two".

6. Then he told this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it, but found none.
 7. So, he said to the vinedresser, ‘Behold, for three years, I’ve come looking for fruit on this tree and find nothing! Chop it down! What’s the point of it using up the soil?’
 8. But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, leave it this year, too; meanwhile, I will dig around it and put on manure,⁶
 9. and if it bears fruit, *good*; and if not, cut it down then.’”
- ¶10. Now, he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath,
11. and behold, a woman was there who for eighteen years had had a spirit of infirmity. And she was bent over double and was completely unable to straighten herself up.
 12. And when Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity!”
 13. And then he placed his hands on her, and instantly, she was made straight, and she began glorifying God.
 14. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, answered and said to the people, “There are six days in which one ought to work! Therefore, you are to come to be healed on those days, and not on the Sabbath!”
 15. Then the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath day loose his ox or ass from the manger and lead it away to give it water?
 16. And this woman – a daughter of Abraham whom Satan has bound, behold, these eighteen years! – shouldn’t she be loosed from this bondage on the Sabbath day?”
 17. And when he said these things, all who opposed him were put to shame, but all the people were rejoicing at all the glorious things done by him.
- ¶18. Then he said, “What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it?
19. It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden, and it grew and became a great tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.”
 20. Again, he said, “To what will I compare the kingdom of God?
 21. It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid within three measures of flour until it was all leavened.”
 22. And he journeyed on, teaching in towns and villages, making his way to Jerusalem.
 23. And someone said to him, “Master, are *only* a few saved?” And he said to them,
 24. “Strive to enter by the strait gate, for many, I tell you, will seek to enter in and will not be able.
 25. Once the master of the house has risen and closed the door, then you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Master! Master! Open for us!’ Then he will answer and say to you, ‘I don’t know where you’re from.’

⁶ That is, put fertilizer around the tree.

26. Then you'll begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets!'
27. But he'll say, 'I tell you, I don't know where you're from! Depart from me, all *of you* who work iniquity!'
28. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth in that place when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves are cast out.
29. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.
30. And, behold, there are last who shall be first, and there are first who shall be last."
- ¶31. The same day, certain Pharisees came to him, saying, "Go away! Leave here, for Herod wants to kill you!"
32. And he said to them, "You go tell that fox, 'Behold, I am casting out demons and performing healings today and tomorrow, and I'll be finished on the third day.
33. Yet, I must continue today, tomorrow, and the next day, for it's unthinkable for a prophet to perish outside Jerusalem.
34. O Jerusalem! Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How many times I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen *gathers* her chicks under her wings, but you would not!
35. Behold! Your house is left to you, desolate. I tell you that you will by no means see me *again* until *the day* comes when you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.'"

Chapter 14

- ¶1. And it came to pass on a Sabbath day that he went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees to eat bread, and they were watching him closely.
2. And there was a certain man before him suffering from dropsy.
3. And Jesus answered and said to the law experts and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"
4. But they were silent. Then he took him, healed him, and let him go.
5. And he answered them, saying, "Which of you, if your son or ox fell into a well, would not immediately pull him up on the Sabbath day?"
6. And they could not reply to him about these things.
- ¶7. And then he spoke a parable to those who had been invited, when he noticed how they were picking out the most prominent places at the table, saying to them,
8. "When you're invited by someone to a wedding banquet, don't recline in the most prominent place, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him,
9. and he that invited you and him come and tell you, 'Give up this place,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place.

10. But when you are called, go recline at the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he might say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will have honor in the presence of those dining with you.
11. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
- ¶12. Then he said to the one who invited him, "When you host a meal or a feast, don't call your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, lest they return the invitation, and you be repaid.
13. Instead, when you make a banquet, call the poor, crippled, lame, and blind,
14. and then you will be blessed, for they have nothing *with which* to repay you. It shall be repaid to you in the resurrection of the righteous."
- ¶15. Then, when one of them reclining with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is he who eats bread in the kingdom of God!"
16. But he said to him, "A certain man hosted a feast, and he invited many.
17. And when it was time for the feast, he sent his slave to tell those who had been called, 'Come, because everything is now ready!'
18. And they all, as one, began to make excuses. The first one told him, 'I've bought a field, and I need to go out and see it. I beg you, have me excused.'
19. And the second said, 'I've bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them. I beg you, have me excused.'
20. And another said, 'I've taken a wife, and so, I cannot come.'
21. And when that slave returned, he reported these things to his master. Angered, the master of the house then told his slave, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the city and bring in here the poor, and crippled, and lame, and blind!'
22. And the slave said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and yet, there still is room.'
23. And the master told the slave, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house might be filled.
24. For I tell you that not one of those men who were invited will taste of my banquet! Many are called, but few are chosen."
- ¶25. Now, large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them,
26. "If any man comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, and his wife and children, and his brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.
27. And whoever doesn't bear his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
28. Who among you, wanting to build a tower, doesn't first sit down and calculate the cost, if he has the wherewithal for its completion?
29. Otherwise, when he has laid the foundation, but is not able to finish *the work*, all who are watching begin to mock him,
30. saying, 'This man started to build, but wasn't able to finish.'

31. Or what king, going to confront another king in battle, doesn't first sit down and consider whether he's able with ten thousand to meet the twenty thousand coming against him?
32. And if not, then while he is yet at a distance, he will send an ambassador and request terms of peace.
33. Likewise, everyone among you who doesn't renounce all things that are his cannot be my disciple.
34. Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, with what will it be seasoned?
35. It's no good for either the soil or the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Chapter 15

- ¶1. Now, all the tax collectors and sinners were drawing near him, to hear him.
2. And the Pharisees and the scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them!"
- ¶3. So he spoke this parable to them:
 4. "What man among you, having a hundred sheep, but loses one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the field and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?
 5. And when he has found it, he puts it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
 6. And after he comes home, he calls his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me because I found my lost sheep!'
 7. I tell you that, likewise, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.
- ¶8. "Or what woman who has ten drachmas⁷, if she lose one drachma, does not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and search diligently until she finds it?
9. And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I found the lost drachma!'
10. Likewise, I say to you, there is joy among God's angels over one sinner who repents."
- ¶11. Then he said, "A certain man had two sons,
 12. and the younger of them said to the father, 'Father, give me the portion of property that is coming *to me*.' So, he divided his estate between them.
 13. Not many days later, the younger son gathered everything and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his wealth, living recklessly.
 14. And when he had spent everything, there came a severe famine throughout that land, and he began to be in want.
 15. And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed the pigs.

⁷ The drachma, a Greek coin, is thought to be the equivalent to the Roman denarius.

16. And he longed to fill his belly with the fodder that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him *anything*.
17. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have plenty of bread, and I am dying with hunger!
18. I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight,
19. and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."'
20. So he arose and went to his father. But when he was still afar off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and he ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him affectionately.
21. And then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
22. But the father said to his slaves, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him! And put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet!
23. And bring the fattened calf, slaughter *it*, and let us eat and be merry!
24. For this, my son, was dead, but is alive again; he was lost, and is found!' And they began to celebrate.
25. Now, his elder son was in the field, and when he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.
26. And when he had called one of the servants to him, he inquired as to what these things might be.
27. And he said to him, 'Your brother is here, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has gotten him back, safe and sound.'
28. And he became angry, and would not go in. So, his father came out and entreated him.
29. But he answered and said to his father, 'Look, I have slaved for you these many years, and I have never transgressed your commandment, and you have never given me a kid so that I could have a good time with my friends.
30. But when this son of yours comes who devoured your wealth with harlots, you slaughter the fattened calf for him!'
31. And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.
32. But it was fitting to celebrate and rejoice because this your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost but is found.'"

Chapter 16

- ¶1. Then he said to his disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a steward who was accused to him of squandering his goods.
2. And so he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you may no longer be steward.'

3. Then the steward said to himself, 'What am I to do, now that my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not able to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.
4. I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from the stewardship, men might receive me into their houses!'
5. So, when he had summoned every one of his master's debtors, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
6. And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.'
7. And to another he said, 'How much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill and write eighty.'
8. Then the master praised the dishonest steward because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this world are shrewder in their generation than the children of light.
9. And so, I say to you, make for yourselves friends apart from *the realm of* unrighteous mammon, so that when you come to the end, they might receive you into eternal dwellings.
10. He who is faithful in little is also faithful in much, and he who is dishonest in little is also dishonest in much.
11. If, therefore, you haven't been faithful with the unrighteous mammon, who will trust you with the true?
12. And if you haven't been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you that which is your own?
13. No servant can be a slave to two masters; either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon."
- ¶14. The money-loving Pharisees were listening to all these things as well, and they began sneering at him.
15. But he said to them, "You are they who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts! That which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.
16. The law and the prophets were until John. Since then, the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone presses into it.
17. It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tiny serif of the law to fail.
18. Every man who divorces his wife and then marries another woman commits adultery. And every man who marries a woman who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.
- ¶19. "There was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, feasting sumptuously every day.
20. And there was a certain beggar by the name of Lazarus, covered with sores, who had been laid at his gate,

21. and he longed to be filled with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. And dogs even came and licked his sores.
22. And it came to pass that the beggar died, and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom. And then the rich man also died, and was buried,
23. and he, being in torment in Hades, lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off, with Lazarus in his bosom.
24. And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus so he can dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue! I am in agony in this flame!'
25. But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you received your good things during your lifetime, and Lazarus, bad things. But now, he is here, comforted, and you are in agony.
26. And besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that those who would cross over from here to you cannot, nor can people cross from there to us.'
27. But he said, 'I beg you, father, that you would send him to my father's house –
28. I have five brothers! – so that he might warn them, lest they also come to this place of torment!'
29. Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them.'
30. But he said, 'O father Abraham, no! But if one came from the dead to them, they would repent!'
31. But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

Chapter 17

- ¶1. Then he said to the disciples, "It is impossible for stumbling blocks not to come, but woe to him through whom they come!
2. It is best for him if a millstone is placed around his neck and he is hurled into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.
3. Watch yourselves! If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.
4. Even if he sins against you seven times a day, and seven times returns and says, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him!"
- ¶5. Then the apostles said to the Lord, "Give us more faith!"
6. But the Lord said, "If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea!' and it would obey you.
7. For which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, when he comes in out of the field, will say right then, 'Come here, and recline to eat'?
8. Instead, won't he tell him, 'Fix something for me to eat; get yourself dressed and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you may eat and drink'?

9. He doesn't thank that slave because he does the things commanded *of him*, does he? I think not!
10. Likewise, you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unprofitable slaves; we have done *only* what we are required to do.'
- ¶11. Then he continued to make his way to Jerusalem, and he passed through the area between Samaria and Galilee.
12. As he entered into a certain village, ten leprous men, who stood at a distance, met him,
13. and they raised a cry, saying, "Jesus! Master! Have mercy on us!"
14. And when he saw *them*, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And it came to pass, as they were going away, that they were cleansed.
15. Now, one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice,
16. and he fell on his face at his feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan.
17. Then Jesus answered and said, "Weren't there ten who were cleansed? So, where are the nine?"
18. Were there none found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"
19. Then, he said to him, "Get up, *and* go. Your faith has made you whole."
- ¶20. Now, when the question was put to him by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with observation.
21. Nor will they say, 'Look, here!' or 'Look, there!' For behold, God's kingdom is within you."
- ¶22. Then he said to the disciples, "The days shall come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of man, but you will not see it.
23. And they will say to you, 'Behold, here! or 'Behold, there!' Don't follow or chase after them.
24. For as the lightning that flashes sends light from one horizon to the other, so will the Son of man be in his day.
25. But first, he must suffer many things and be repudiated by this generation.
26. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it also be in the days of the Son of man.
27. They were eating, drinking, marrying, and being given in marriage until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and killed them all.
28. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot – they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building houses,
29. but the day Lot went out from Sodom, fire and brimstone rained down from heaven and killed them all –
30. it will be just like that on the day the Son of man is revealed.

31. On that day, let the one who will be on the housetop, with his goods inside the house, not come down to take them, and likewise, let not the one in the field turn back for things *left* behind.
32. Remember Lot's wife.
33. Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses it will preserve it.
34. I tell you, in that night, there will be two on one bed; one shall be taken away, and the other, left behind.
35. Two women will be grinding together; one will be taken away, and the other, left behind."
36. Two will be in the field; one who will be taken away, and the other one, left behind.⁸
37. They answered and said to him, "Where, Master?" And he told them, "Where the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together."

Chapter 18

- ¶1. Then he told them a parable regarding the need to pray always and not be discouraged:
 2. "In a certain city, there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man.
 3. And there was a widow in that city, and she kept coming before him, saying, 'Avenge me of my adversary!'
 4. And for a while, he would not. But later on, he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man,
 5. yet because this widow keeps pestering me, I will avenge her so that she won't come and pester me forever!'"
6. Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said!
7. Will not God avenge His chosen, who cry out to Him day and night while He delays *acting* for them?
8. I tell you that He will avenge them swiftly. In any case, when the Son of man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"
- ¶9. And to certain ones who trusted in themselves, that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt, he spoke this parable:
 10. "Two men went up to the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
 11. The Pharisee stood by himself, praying these things: 'O God! I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, robbers, crooks, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
 12. I fast twice a week; I render tithes on everything I gain.'
 13. But the tax collector stood far off and would not even lift his eyes up to heaven. Instead, he beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'
 14. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than that one, for everyone who exalts himself will be abased, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

⁸ This verse is omitted in the Byzantine text.

- ¶15. Now, they were also bringing infants to him, that he would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.
16. But Jesus called them to him and said, “You let the children come to me, and don’t you stop them! For of such is the kingdom of God.
17. Truly, I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter into it.”
- ¶18. Then a certain ruler asked him, saying, “Good teacher, what must I do, that I might inherit eternal life?”
19. But to him, Jesus said, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except One, *that is*, God.
20. You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery; Do not murder; Do not steal; Do not bear false witness; Honor your father and your mother.”
21. Then he said, “I have kept all these things from my youth.”
22. When Jesus heard these *words*, he said to him, “There is still one thing missing in you. Sell everything you have, and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and then come, follow me.”
23. But upon hearing these things, he was sad, for he was very rich.
24. Then Jesus, seeing that he was made sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter into the kingdom of God!
25. Indeed, it is easier for a camel to enter into an eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”
26. And those who heard *this* said, “Who, then, can be saved?”
27. And he said, “Things impossible with men are possible with God.”
28. And Peter said, “Behold, we’ve left everything and followed you.”
29. He said to them, “Truly, I tell you that there is no one who has left home, or parents, or brothers, or wife, or children for the sake of the kingdom of God,
30. who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the world that is coming, eternal life.”
- ¶31. Then, taking the twelve aside, he said to them, “Behold, we’re going up to Jerusalem, and everything written by the prophets concerning the Son of man will be accomplished.
32. For he’ll be turned over to the Gentiles, and he’ll be mocked and shamefully treated and spat on.
33. And after they scourge him, they will kill him, and on the third day, he’ll rise again.”
34. And they understood none of these things, and this saying was hidden from them; neither did they comprehend the things that were spoken.
35. Now, it came to pass when he was near Jericho that a certain blind man was sitting beside the road, begging.
36. And hearing the crowd passing by, he began to ask what was going on.

37. And they told him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing through.
38. Then he called out, saying, “Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!”
39. And those going ahead of *Jesus* rebuked him, to make him quiet, but he cried out all the more, “Son of David! Have mercy on me!”
40. Then Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him
41. saying, “What do you want me to do for you?” And he said, “Master, that I might see again.”
42. And Jesus said to him, “Receive sight! Your faith has made you whole.”
43. And instantly, he received sight and began following him, glorifying God. And seeing this, all the people gave praise to God.

Chapter 19

- ¶1. And he entered and was passing through Jericho,
2. and behold, a man called by the name of Zacchaeus *was there*, and he was a chief tax collector, and he was wealthy.
3. And he was trying to see Jesus, who he was, but he could not because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.
4. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so that he might see him, for he was going to pass through *there*.
5. And when Jesus came to that place, he looked up and saw him, and he said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay in your house today.”
6. Then he hurried and came down, and welcomed him, rejoicing.
7. And everyone seeing this began to grumble, saying, “He went in to lodge with a sinner man!”
8. Then Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Behold, Master, half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I pay him back fourfold.”
9. Then Jesus said to him, “Salvation has come to this house today, inasmuch as he, too, is a son of Abraham.
10. For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which has been lost.”
- ¶11. Then, while they were listening to these things, he went on to tell a parable because he was nearing Jerusalem, and they were thinking that the kingdom of God was immediately about to appear.
12. He said, therefore, “A certain nobleman was going to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return.
13. And he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas⁹, and he told them, ‘Take care of things until I come.’

⁹ There were 60 minas in a talent. In weight, a mina weighed a little over 1 pound.

14. Now, his citizens hated him, and so they sent an ambassador after him, saying, ‘We don’t want this man to reign over us!’
15. And it came to pass that when he returned from receiving the kingdom, he commanded that those servants be called to him, the ones to whom he had given the money, to find out who had gained what by trading.
16. And the first arrived and said, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’
17. And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Since you have been faithful with a little, you are to have authority over ten cities.’
18. Then the second came and said, ‘Master, your mina has made five minas.’
19. And he said to him, ‘You are to be over five cities.’
20. And then the other one came and said, ‘Master, behold your mina, which I kept stored in a handkerchief,
21. for I feared you because you are an austere man. You take up what you didn’t put down, and you reap what you didn’t sow.’
22. Then he said to him, ‘Out of your own mouth will I judge you, you wicked servant! You know me to be an austere man, taking up what I didn’t put down, and reaping what I didn’t sow.
23. Why, then, did you not put my money in the bank so that when I came, I might receive it with interest?’
24. Then he told those standing by, ‘Take the mina away from him, and give it to the one who has ten minas!’
25. But they said to him, ‘Master, he has ten minas!’
26. ‘Do it! I tell you that to everyone who has, it shall be given, and from him who does not have, even what he has shall be taken from him.
27. And now, bring here those enemies of mine who did not want me to rule over them, and butcher them in front of me.’”
- ¶28. After saying these things, he pressed on, going up to Jerusalem.
- ¶29. And it came to pass that as he drew near to Bethsphage and Bethany, at the hill called *the Mount of Olives*, he sent two of his disciples,
30. saying, “Go on to the village that’s ahead. In it, as you go in, you’ll find a colt tied, on which no man ever sat. Untie him, and bring *him to me*.
31. And if anyone asks you, ‘What are you untying him for?’, say this to him: ‘The Master has need of him.’”
32. So, when those who were sent had gone, they found it just as he told them.
33. And as they were untying the colt, his owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”
34. They answered, “The Master has need of him.”
35. Then they brought him to Jesus, and they threw their own garments on the colt, and then put Jesus on him.

36. And as he went, they began spreading out their garments in the road.
37. Then, as he neared *Jerusalem*, now on the descent from the Mount of Olives, the whole company of disciples began rejoicing, praising God with a loud voice because of all the mighty works they had seen,
38. saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!”
- ¶39. Now, some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”
40. But he answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these were to be silent, the stones themselves would cry out!”
- ¶41. And as he drew near, when he looked on the city, he wept over it,
42. saying, “Oh, if you had known – yes, you! – at least in this, your day, the things which would lead to your peace! But now, they are hidden from your eyes.
43. For the days shall come upon you, when your enemies will build a barricade around you and encircle you, and they’ll hem you in on every side.
44. And they’ll tear you down to the ground, and your children within you, and they’ll not leave in you one stone upon another because you didn’t recognize the time of your visitation!”
- ¶45. And when he had gone into the temple, he began to cast out those who were buying and selling in it,
46. saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house is a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves!’”
47. And daily, he would teach in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes, as well as the leaders of the people, kept looking *for a way* to destroy him,
48. and yet they could not find a way to do it, for the people were all hanging on him, listening.

Chapter 20

- ¶1. And it came to pass on one of those days that the priests and the scribes, along with the elders, confronted him as he was teaching the people and preaching in the temple,
2. and they spoke to him, saying, “Tell us, by what authority do you do these things? Or who is it who gave you this authority?”
3. Answering, he said to them, “I will also ask you one thing, and you tell me:
4. The baptism of John – was it from heaven or from men?”
5. Then they conferred with each other, saying that, “If we say, ‘from heaven’, he will say, ‘Why didn’t you believe him?’
6. But if we say, ‘from men’, all the people will stone us, for they are convinced John was a prophet.”
7. And so, they answered that they did not know where it was from.
8. And Jesus said to them, “Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

- ¶9. Then he began to speak this parable to the people: “A man planted a vineyard and leased it to vine-dressers, and then went on an extended journey.
10. And in due season, he sent a servant to the tenants so that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard, but they beat him and sent him off, empty-handed.
 11. And he proceeded to send a different servant, but they beat that one, too, treated him shamefully, and sent him off, empty-handed.
 12. And he proceeded to send a third, and they wounded him, too, and threw him out.
 13. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What am I to do? I will send my dear son. When they see him, they will surely respect him.’
 14. But seeing him, the vine-dressers reasoned with each other, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come on! Let’s kill him so that the inheritance might become ours.’
 15. And they threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. So now, what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?
 16. He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” Upon hearing this, they said, “God forbid!”
 17. But he looked straight at them and said, “Why, then, is this written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected, the same has become the head of the corner’?
 18. Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken, but whoever it falls on, it will crush him.”
- ¶19. And the chief priests and scribes wanted to lay hands on him that very hour, for they knew that he spoke this parable against them, but they were afraid.
20. And yet, they watched him, and they sent spies who pretended to be righteous in order to catch him in conversation, to deliver him to the governor’s jurisdiction and authority.
 21. And so they put a question to him, saying, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly and are no respecter of persons, but truly teach the way of God.
 22. Is it lawful for us to pay tribute to Caesar, or not?”
 23. But he, perceiving their cunning, said to them, “Why are you testing me?
 24. Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?” They answered and said, “Caesar’s.”
 25. So, he said to them, “Render, therefore, to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”
 26. And they could not catch him in his talk before the people, but dumbfounded at his answer, they were silent.
- ¶27. Then came up to him some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, and they put a question to him,
28. saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us, if someone’s brother dies, having a wife, and if he dies childless, then his brother should take the wife and should raise seed up for his brother.

29. Now then, there were seven brothers, and the first, having taken a wife, died childless.
30. Then, the second took the wife, and he himself also died childless.
31. And the third one, likewise, took her; and likewise also the seven left no children and died.
32. And after all of them died, the woman died, too.
33. So then, in the resurrection, which one's wife is she to be? For seven had her as a wife."
34. And Jesus answered and said to them, "The children of this world marry and are given in marriage,
35. but those deemed worthy to attain to that world and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage,
36. nor yet can they die any more, for they are like angels; indeed, they are sons of God, being children of the resurrection.
37. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush. As it says, 'The LORD, God of Abraham, and God of Isaac, and God of Jacob.'
38. Now, He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him."
39. Then certain of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, you have spoken well."
40. No longer, then, did they dare to ask him anything.
- ¶41. Then he told them, "How is it that they declare the Messiah to be David's son?
42. And yet, David himself says in the book of Psalms, 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand
43. until I make your enemies your footstool.'"
44. Now then, David called him 'Lord'; so, how is he his son?"
- ¶45. Then, in the hearing of all the people, he told his disciples,
46. "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love salutations in the marketplaces, and seats of honor in the synagogues, and places of honor at dinners,
47. who are devouring widows' houses, and for show, are making long prayers! These men shall receive greater damnation."

Chapter 21

- ¶1. Then he looked up and saw the rich casting their offerings into the offering-box.
2. Then he also saw a certain needy widow, casting in two lepta.
3. And he said, "I tell you truthfully that this poor widow cast in more than all of them,
4. for these all cast into the offerings of God from the surplus they have, but she, out of her penury, has cast in all that she had to live on."
- ¶5. And when some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and dedicated offerings, he said,

6. “*As for* these things that you see, the days shall come in which there shall not be one stone left on another that will not be torn down.”
7. Then they asked him, saying, “So, Teacher, when will these things happen? And what *will be* the sign that these things are about to take place?”
8. Then he said, “Take heed that you be not deceived. For many will come, using my name, saying that I am *the Messiah*,¹⁰ and, ‘The time is near!’ Don’t follow after them.
9. And when you hear of wars and insurrections, don’t be alarmed, for these things must take place first, but the end will not immediately come.”
- ¶10. Then he said to them, “Nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
11. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and pestilences, and there will also be terrifying sights and great signs from heaven.
12. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and prisons *and* haling you before kings and governors because of my name.
13. But it shall turn to you for a testimony.
14. So, settle *it* in your hearts not to prepare to make a defense,
15. for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all those who oppose you shall not be able to gainsay or resist.
16. But you’ll be betrayed even by parents, and kinsmen, and friends, and associates, and they’ll kill some of you.
17. And you’ll be hated by all because of my name.
18. And yet, not one hair of your head shall perish.
19. With your patience, win your souls!”
- ¶20. “Now, when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that her desolation is near.
21. Then let those in Judea flee for the mountains, and let those in the midst of it get out, and let not those in the countryside enter into her.
22. For these are the days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.
23. And woe to the women who are with child, and those who are nursing in those days, for there will be great distress in the land, and wrath on this people.
24. They will fall by the edge of the sword, and they will be led captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.
25. And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth, bewildered anguish among the nations because of the raging of the sea, and *its* surge,

¹⁰ Or, “saying, ‘I am *the Messiah*.’”

26. men fainting from fear and from expectation of things coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
27. And then they will see the Son of man coming on a cloud with power and great glory.
28. But when these things begin to take place, you stand erect and lift up your heads because it is your redemption drawing near.”
- ¶29. And he spoke a parable to them: “Consider the fig tree, and all the trees.
30. As soon as they sprout, you see for yourselves *and* know at once that summer is near.
31. Likewise, you also, when you see these things taking place, know that the kingdom of God is near.
32. Truly, I tell you that this generation shall not pass away until all *these* things take place.
33. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away.
- ¶34. “Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be dulled by dissipation, and drunkenness, and cares of life, and that day come upon you unexpectedly,
35. for as a snare, it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36. So then, stay alert and always pray, so that you might be counted worthy to escape all the things that are to come, and to stand before the Son of man.”
- ¶37. Now, he was daily in the temple, teaching, but he was going out and spending the nights on the mountain that is called *the Mount* of Olives.
38. And the people were getting up very early *to come* to him in the temple, to hear him.

Chapter 22

- ¶1. The *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, which is called Passover, was approaching,
2. and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how that they might do away with him, but they were afraid of the people.
- ¶3. Then Satan entered into Judas, who was surnamed Iscariot, being one of the twelve.
4. And when he had gone away, he took counsel with the chief priests and temple guard, how he might betray him to them.
5. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money.
6. And he consented, and then he started looking for an opportunity to betray him to them, away from the crowd.
- ¶7. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover had to be sacrificed.
8. And he sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat *it*.”
9. They said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare *it*?”
10. And he said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him to the house where he enters,
11. and tell the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’”

12. And that man will show you a large upper room, furnished. Make preparations there.”
13. So they went away, and they found *it* just as he had told them, and they made ready the Passover.
- ¶14. And when the time came, he reclined to eat, and the twelve apostles with him.
15. And he said to them, “I have very much desired to eat this Passover with you before my suffering,
16. for I tell you that I will never again eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”
17. Then, taking the cup, he offered thanks and said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves.
18. I tell you that I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”
19. And when he had taken bread and offered thanks, he broke *it* and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
20. Likewise, after supper, *he* also *took* the cup, saying, “This cup, with my blood which is being poured out for you, is the new covenant.
21. But behold, here with me at the table is the hand of him who betrays me.
22. The Son of man will go as it is appointed, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed.”
23. And they began to ask among themselves which of them it might be that was going to do this thing.
- ¶24. There was also a contention among them, as to which of them he considered to be greatest.
25. Then he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles act like lords over them, and those with authority over them are called ‘benefactors’,
26. but you are not to be like that. Instead, he who is greatest among you must be as the youngest, and the ruler, like one who serves.
27. Who is greater, the one who is eating, or the one who is serving? Isn’t it the one eating? But I am in your midst as one who serves.
28. You are the ones who have stood by me through my trials.
29. And so, I am appointing to you a kingdom, as my Father appointed *a kingdom* to me,
30. that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you shall sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”
31. And then the Lord said, “O Simon, Simon! Satan has asked for you, that he might sift you as wheat.
32. But I have prayed for you, that your faith will not give out. And when you are converted, strengthen your brothers.”
33. But he said to him, “Master, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death!”
34. Then he said, “I tell you, Peter, a rooster shall not crow today before you deny three times that you know me.”

- ¶35. And he said to them, “When I sent you out without moneybag, or knapsack, or sandals, you didn’t lack for anything, did you? And they said, “Nothing.”
36. Then he said to them, “But now, let him who has a moneybag take it, and likewise, a knapsack, and let him who doesn’t have a sword, sell his cloak and buy *one*.
37. For I say to you that this which is written must still be fulfilled in me: ‘He was numbered with the lawless’, for the things concerning me are coming to an end.”
38. And they said, “Master, look, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”
- ¶39. And he went out, going as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.
40. And when he was at the place, he told them, “Pray that you do not enter into temptation.”
41. Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw distant, and, falling to his knees, he began to pray,
42. saying, “O Father, if you are willing to take this cup away from me —. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”
43. Then an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him.
44. And being in anguish, he began praying even more fervently, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.
45. And when he rose from prayer and was come to the disciples, he discovered them fallen asleep because of their sadness.
46. And he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up! Pray, lest you enter into temptation!”
- ¶47. But while he was yet speaking, behold, a crowd *appeared*, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. And he drew near Jesus to kiss him.
48. But Jesus said to him, “Judas, you are betraying the Son of man with a kiss?”
49. Then those around him, seeing what was happening, said to him, “Master, should we strike them down with a sword?”
50. And a certain one of them struck the servant of the high priest and took off his right ear.
51. But Jesus answered and said, “You stop that!” And he touched his ear, and healed him.
52. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, temple guards, and elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as against a robber?”
53. Every day, while I was with you in the temple, you didn’t lay hands on me. But, this is your time, and the dominion of darkness.”
- ¶54. Then, after they took him, they led him *away* and brought him to the house of the high priest. But Peter was following at a distance.
55. And when they lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat in their midst.
56. And a certain servant-girl saw him sitting down, facing the light, and when she looked at him closely, she told *the others*, “This man was definitely with him.”

57. But he denied him, saying, “Woman, I don’t know him.”
58. And after a little while, someone else, a man, looked at him and said, “You are one of them, for sure.” But Peter said, “Not me, man!”
59. And when about an hour had passed, another man began insisting, saying, “This man was definitely with him, for he is a Galilean also!”
60. But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” And straightway, while he was yet speaking, a rooster crowed.
61. Then the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. And Peter thought again of the word of the Lord, how he said to him, ‘Before a rooster crows, you will deny me three times.’
62. And Peter went outside, and wept bitterly.
- ¶63. And the men who were holding Jesus began making fun of him as they beat *him*.
64. And when they had blindfolded him, they began punching him in the face and asking him, saying, “Prophecy! Who is it that hit you?”
65. And they said many other things to him, blaspheming.
- ¶66. And when it was day, the elders of the people, the chief priests, and the scribes gathered, and they led him before their Sanhedrin, saying,
67. “If you are indeed the Messiah, tell us.” He said to them, “Even if I told *you*, *you* would not believe.
68. And even if I ask *you*, *you* will not answer me at all, or let *me* go.
69. From this time on, the Son of man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”
70. Then they all said, “So, you, yourself, are the Son of God?” And he said to them, “You yourselves are saying it because I am.”
71. Then they said, “What further need have we of testimony? We have heard it ourselves from his own mouth!”

Chapter 23

- ¶1. And the whole assembly arose and led him to Pilate.
2. And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man subverting the nation, even forbidding *us* to render taxes to Caesar and purporting himself to be Messiah *and* King.”
3. Then Pilate asked him, saying, “You? You are the King of the Jews?” He answered him and said, “You yourself are saying it.”
4. Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find nothing in this man warranting legal action.”
5. But they were insistent, saying, “He is stirring up the people, teaching throughout Judea, beginning from Galilee to here.”
6. Now, when Pilate heard “Galilee”, he asked if the man was a Galilean,

7. and when he learned that he came from Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him on to Herod, who himself was also in Jerusalem at that time.
- ¶8. Now, when Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting for a long time to see him because he had heard many things about him, and he hoped to see some miracle performed by him.
9. So, he questioned him at great length, but he answered him nothing.
10. And the chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.
11. Then Herod despised him, along with his soldiers, and he mocked him, and he arrayed him in a gorgeous robe and sent him back to Pilate.
12. (Pilate and Herod became friends with one other that same day, though they had been at enmity with each other.)
- ¶13. So, when Pilate had summoned the chief priests, and the rulers, and the people,
14. he said to them, "You brought this man to me as one inciting the people to rebel. And, behold, having examined him in your presence, I found in this man nothing warranting legal action in regard to the charges you made against him.
15. Furthermore, neither did Herod, for I sent you to him, and behold, nothing worthy of death has been done by him.
16. Therefore, after I have chastised him, I will release him."
17. (He was obligated to release to them one *prisoner* at each feast.)
18. But they cried out at once, saying, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!"
19. (This man had been thrown into prison for an insurrection that took place in the city, and for murder.)
20. Then Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, spoke more emphatically to them,
21. but they kept crying aloud, saying, "Crucify! Crucify him!"
22. But he told them a third time, "Why? What evil did this man do? I find in him nothing worthy of death. Therefore, I will chastise him and release him."
23. But they kept insisting, demanding with loud voices that he be crucified. And their voices, and those of the chief priests, began to prevail.
24. Then Pilate made the decision for their demand to be granted.
25. And he released the man they demanded, the one thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he handed Jesus over to their will.
- ¶26. And as they led him away, they laid hold on a certain Simon of Cyrene as he came in from a field, and they laid the cross on him, to carry it behind Jesus.
- ¶27. And a large number of people followed him, and women who were beating their breasts and lamenting him.
28. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't weep for me. Weep for yourselves and for your children,

29. for, behold, the days are coming in which they'll say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that don't bear, and the breasts that don't give suck.'
30. In that time, they'll begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Hide us!'
31. For if they're doing these things with the tree green, what will happen when it is dry?"
- ¶32. Now, there were two others, evil-doers, also being led away to be executed with him.
33. And when they came to the place called "A Skull", they crucified him there, and the evil-doers, one to his right, and the other to the left.
34. But Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing," as they divided up his garments, casting lots *for them*.
35. And the people stood by, watching. They and the rulers with them were ridiculing *him*, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, since he is the Messiah, the chosen one of God!"
36. The soldiers were also making fun of him, coming up and offering him vinegar,
37. saying, "Since you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
38. There was also an inscription written above him in Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew letters: "This is the King of the Jews."
- ¶39. One of the evil-doers who were hanged *with him* reviled him, saying, "If you're the Messiah, save yourself and us!"
40. But the other answered and rebuked him, saying, "Don't you fear God? You're suffering the same punishment!
41. And we justly! We're getting what we deserve for what we did, but this man's done nothing wrong."
42. And then he said to Jesus, "Remember me, sir, when you come in your kingdom."
43. And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, today you'll be with me in Paradise."
- ¶44. Now, it was about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.
45. The sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.
46. And Jesus cried in a loud voice and said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And after saying these words, he breathed out *his* life.
47. Now, when the captain saw what happened, he honored God, saying, "Surely, this was a righteous man!"
48. And all the people who were gathered for this spectacle, watching the things that took place, began to go back, beating their breasts.
49. And all those who knew him stood far off to see these things, including the women who followed along with him from Galilee.
- ¶50. And behold, there was a man named Joseph, a good and just man, a member of the Council

51. (he had not consented to their scheme or actions), from Arimathaea, a Jewish city, who himself also was awaiting the kingdom of God.
52. This man approached Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.
53. And when he had taken it down, he wrapped it up in a linen cloth and laid it in a sepulcher hewn in stone, in which no one had ever yet been laid.
54. And it was the day of Preparation; twilight was bringing in the Sabbath.
55. And women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they observed the sepulcher and how his body was laid.
56. Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And they rested on the Sabbath, according to the commandment.

Chapter 24

- ¶1. Now, on the first *day* of the week, at the break of dawn, they came to the grave, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and some others were with them,
2. but they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher.
3. And when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
4. And it came to pass that, as they stood there, utterly perplexed, behold, two men in shining clothes were standing with them,
5. and they were afraid. And as they bowed, faces to the ground, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"
6. He is not here; he is risen. Remember how he told you, when he was still in Galilee,
7. that the Son of man must be betrayed into the hands of wicked men and be crucified, and then rise from the dead on the third day."
8. And they remembered his words.
9. And when they returned from the sepulcher, they reported all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest.
10. (They were the Magdalene Maria, and Joanna, and Maria the mother of Jacobus, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles.)
11. But their words seemed to them like idle talk, and they did not believe them.
12. Nevertheless, Peter got up and ran to the sepulcher, and when he looked in, he saw the linen wrappings lying by themselves. And he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.
- ¶13. And on the same day, behold, two of them were traveling to a village named Emmaus, about sixty stadia¹¹ from Jerusalem,
14. and they were conversing with one another about all these things that had happened.
15. And it came to pass that while they talked and reasoned together, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them.
16. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

¹¹ Sixty *stadia* is approximately seven miles.

17. And he said to them, “What are these things that you’re discussing as you go along, looking so sad?”
18. The one named Cleopas answered and said to him, “Are you the only one living near Jerusalem who doesn’t know what things have happened in it these *past few days*?”
19. He said to them, “What things?” Then they said to him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a man, a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,
20. and how our chief priests and rulers handed him over *to the Gentiles* to be condemned to death, and they crucified him.
21. We were hoping that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And now, after all these things — today marks the third day since these things happened —
22. some of the women among us utterly astounded us when, after going to the sepulcher early in the morning
23. and not finding his body, they came saying they had actually seen a vision of angels who said he was alive!
24. And then some of those with us went out to the sepulcher and found it exactly as the women said, but they didn’t see him.”
25. Then he said to them, “O fools! So slow in heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!
26. Didn’t the Messiah have to suffer these things and enter into his glory?”
27. And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he began explaining to them the things concerning himself in all the scriptures.
28. And they drew near the village where they were going, and he made as though he was going farther,
29. but they prevailed upon him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening; the day is far spent.” And so, he went in to lodge with them.
30. And it came to pass as he ate with them that he took the bread and blessed it, and then he broke it and gave it to them.
31. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.
32. And they said to one another, “Wasn’t our heart burning within us while he was talking with us on the road, and while he was explaining the scriptures to us?”
33. And they arose the same hour and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and those with them gathered together,
34. and they said, “The Master really has been raised up, and he was seen by Simon!”
35. And they began detailing what happened on the road, and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.
- ¶36. As they were telling these things, Jesus himself stood in their midst, and he said to them, “Peace to you.”

37. But they were startled and afraid, thinking they were seeing a ghost.
38. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts come up in your hearts?"
39. See my hands and my feet, that it is me. Touch me and see! A ghost doesn't have flesh and bones the way you see I have."
40. And after he said this, he presented *his* hands and feet to them.
41. But while they still disbelieved for joy, and were amazed, he said to them, "Do you have any food here?"
42. And they gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb.
43. And he took *it*, and ate in their presence.
44. And then he said to them, "These are the words that I spoke to you while I was yet with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in Psalms must be fulfilled."
45. Then he opened their mind to understand the scriptures,
46. and he said to them, "Thus it is written, and so, it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
47. and for repentance and remission of sins to be preached in his name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem.
48. Now, you are witnesses of these things.
49. And, behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. As for you, you stay in the city of Jerusalem until you be clothed with power from on high!"
- ¶50. Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and then he lifted up his hands and blessed them.
51. And it came to pass as he was blessing them that he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.
52. And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
53. and they were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

End of the Gospel of Luke