



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

Chapter 1*Genealogy of Jesus*

1 ¶ The book of the ^agenealogy of Jesus Christ, the ^bson of David, the ^cson of Abraham.

2 ^dAbraham begot Isaac, and ^eIsaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot ^fJudah and his brothers.

3 And ^gJudah begot Perez and Zarah of Tamar, and ^hPerez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.

4 And Ram begot Amminadab, and Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon.

5 And Salmon begot ⁱBoaz of Rahab, and Boaz begot Obed of Ruth, and Obed begot Jesse.

6 And ^jJesse begot David the king. ^kDavid the king begot Solomon by her *who had been the wife* of Uriah.

7 And ^lSolomon begot Rehoboam, and Rehoboam begot ^mAbijah, and Abijah begot Asa.

8 And Asa begot ⁿJehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot ^oUzziah.

9 And Uzziah begot Jotham, and Jotham begot Ahaz, and ^pAhaz begot Hezekiah.

10 And ^qHezekiah begot Manasseh, and Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot ^rJosiah.

11 And ^sJosiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were ^tcarried away to Babylon.

12 ¶ And after they were deported to Babylon, ^uJeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot ^vZerubbabel.

13 And Zerubbabel begot Abihud, and Abihud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.

14 And Azor begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.

15 And Eliud begot Eleazar, and Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

16 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of ^wMary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations, and from David until the captivity in Babylon *are* fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until Christ *are* fourteen generations.

Birth of Jesus

18 ¶ Now the ^xbirth of Jesus Christ was as follows: When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child ^yby the Holy Spirit.

19 Now Joseph her husband, being a righteous *man* and not wanting ^zto make her a public disgrace, planned to put her away secretly.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord

Chapter 1: a Lk 3:23 b Jn 7:42 c Gn 12:3; 22:18 d Gn 21:2,12 e Gn 25:26; 28:14 f Gn 29:35 g Gn 38:27; 49:10 h Rt 4:18-22 i Rt 2:1; 4:1-13 j 1 Sm 16:1 k 2 Sm 7:12; 12:24 l 1 Ch 3:10 m 2 Ch 11:20 n 1 Ch 3:10 o 2 Kg 15:13 p 2 Kg 15:38 q 2 Kg 20:21 r 1 Kg 13:2 s 1 Ch 3:15,16 t 2 Kg 24:14-16 u 1 Ch 3:17 v Er 3:2 w Mt 13:55 x Lk 1:27 y Lk 1:35 z Dt 24:1

appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, ^afor that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

21 ^b“And she will bring forth a Son and you will call His name JESUS, ^cfor He will save His people from their sins.”

22 ¶ Now all this took place that it might be fulfilled that was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

23 ^d“Behold, a virgin will be with child and will bring forth a Son, and they will call His name Immanuel,” which being translated is, “God with us.”

24 Then Joseph being aroused from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife.

25 And he did not know her until she had brought ^eforth a son. And he called His name JESUS.

Chapter 2

Visit of the Magi

1 ¶ Now when ^aJesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men ^bfrom the East to Jerusalem,

2 saying, ^c“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen ^dHis star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

3 When Herod the king heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the ^echief priests and ^fscribes of the people together, ^ghe inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 Then they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 *‘And^hyou, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the princes of Judah, for out of you will come a Rulerⁱ who will rule My people Israel.’”*

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, diligently inquired from them what time the ^jstar appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child. And when you have found *Him*, bring me word again so that I may come and worship Him also.”

9 When they heard the king, they departed. And behold, the star that they saw in the East went before them until it came and stood over where the young Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

11 Now when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother. And they fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, ^kthey presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

12 And having been warned by God ^lin a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed to their own country another way.

a Lk 1:35 b Lk 1:31; 2:21 c Jn 1:29 d Is 7:14 e Lk 2:7,21 Chapter 2: a Mc 5:2; Lk 2:4-7 b Gn 25:6 c Lk 2:11 d Nm 24:17 e 2 Ch 36:14 f 2 Ch 34:13 g Mt 2:7 h Mc 5:2 i Rv 2:27 j Nm 24:17 k Is 60:6 l Mt 1:20

Escape to Egypt

13 ¶ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, and take the young Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”

14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night, and departed for Egypt.

15 So he remained there until the death of Herod, so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ^m“*Out of Egypt I have called My Son.*”

16 ¶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been mocked by the wise men, was exceedingly enraged. And he sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem, and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time when he had diligently inquired from the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

18 *“In Ramah there was a ⁿvoice heard, lamentation and weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children. And she refused to be comforted because they were no more.”*

Return to Nazareth

19 ¶ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20 saying, ^o“Arise, and take the

young Child and His mother and go into the land of Israel, for those who ^psought the young Child’s life are dead.”

21 Then he arose and took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a ^qdream, he departed ^rinto the regions of Galilee.

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called ^sNazareth, so that it might be fulfilled ^twhich was spoken by the prophets, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Chapter 3*Ministry of John*

1 ¶ In those days ^aJohn the Baptist came preaching ^bin the wilderness of Judea,

2 and saying, “Repent, for ^cthe kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, ^d“*The voice of one crying in the wilderness, ^ePrepare the way for the Lord, make His paths straight.*”

4 And the same ^fJohn had a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist. And his food was ^glocusts and ^hwild honey.

5 ⁱThen Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan, went out to him.

6 ^jAnd they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

m Hs 11:1 **n** Jr 31:15 **o** Lk 2:39 **p** Mt 2:16 **q** Mt 2:12,13,19 **r** Lk 2:39 **s** Jn 1:45,46 **t** Jg 13:5 **Chapter 3: a** Mk 1:3-8 **b** Ja 14:10 **c** Dn 2:44 **d** Is 40:3 **e** Lk 1:76 **f** Mk 1:6 **g** Lv 11:22 **h** 1 Sm 14:25,26 **i** Mk 1:5 **j** At 19:4,18

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “O^k generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the ^lwrath to come?”

8 “Therefore, bring forth fruits worthy of repentance.

9 “And do not think to say within yourselves, ^m‘We have Abraham as *our* father,’ for I say to you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

10 “And now the ax is already laid at the root of the trees. ⁿTherefore, every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire.

11 ^o“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. But He who comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to bear. ^pHe will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 ^q“His winnowing fan *is* in His hand. And He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn. But He will ^rburn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Baptism of Jesus

13 ¶ ^sThen Jesus came from ^vGalilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You. And You are coming to me?”

15 And Jesus answering said to him, “Permit *it* at this time, for thus it is

appropriate for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him.

16 And Jesus, ^wwhen He was baptized, went up immediately out of the water. And behold, the heavens were opened to Him and He saw ^xthe Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him.

17 ^yAnd behold, a voice from heaven, saying, ^z“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

Chapter 4

Temptation of Jesus

1 ¶ Then ^aJesus was led up by the ^bSpirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 Now when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ^c*‘Man will not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’*”

5 Then the devil took Him up ^dinto the holy city and stood Him on the pinnacle of the temple.

6 And he said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down, for it is written, ^e*‘He will give His angels charge over You,’* and, ^f*‘In their hands they will bear You up, lest at any time You dash Your foot against a stone.’*”

7 Jesus said to him, “It is written

k Mt 12:34 l 1 Th 1:10 m Jn 8:33 n Mt 7:19 o Lk 3:16 p At 2:3,4 q Mt 3:3 r Mt 13:30 s Mk 1:9-11 t Mt 2:22 u Mk 1:10 v Is 11:2; Jn 1:32 w Jn 12:28 x Ps 2:7 Chapter 4: a Mk 1:12 b Ez 3:14 c Dt 8:3 d Ne 11:1,18 e Ps 91:11 f Ps 91:12

again, ^g‘You will not tempt the Lord your God.’”

8 Again, the devil took Him up into an exceedingly high mountain and ^hshowed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

10 Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan, for it is written, ⁱ‘You will worship the Lord your God and Him only will you serve.’”

11 Then the devil ^jleft Him, and behold, ^kangels came and ministered to Him.

12 ¶ ^lNow when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, He departed into Galilee.

13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is on the sea coast, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 so that it might be fulfilled that was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

15 “*The ^mland of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—*

16 *the people who sat in darkness saw great light. And those who were sitting in the region and shadow of death, upon them a light dawned.*”

17 ^oFrom that time Jesus began to preach and say, ^p“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

The First Disciples

18 ¶ ^qAnd Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon ^rcalled Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

19 And He said to them, “Follow Me and ^sI will make you fishers of men.”

20 And ^tthey immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

21 ¶ And ^ugoing on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son of Zebedee* and John his brother, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them.

22 And they immediately left the boat and their father and followed Him.

Jesus' Ministry of Healing

23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, ^vteaching in their synagogues and preaching the ^wgospel of the kingdom, and ^xhealing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

24 And His fame went throughout all Syria. And they ^ybrought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were possessed with demons, and those who were epileptics, and paralytics. And He healed them.

25 ^zGreat multitudes followed Him from Galilee and Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and *from* beyond Jordan.

g Dt 6:16 h 1 Jn 2:15-17 i Dt 6:13; 10:20 j Js 4:7 k Hb 1:14 l Jn 4:43 m Is 9:1,2 n Lk 2:32 o Mk 1:14,15 p Mt 3:2; 10:7 q Mk 1:16-20 r Jn 1:40-42 s Lk 5:10 t Mk 10:28 u Mk 1:19 v Mt 9:35 w Mt 24:14 x Mk 1:34 y Lk 4:40 z Mk 3:7,8

Chapter 5

The Beatitudes

1 ¶ And seeing the multitudes, ^aHe went up on a mountain. And when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

2 Then He opened His mouth and ^btaught them, saying,

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

4 ^d“Blessed *are* those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 ^e“Blessed *are* the meek, for ^fthey will inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed *are* those who ^ghunger and thirst after righteousness, ^hfor they will be filled.

7 “Blessed *are* the merciful, ⁱfor they will obtain mercy.

8 ^j“Blessed *are* the pure in heart, ^kfor they will see God.

9 “Blessed *are* the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

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

11 ^m“Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute *you* and falsely say all kinds of ⁿevil against you for My sake.

12 ^o“Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, ^pfor in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light of the Earth

13 ¶ “You are the salt of the earth.

^qBut if the salt has lost its flavor, how will it be salted? It is no longer good for anything, except to be cast out and trampled under foot by men.

14 ^r“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 “Nor do men ^slight a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand. And it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 “Let your light so shine before men ^tthat they may see your good works and ^uglorify your Father who is in heaven.

Fulfillment of the Law

17 ¶ ^v“Do not think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I did not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

18 “For verily I say to you, ^wuntil heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law until all is fulfilled.

19 “Therefore, ^xwhoever will break one of these least commandments, and teaches men to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever does and teaches *them*, he will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds ^ythe righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Murder

21 ¶ “You have heard that it was said by those of old, ^z*You will not mur-*

Chapter 5: a Mk 3:13 b Mt 7:29 c Lk 6:20-23 d Rv 21:4 e Ps 37:11 f Rm 4:13 g Lk 1:53 h Is 55:1; 65:13 i Ps 41:1 j Ps 15:2; 24:4 k 1 Co 13:12 l 1 Pt 3:14 m Lk 6:22 n 1 Pt 4:14 o 1 Pt 4:13, 14 p At 7:52 q Lk 14:34 r Jn 8:12 s Lk 8:16 t 1 Pt 2:12 u Jn 15:8 v Rm 10:4 w Lk 16:17 x Js 2:10 y Rm 10:3 z Ex 20:13; Dt 5:17

der,' and 'whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.'

22 "But I say to you, that ^awhoever is angry with his brother will be in danger of the judgment. And whoever will say to his brother, ^b'Raca!,' will be in danger of the council. And whoever will say, 'You fool,' will be in danger of the fiery hell.

23 "Therefore, ^cif you bring your gift to the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you,

24 ^d"leave there your gift before the altar and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

25 ^e"Agree with your adversary quickly, ^fwhile you are with him on the way, lest at any time your adversary deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

26 "Truly I say to you, you will by no means come out from there until you have paid the last cent.

Adultery

27 ¶ "You have heard that it was said, ^g'You will not commit adultery.'

28 "But I say to you, that whoever ^hlooks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 "And ⁱif your right eye causes you to stumble, ^jpluck it out and cast it from you, for it is better for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be

thrown into hell.

30 "And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and cast it from you, for it is better for you that one of your members perish, than your whole body be cast into hell.

Divorce

31 ¶ "It has been said, ^k'Whoever will put away his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

32 "But I say to you that ^lwhoever will put away his wife, except for the reason of fornication, causes her to become an adulteress. And whoever marries her who is put away commits adultery.

Oaths

33 ¶ "Again, you have heard that ^mit was said by those of old, ⁿ'You will not make false oaths, but ^owill fulfill your oaths to the Lord.'

34 "But I say to you, ^pmake no oath at all, neither by heaven, for it is ^qGod's throne,

35 "nor by the earth, for it is His footstool, neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the ^rgreat King.

36 "Nor will you make an oath by your head because you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 ^s"But let your conversation be, 'Yes,' 'Yes,' 'No,' 'No,' for whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

And Eye for an Eye

38 ¶ "You have heard that it was said,

a 1 Jn 3:15 b Js 2:20; 3:6 c Mt 8:4 d Jb 42:8 e Lk 12:58,59 f Is 55:6 g Ex 20:14; Dt 5:18 h Pv 6:25 i Mk 9:43 j Cl 3:5 k Dt 24:1 l Lk 16:18 m Mt 23:16 n Lv 19:12 o Dt 23:23 p Js 5:12 q Is 66:1 r Ps 48:2 s Cl 4:6

¹‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’

39 ^uBut I say to you, do not resist an evil person. ^vBut whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 “And if anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have *your* coat also.

41 “And whoever will ^wcompel you to go one mile, go with him two.

42 “Give to him who asks you, and do not turn away ^xfrom him who wants to borrow from you.

Loving Enemies

43 ¶ “You have heard that it was said, ^y‘You will love your neighbor and ^zhate your enemy.’

44 “But I say to you, ^alove your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

45 “so that you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven. For ^bHe makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors the same?

47 “And if you greet your brethren only, what do you more *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles the same?

48 ^d“Therefore, you are to be perfect even ^eas your Father in heaven is perfect.

Chapter 6

Giving

1 ¶ “Take heed that you do not do your deeds of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

2 “Therefore, ^awhen you do good deeds, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be glorified by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.

3 “But when you do good deeds, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

4 “so that your good deeds may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret ^bwill Himself reward you.

Prayer

5 ¶ “And when you pray, you will not be as the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets so that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward.

6 “But you, when you pray, ^center into your closet. And when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7 “But when you pray, ^ddo not use meaningless repetitions as the Gentiles *do*, ^efor they think that they will be heard for their many words.

8 “Therefore, do not be like them. For your Father ^fknows what things you need before you ask Him.

9 “Therefore, after this ^gmanner pray: ^hOur Father who is in heaven,

t Ex 21:24; Lv 24:20; Dt 19:21 u Lk 6:29 v Is 50:6 w Mt 27:32 x Lk 6:30-34 y Lv 19:18 z Dt 23:3-6 a Lk 6:27 b Jb 25:3 c Lk 6:32 d Cl 1:28; 4:12 e Ep 5:1 f Chapter 6: a Rm 12:8 b Lk 14:12-14 c 2 Kg 4:33 d Ec 5:2 e 1 Kg 18:26 f Rm 8:26,27 g Lk 11:2-4 h Mt 5:9,16

hallowed be Your ⁱname.

10 ^j“Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth ^kas *it is* in heaven.

11 “Give us this day our ^ldaily bread.

12 “And ^mforgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

13 ⁿ“And do not lead us into temptation, but ^odeliver us from evil. [For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

14 ^p“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 “But ^qif you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Fasting

16 ¶ “Moreover, ^rwhen you fast, do not look gloomy as the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so that they may appear to men to be fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward.

17 “But you, when you fast, ^sanoint your head and wash your face,

18 “so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Focus on Heaven

19 ¶ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 ^t“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in nor steal.

21 “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 ¶ ^v“The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, if your eye is good your whole body will be full of light.

23 “But if your eye is evil your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* the darkness!

24 ¶ ^w“No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. ^xYou cannot serve God and wealth.

Do Not Worry

25 ¶ “Therefore, I say to you, ^ydo not be worried about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

26 ^z“Behold the birds of the air, for they do not sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

27 “Which of you by being worried can add one cubit to his stature?

28 “And why are you worried about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not toil, neither do they spin.

29 “And yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

30 “Therefore, if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, *will*

i Mt 1:11 j Mt 26:42 k Ps 103:20 l Pv 30:8 m Mt 18:21,22 n 2 Pt 2:9 o Jn 17:15 p Mk 11:25 q Mt 18:35 r Is 58:3-7 s Rt 3:3 t Pv 23:4 u Mt 19:21 v Lk 11:34,35 w Lk 16:9,11,13 x Gl 1:10 y Lk 12:22 z Lk 12:24

He not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?

31 “Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’

32 “For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 “But ^aseek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 “Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

Chapter 7

Judging Others

1 ¶ ^a“Do not judge so that you be not judged.

2 “For in the way you judge, you will be judged. ^bAnd with what standard you measure, it will be measured to you.

3 ^c“And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the beam that is in your own eye?

4 “Or how will you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye,’ and behold, a beam *is* in your own eye?

5 “You hypocrite, first remove the beam from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

6 ^d“Do not give what is holy to the dogs, nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under

their feet and turn and tear you in pieces.

Ask, Seek, Knock

7 ¶ ^e“Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 “For ^feveryone who asks, receives. And he who seeks, finds. And to him who knocks, it will be opened.

9 ^g“Or what man is there among you, when his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 “Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

11 “If you then, ^hbeing evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him?

12 “Therefore, all things ⁱwhatever you want men to do to you, even so do also to them, for ^jthis is the law and the prophets.

Narrow and Wide Gates

13 ¶ ^k“Enter in through the narrow gate, for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.

14 “Because small *is* the gate and narrow *is* the way that leads to life, and few there are who find it.

Ravenous Wolves

15 ¶ ^l“Beware of false prophets ^mwho come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

16 ⁿ“You will know them by their

a 1 Tm 4:8 Chapter 7: a Rm 14:3 b Lk 6:38 c Lk 6:41 d Pv 9:7,8 e Mk 11:24 f Pv 8:17 g Lk 11:11 h Gn 6:5; 8:21 i Lk 6:31 j Gl 5:14 k Lk 13:24 l Jr 23:16 m Mc 3:5 n Mt 7:20; 12:33

fruits. °Do men gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles?

17 “Even so ^bevery good tree brings forth good fruit, but a bad tree brings forth bad fruit.

18 “A good tree cannot bring forth bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bring forth good fruit.

19 “Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 “Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.

21 ¶ “Not every one who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he who ^sdoes the will of My Father who is in heaven.

22 “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we ‘not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and performed many wonderful works in Your name?’

23 “And ^uthen I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you. ^vDepart from Me you who practice lawlessness.’

Wise and Foolish Builders

24 ¶ “Therefore, ^wwhoever hears these words of Mine and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

25 “And the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house. And it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

26 “And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

27 “And the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house. And it fell, and great was its fall.”

28 ¶ Now it came to pass when Jesus had ended these sayings, ^xthe people were astonished at His teaching,

29 ^yfor He taught them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.

Chapter 8

Healing a Leper

1 ¶ When He came down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

2 ^aAnd behold, there came a leper and ^bworshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”

3 So Jesus put forth *His* hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be cleansed.” And immediately his leprosy ^cwas cleansed.

4 Then Jesus said to him, ^d“See that you tell no one. But go your way. Show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that ^eMoses ^fcommanded, as a testimony to them.”

Healing a Centurion's Son

5 ¶ Now ^gwhen Jesus had entered Capernaum, there came to Him a ^hcenturion, pleading with Him,

6 and saying, “Lord, my servant lies paralyzed at home, terribly tormented.”

7 And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

8 The centurion answered and said,

o Lk 6:43 p Mt 12:33 q Jn 15:2,6 r Lk 6:46 s Rm 2:13 t Nm 24:4 u 2 Tm 2:19 v Ps 5:5; 6:8 w Lk 6:47-49 x Mt 13:54 y Jn 7:46 **Chapter 8:** a Mk 1:40-45 b Jn 9:38 c Lk 4:27 d Mk 5:43 e Lk 5:14 f Dt 24:8 g Lk 7:1-3 h Mt 27:54

“Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak the word and my servant will be healed.

9 “For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.”

10 When Jesus heard *this*, He marveled and said to those who followed, “Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel.

11 “And I say to you, that ^kmany will come from the east and west, and will sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

12 “But the ^lchildren of the kingdom ^mwill be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way. And as you have believed, *so* let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that *very* hour.

Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law

14 ¶ Now ⁿwhen Jesus came into Peter's house, He saw ^hhis wife's mother lying sick in bed with a fever.

15 And He touched her hand and the fever left her. And she arose and ministered to Him.

16 ¶ ^pWhen evening came, they brought to Him many who were possessed with demons. And He cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick,

17 so that it might be fulfilled that

was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, ^q“*He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.*”

Cost of Discipleship

18 ¶ Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

19 And ^aa certain scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”

20 And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head.”

21 And ^sanother of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, ^llet me first go and bury my father.”

22 But Jesus said to him, “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

Calming of the Sea

23 ¶ Now when He entered into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

24 And ^ubehold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

25 And His disciples came to *Him* and woke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

26 And He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then ^vHe arose and rebuked the winds and the sea. And there was a great calm.

27 But the men marveled, saying, “What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

i Lk 15:19,21 j Ps 107:20 k Is 2:2,3; Mt 1:11 l Mt 21:43 m Lk 13:28 n Mk 1:29-31 o 1 Co 9:5 p Lk 4:40,41 q Is 53:4 r Lk 9:57,58 s Lk 9:59,60 t 1 Kg 19:20 u Mk 4:37 v Ps 65:7; 89:9; 107:29

Casting out Demons

28 ¶ And ^wwhen He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, there met Him two demon-possessed *men* coming out of the tombs. *They were* exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass by that way.

29 And behold, they cried out, saying, “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”

30 Now there was a good distance from them a herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the demons begged Him, saying, “If You cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.”

32 And He said to them, “Go.” And when they came out, they went into the herd of swine. And behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea and perished in the waters.

33 Now those who kept the swine fled. And they went away into the city and told everything, and what *had happened* to the demon-possessed *men*.

34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, ^sthey begged *Him* that He depart from their region.

Chapter 9*Healing a Paralytic*

1 ¶ Now He entered into a boat and crossed over *the sea* and ^acame to His own city.

2 And ^bbehold, they brought to Him

a paralytic man lying on a bed. And ^cseeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you.”

3 And behold, some of the scribes said within themselves, “This *man* blasphemes.”

4 And Jesus, ^dknowing their thoughts, said, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?”

5 “For which is easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, and walk’?”

6 “But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed and go to your house.”

7 Then he arose and departed to his house.

8 But when the multitude saw *it*, they ^efeared and glorified God who had given such authority to men.

Call of Matthew

9 ¶ Now ^fas Jesus passed from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” And he arose and followed Him.

10 Now ^git came to pass that as Jesus was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with ^htax collectors and ⁱsinners?”

12 But when Jesus heard *this*, He

w Mk 5:1-4 x Lk 5:8; At 16:39 Chapter 9: a Mt 4:13; 11:23 b Lk 5:18-26 c Mt 8:10 d Mt 12:25 e Jn 7:15 f Lk 5:27 g Mk 2:15 h Mt 11:19 i Gl 2:15

said to them, “Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but those who are sick.

13 “But go and learn what *this* means, ^j‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, ^kbut sinners.”

Questions About Fasting

14 ¶ Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, ^l“Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”

15 And Jesus said to them, “Can ^mthe attendants of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and ⁿthen they will fast.

16 “No one puts a piece of new cloth on an old garment, for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.

17 “Nor do men put new wine into old wineskins, else the wineskins break and the wine runs out, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

Resurrection of a Daughter

18 ¶ ^oWhile He spoke these things to them, behold, a certain ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, “My daughter has just died. But come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.”

19 So Jesus arose and followed him, and *so did* ^pHis disciples.

20 And ^qbehold, a woman who was diseased with a hemorrhage of blood for twelve years, came behind *Him* and ^r‘touched the hem of His garment.

21 For she said to herself, “If I only touch His garment, I will be healed.”

22 But Jesus turning and seeing her, said, “Daughter, be of good cheer. ^sYour faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour.

23 Now ^twhen Jesus came into the ruler’s house and saw the ^u“flute players and the noisy crowd,

24 He said to them, ^v“Make room, for the maid is not dead, but sleeps.” And they *began* laughing at Him.

25 But when the people were put outside, He went in and ^w‘took her by the hand, and the girl arose.

26 And the ^xreport of this went throughout all that land.

Healing the Blind and the Mute

27 ¶ Now when Jesus departed from there, ^ytwo blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, ^z“Son of David, have mercy on us!”

28 And when He came into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be done to you.”

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, saying,

j Hs 6:6 k 1 Tm 1:15 l Lk 5:33-35; 18:12 m Jn 3:29 n At 13:2,3; 14:23 o Lk 8:41-56 p Mt 10:2-4 q Lk 8:43 r Mt 14:36; 23:5 s Lk 7:50; 8:48; 17:19; 18:42 t Mk 5:38 u 2 Ch 35:25 v At 20:10 w Mk 1:31 x Mt 4:24 y Mt 20:29-34 z Lk 18:38,39

^a“See *that* no one knows *about this*.”

31 ^bBut when they departed, they spread the news about Him throughout all that country.

32 ¶ ^cAs they went out, behold, they brought to Him a mute man possessed with a demon.

33 Now when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”

34 But the Pharisees said, ^d“He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.”

Pray for Laborers

35 ¶ And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, ^eteaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of sickness and every kind of disease.

36 ^fBut when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and were scattered, ^glike sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then He said to His disciples, ^h“The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few.

38 ⁱ“Therefore, pray *to* the Lord of the harvest so that He will send laborers into His harvest.”

Chapter 10

Mission Trip of the Twelve

1 ¶ Now ^awhen He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them authority *over* unclean spirits,

to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, ^bwho is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

4 ^cSimon the Canaanite, and Judas ^dIscariot, who also betrayed Him.

5 ¶ These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying, ^e“Do not go into the way of the Gentiles and do not enter into *any* city of ^fthe Samaritans.

6 ^g“But go rather to the ^hlost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 ⁱ“And as you go, preach, saying, ^j‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

8 “Heal the sick. Raise *the* dead. Cleanse *the* lepers. Cast out demons.

^kFreely you have received, freely give.

9 ^l“Provide neither gold nor silver nor ^mcopper in your money belts,

10 “nor bag for *your* journey, nor two coats, nor sandals, nor a staff, ⁿfor the worker is worthy of his food.

11 ^o“And into whatever city or town you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and there stay until you go.

12 “And when you come into a household, greet it.

13 ^p“And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it. ^qBut if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

a Mt 8:4 b Mk 7:36 c Mt 12:22,24 d Lk 11:15 e Mt 4:23 f Mk 6:34 g Nm 27:17 h Lk 10:2 i 2 Th 3:1
Chapter 10: a Lk 6:13 b Jn 1:42 c At 1:13 d Jn 13:2,26 e Mt 4:15 f Jn 4:9 g Mt 15:24 h Jr 50:6 i Lk 9:2 j Mt 3:2 k At 8:18 l 1 Sm 9:7 m Mk 6:8 n 1 Tm 5:18 o Lk 10:8 p Lk 10:5 q Ps 35:13

14 ^r“And whoever will not receive you or hear your words, when you depart out of that house or city, ^sshake off the dust from your feet.

15 ^t“Truly I say to you, ^uit will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

16 ¶ ^v“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. ^wTherefore, be wise as serpents and ^xharmless as doves.

17 ^y“But beware of men, for ^zthey will deliver you up to councils and they will ^{aa}scourge you in their synagogues.

18 ^{ab}“And you will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.

19 ^{ac}“But when they deliver you up, do not worry how or what you will say. For ^{ad}it will be given you in that same hour what you should say.

20 ^{ae}“For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

21 ^{af}“And a brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father ^{ag}his child. And the children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

22 ^{ah}“And ^{ai}you will be hated by all ^{aj}men for My name’s sake. ^{ak}But he who endures to the end will be saved.

23 ^{al}“But when they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For truly I say to you, you will not have ^{am}gone

through the cities of Israel ^{an}until the Son of Man comes.

24 ^{ao}“A disciple is not above ^{ap}his teacher, nor the bondservant above his master.

25 ^{aq}“It is enough for the disciple that he be like his teacher, and the bondservant like his master. ^{ar}If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more ^{as}will they ^{at}call those of his household!

26 ^{au}“Therefore, do not fear them. ^{av}For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed and hidden that will not be known.

27 ¶ ^{aw}“What I tell you in darkness, ^{ax}speak in the light. And what you hear in the ear, preach on the rooftops.

28 ^{ay}“And do not fear those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. But rather ^{az}fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 ^{ba}“Are not two ^{bb}sparrows sold for a farthing? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

30 ^{bc}“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 ^{bd}“Therefore, do not fear. You are more valuable than many sparrows.

32 ¶ ^{be}“Therefore, whoever will confess Me before men, ^{bf}him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

33 ^{bg}“But whoever will deny Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

r Mk 6:11 s At 13:51 t Mt 11:22,24 u Lk 10:3 v Ep 5:15 w Ph 2:14-16 x Mk 13:9 y At 5:40; 22:19; 26:11 z 2 Tm 4:16 a Lk 12:11,12; 21:14,15 b Ex 4:12 c 2 Sm 23:2 d Mc 7:6 e Lk 21:17 f Mk 13:13 g At 8:1 h Mk 13:10 i Mt 16:28 j Jn 15:20 k Jn 8:48,52 l Mk 4:22 m At 5:20 n Lk 12:4 o Lk 12:5 p Lk 12:6,7 q Lk 21:18 r Lk 12:8 s Rv 3:5 t 2 Tm 2:12

34 ¶ ^u“Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 “For I came to ^v*‘set a man against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.’*

36 “*And ^wa man’s enemies will be those of his own household.*

37 ^x“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38 ^y“And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 ^z“He who finds his life will lose it. And he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

40 ¶ ^a“He who receives you receives Me. And he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41 ^b“He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward.

42 ^c“And whoever, in the name of a disciple, will give to one of these little ones a cup of cold *water*, truly I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

Chapter 11

John the Baptist

1 ¶ Now it came to pass when Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed

from there to ^ateach and to preach in their cities.

2 ^bNow when John had heard ^cin the prison *concerning* the works of Christ, he sent *word* through his disciples,

3 asking Him, “Are You the One who is ^dto come, or do we look for another?”

4 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and show John again those things that you hear and see.

5 ^e“The blind receive their sight and the lame walk. The lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear. The dead are raised up and ^fthe poor have the gospel preached to them.

6 “And blessed is he who does not take ^goffense because of Me.”

7 Now ^has they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? ⁱA reed shaken with the wind?

8 “But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ houses.

9 “But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, ^jand more than a prophet.

10 “For this is the one about whom it is written, ^k*‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.’*

11 “Truly I say to you, among those who are born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist. However, he who is least in the king-

u Lk 12:49 v Mc 7:6 w Jn 13:18 x Lk 14:26 y Mk 8:34 z Jn 12:25 a Lk 9:48 b 1 Kg 17:10 c Mk 9:41
Chapter 11: a Lk 23:5 b Lk 7:18-35 c Mt 4:12; 14:3 d Jn 6:14 e Is 29:18; 35:4-6 f Ps 22:26; Is 61:1 g
Rm 9:32 h Lk 7:24 i Ep 4:14 j Lk 1:76; 20:6 k Mt 3:1

dom of heaven is greater than he.

12 ¹⁴“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 ^m“For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 “And if you are willing to receive *it*, this is ⁿElijah who was to come.

15 ^o“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 ^p“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their fellows,

17 “and saying, ‘We played the flute for you and you did not dance. We sang a dirge to you and you did not mourn.’

18 “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

19 “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, ^qa friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ ^rBut wisdom is vindicated by her works.”

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

20 ¶ ^sThen He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works were done, because they did not repent.

21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works that were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago ^tin sackcloth

and ashes.

22 “But I say to you, ^uit will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

23 “And you, Capernaum, ^vwill you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades, for if the mighty works that were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24 “But I say to you, ^wthat it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

Come to Jesus

25 ¶ ^xAt that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because ^yYou have hidden these things from the wise and prudent, ^zand have revealed them to babes.

26 “Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

27 ^a“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father. And no one knows the Son except the Father. ^bNor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son desires to reveal *Him*.

28 “Come to ^cMe all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 “Take My yoke upon you ^dand learn from Me, for I am gentle and ^elowly in heart, ^fand you will find rest for your souls.

30 ^g“For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

I Lk 16:16 m Mt 4:4-6 n Lk 1:17 o Lk 8:8 p Lk 7:31 q Mt 9:10 r Lk 7:35 s Lk 10:13-15,18 t Jh 3:6-8 u Mt 10:15; 11:24 v Is 14:13 w Mt 10:15 x Lk 10:21,22 y Ps 8:2 z Mt 16:17 a Mt 28:18 b Jn 1:18; 6:46; 10:15 c Jn 6:35-37 d Ph 2:5 e Zc 9:9 f Jr 6:16 g 1 Jn 5:3

Chapter 12

Lord of the Sabbath

1 ¶ At that time ^aJesus went on the Sabbath through the grainfields. And His disciples were hungry and began to ^bpluck the ears of grain and to eat.

2 But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to Him, “Behold, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.”

3 But He said to them, “Have you not read ^cwhat David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him,

4 “how he entered into the house of God and ate ^dthe showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, ^ebut only for the priests?

5 “Or have you not read in the ^flaw that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent?

6 “But I say to you, that in this place is ^g*One* greater than the temple.

7 “But if you had known what *this* means, ^h‘*I desire mercy and not sacrifice,*’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

8 “For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

9 ¶ ⁱNow when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

10 And behold, there was a man whose hand had withered. In order that they might accuse Him, they asked Him, saying, ^j“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”

11 Then He said to them, “What man

is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift *it* out?

12 “How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep? Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

13 Then He said to the man, “Stretch forth your hand.” And he stretched *it* forth, and it was restored to normal like the other.

14 Then the ^kPharisees went out and held a council against Him, how they might destroy Him.

God's Humble Servant

15 ¶ But when Jesus knew *it*, ^lHe withdrew Himself from there. And ^mmany followed Him, and He healed them all.

16 And *He* ⁿcharged them that they should not make Him known,

17 so that it might be fulfilled that was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

18 “*Behold, ^oMy Servant whom I have chosen. My Beloved ^pin whom My soul is well pleased. I will put My Spirit upon Him and He will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.*

19 *He will not strive, nor cry. Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.*

20 *A bruised reed He will not break and a smoking flax He will not quench, until He leads justice to victory.*

21 *And in His name the Gentiles will hope.”*

Chapter 12: a Lk 6:1-5 b Dt 23:25 c 1 Sm 21:6 d Lv 24:5 e Ex 29:32 f Nm 28:9 g Is 66:1,2 h Hs 6:6 i Mk 3:1-6 j Jn 9:16 k Mk 3:6 l Mk 3:7 m Mt 19:2 n Mt 8:4; 9:30; 17:9 o Is 42:1-4; 49:3 p Mt 3:17; 17:5

Jesus and Beelzebul

22 ¶ ^qThen one was brought to Him possessed with a demon, blind and mute. And He healed him, so that the mute both spoke and saw.

23 And all the people were amazed, and said, "Is not this the 'Son of David?"

24 But ^swhen the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, "This *man* does not cast out demons except by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons."

25 Now Jesus ^kknew their thoughts. And He said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. And every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

26 "And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?"

27 "And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your children cast *them* out? Therefore, they will be your judges.

28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, ^uthen the kingdom of God has come unto you.

29 ^v"Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

30 "He who is not with Me is against Me. And he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

31 ¶ "Therefore, I say to you, ^wall manner of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven to men. ^xBut the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

32 "And whoever ^yspeaks a word

against the Son of Man, ^zit will be forgiven him. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

33 ¶ "Either make the tree good and ^aits fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad. For the tree is known by *its* fruit.

34 ^b"O generation of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? ^cFor out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

35 "The good man brings good treasure out of good things. And an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

36 "But I say to you, that every idle word that men will speak, they will give account for it in the day of judgment.

37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

The Sign of Jonah

38 ¶ ^dThen some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and ^eadulterous generation seeks after a sign. And no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

40 ^f"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

q Lk 11:14,15 r Mt 9:27; 21:9 s Mt 9:34 t Mt 9:4 u Dn 2:44; 7:14 v Is 49:24 w Mk 3:28-30 x At 7:51 y Jn 7:12,52 z 1 Tm 1:3 a Mt 7:16-18 b Mt 3:7; 23:33 c Lk 6:45 d Mk 8:11 e Mt 16:4 f Jh 1:17

41 ^g“The men of Nineveh will rise up in judgment with this generation and will ^hcondemn it, ⁱbecause they repented unto the preaching of Jonah. And behold, someone greater than Jonah *is* here.

42 ^j“The Queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon. And behold, someone greater than Solomon *is* here.

43 ¶ ^k“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, ^lit passes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

44 “Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from where I came out.’ And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept and put in order.

45 “Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there. ^mAnd the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So will it be also with this wicked generation.”

Mother and Brothers of Jesus

46 ¶ While He was still talking to the people, ⁿbehold, His mother and His ^obrothers stood outside, desiring to speak with Him.

47 Then one said to Him, “Behold, ^pYour mother and Your brothers stand outside, desiring to speak with You.”

48 But He answered and said to him who told Him, “Who is My mother? And who are My brothers?”

49 Then He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples and said, “Behold, My mother and My ^qbrothers!

50 “For ^rwhoever will do the will of My Father who is in heaven, the same is My brother and sister and mother.”

Chapter 13

Parable of the Sower

1 ¶ The same day Jesus went out of the house and ^ssat by the sea shore.

2 And ^tgreat multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that ^uHe went into a boat and sat. And the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 ¶ And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, ^v“Behold, a sower went forth to sow.

4 “And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the wayside. And the birds came and devoured them.

5 “Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much soil. And they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of soil.

6 “And when the sun was up, they were scorched. And because they had no root they withered away.

7 “And some fell among thorns. And the thorns sprang up and choked them.

8 “But others fell on good ground and brought forth fruit, some ^wa hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 ^x“He who has ears, let him hear.”

10 ¶ And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?”

11 He answered and said to them,

g Lk 11:32 h Jr 3:11 i Jh 3:5 j 1 Kg 10:1-13 k Lk 11:24-26 l 1 Pt 5:8 m 2 Pt 2:20-22 n Lk 8:19-21 o Jn 2:12; 7:3,5 p Mt 13:55,56 q Jn 20:17 r Jn 15:14 **Chapter 13:** a Mk 4:1-12 b Lk 8:4 c Lk 5:3 d Lk 8:5 e Gn 26:12 f Mt 11:15

“Because [¶]it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

12 ^h“For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have more abundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

13 “Therefore, I speak to them in parables because seeing they do not see and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 “And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says, ‘By ⁱhearing you will hear and will not understand. And seeing you will see and will not ^jperceive.

15 *For the heart of this people has become calloused. Their ears ^kare hard of hearing and they have ^lclosed their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return so that I would ^mheal them.’*

16 “But ⁿblessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

17 “For truly I say to you, ^othat many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see and have not seen *it*; and to hear what you hear and have not heard *it*.

18 ¶ ^p“Therefore, hear the parable of the sower.

19 “When anyone hears the word ^qof the kingdom and does not understand, then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

20 “But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately ^rreceives it with joy.

21 “However, he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when ^stribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately ^the falls away.

22 ^u“He who received seed ^vamong the thorns is he who hears the word, and the worries of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

23 “But he who received seed sown on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*. He indeed bears ^wfruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

Parable of the Tares

24 ¶ Another parable He set before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 “But while men slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

26 “But when the grain sprouted and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 “So the bondservants of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’

28 “He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The bondservants said to him, ‘Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?’

g Mk 4:10,11 h Mt 25:29 i Ls 6:9,10; Ez 12:2 j Jn 3:36 k Hb 5:11 l Lk 19:42 m At 28:26,27 n Lk 10:23,24 o Hb 11:13 p Mk 4:13-20 q Mt 4:23 r Ls 58:2 s At 14:22 t Mt 11:6 u 1 Tm 6:9 v Jr 4:3 w Cl 1:6

29 “But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares, you root up also the wheat with them.

30 ‘Let both grow together until the harvest. And in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, ‘Gather together first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them. But ^xgather the wheat into My barn.’”

Parable of the Mustard Seed

31 ¶ Another parable He set before them, saying, ^y“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field,

32 “which indeed is the least of all seeds. But when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs and becomes a ^ztree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”

Parable of the Leaven

33 ¶ ^aAnother parable He spoke to them, “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until ^bthe whole was leavened.”

34 ¶ ^cAll these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables. And without a parable He did not speak to them, **35** so that it might be fulfilled that was spoken by the prophet, saying, ^d“*I will open My mouth in parables. I will utter things that have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.*”

Explanation of the Tares

36 ¶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.”

37 He answered and said to them, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

38 ^e“The field is the world. The good seed are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are ^ethe children of the wicked one.

39 “The enemy who sowed them is the devil. ^hThe harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are messengers.

40 “Therefore, as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.

41 “The Son of Man will send forth His messengers and ⁱthey will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend and those who commit lawlessness.

42 ^j“And He will cast them into a furnace of fire. ^kThere will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 ^l“Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. ^mHe who has ears, let him hear.

Parable of the Hidden Treasure

44 ¶ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field that a man found and hid *again*. And for joy over it, he goes and ⁿsells all that he has and ^obuys that field.

x Mt 3:12 y Lk 13:18,19 z Ez 17:22-24; 31:3-9 a Lk 13:20,21 b 1 Co 5:6 c Ps 78:2; Mk 4:33,34 d Ps 78:2 e Ep 3:9 f Rm 10:18 g Jn 8:44 h Rv 14:15 i Mt 18:7 j Rv 19:20; 20:10 k Mt 8:12; 13:50 l Dn 12:3 m Mt 13:9 n Ph 3:7,8 o Is 55:1

Parable of the Pearl

45 ¶ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls,
 46 “who, when he had found ^pone pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Parable of the Net

47 ¶ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was cast into the sea,
^qgathering *fish* of every kind,
 48 “which, when it was full, they drew to shore and sat down and gathered the good *fish* into vessels, but cast the bad away.
 49 “So it will be at the end of the age. The messengers will go out and ^rseparate the wicked from among the righteous,
 50 “and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
 51 “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.”
 52 Then He said to them, “Therefore, every scribe *who is* made a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a man *who is* a householder who brings out of his treasure ^sthings new and old.”

Prophet Without Honor

53 ¶ And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there.
 54 Now ^twhen He came into His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished. And they said, “Where did this man ^ureceive this wisdom and ^vthese powers?

55 ““Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary, and ^wHis brothers, ^xJames and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

56 “And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man ^yreceive all these things?”

57 So they ^zwere offended by Him. But Jesus said to them, ^a“A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country and in his own house.”
 58 So ^bHe did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Chapter 14*The Death of John the Baptist*

1 ¶ At that time ^cHerod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus.

2 And he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He is risen from the dead and that is why these powers are at work in Him.”

3 ^dFor Herod had laid hold on John and bound him and put *him* in prison for Herodias’ sake, his brother Philip’s wife.

4 For John said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”

5 And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude ^ebecause they considered him as a prophet.

6 But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.

7 Therefore, he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.

8 And she, having been prompted

by her mother, said, "Give me here the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

9 And the king was sorry. Nevertheless, because of the oath and those who sat with him, he commanded *it* to be given *to her*.

10 And he sent and beheaded John in the prison.

11 And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl. And she brought *it* to her mother.

12 And his disciples came and took up the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

Feeding Five Thousand

13 ¶ ^eWhen Jesus heard *of it*, He departed privately from there by boat to a deserted place. And when the people heard *this*, they followed Him on foot out of the cities.

14 And Jesus went out and saw a great multitude, and ^fwas moved with compassion for them. And He healed their sick.

15 And ^gwhen it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place and the time is now past. Send the multitude away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them *something* to eat."

17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."

19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And

He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, ^hHe blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. And the disciples *gave them* to the multitudes.

20 So they all ate and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Walking on Water

22 ¶ Immediately, Jesus made His disciples get into a boat and go before Him to the other side while He sent the multitudes away.

23 Now ⁱwhen He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on a mountain by Himself to pray. And ^jwhen evening came, He was there alone.

24 Now the boat was many furlongs away from the land, tossed by waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

26 Now when the disciples saw Him ^kwalking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good ^lcheer! It is I. Do not be afraid."

28 Then Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 And He said, "Come." And when Peter got down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

e Jn 6:1,2 f Mk 6:34 g Lk 9:12 h Mt 15:36; 26:26 i Mk 6:46 j Jn 6:16 k Jb 9:8 l At 23:11; 27:22,25,36

30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid. And beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him. And He said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

32 Now when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, You are the Son of God."

34 ¶ Now when they had crossed over, they came to Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all the surrounding country and brought to Him all who were diseased.

36 And they begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly whole.

Chapter 15

The Clean and Unclean

1 ¶ Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying,

2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."

3 But He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?"

4 "For God commanded, saying,

^c'Honor your father and mother,' and, ^d'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

5 "But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or his mother, "Whatever gift you might receive from me has been given to God,"

⁶'he is not to honor his father.' Thus you have made the word of God of no effect by your tradition.

7 "You hypocrites! Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

8 'These people honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.

9 But in vain do they worship Me, ^hteaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"

10 And He called the multitude and said to them, "Hear and understand.

11 "It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a man. But what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

12 Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?"

13 But He answered and said, ^k"Every plant that My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

14 "Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the ditch."

15 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain to us this parable."

16 And Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding?"

17 "Do you not yet understand that

m Mt 6:30; 8:26 n Ps 2:7 o Mk 6:53 p Mk 5:24-34 q Lk 6:19 **Chapter 15:** a Mk 7:1 b Mk 7:5 c Dt 5:16 d Ex 21:17 e Mk 7:11,12 f Mk 7:6 g Ps 78:36; Is 29:13 h Cl 2:18-22 i Mk 7:14 j At 10:15 k Jn 15:2 l Lk 6:39 m Mk 7:17 n Mt 16:9

°whatever enters into the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?

18 “But ^pthose things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile the man.

19 “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slander.

20 “These are *the things* that defile a man. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

Faith of a Canaanite Woman

21 ¶ “Then Jesus went away from there and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same region. And she cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, ^sSon of David. My daughter is cruelly possessed with a demon.”

23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”

24 But He answered and said, “I was not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”

26 But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to ^udogs.”

27 And she said, “Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

28 Then Jesus answered and said to

her, “O woman, ^vgreat *is* your faith. Let it be to you even as you wish.”

And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Feeding Four Thousand

29 ¶ Now ^wJesus departed from there and came ^xnear to the sea of Galilee. And He went up onto a mountain and sat down there.

30 And ^ygreat multitudes came to Him, having with them *those who were* lame, blind, mute, crippled, and many others. And they laid them down at Jesus’ ^zfeet. And He healed them.

31 So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they ^aglorified the God of Israel.

32 ¶ Then ^bJesus called His disciples to Him, and said, “I have compassion on the multitude because they have continued with Me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry lest they faint on the way.”

33 And ^cHis disciples said to Him, “Where would we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?”

34 Then Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven and a few small fish.”

35 And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

36 And ^dHe took the seven loaves and the fish. And ^egiving thanks, He

o 1 Co 6:13 p Js 3:6 q Pv 6:14 r Mk 7:24-30 s Mt 1:1; 22:41,42 t Mt 10:5,6 u Mt 7:6 v Lk 7:9 w Mk 7:31-37 x Mt 4:18 y Is 35:5,6 z Lk 7: 38; 8:41; 10:39 a Lk 5:25,26; 19:37,38 b Mk 8:1-10 c 2 Kg 4:43 d Mt 14:19; 26:27 e Lk 22:19

broke *them* and gave to His disciples and the disciples to the multitude.

37 So they all ate and were filled. And they took up of the broken *pieces* that were left, seven baskets full.

38 Now they who ate were four thousand men, beside women and children.

39 Then [†]He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came into the region of Magadan.

Chapter 16

Call for a Sign

1 ¶ The [†]Pharisees and the Sadducees came, and testing Him, desired that He would show them a sign from heaven.

2 He answered and said to them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.*’

3 “And in the morning, ‘*It will be bad weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.*’ You can discern the face of the sky, but you cannot *discern* the signs of the times.

4 ^b“A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign. And no sign will be given to it, but the sign of Jonah.” And He left them and departed.

Leaven of Religious Leaders

5 ¶ Now [†]when His disciples came to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

6 Then Jesus said to them, ^d“Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “*It is because we have taken no bread.*”

8 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have no bread?”

9 ^e“Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up?”

10 ^f“Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up?”

11 “How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread, but beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?”

12 Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Peter's Confession

13 ¶ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, ^g“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

14 And they said, ^h“Some *say* John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or ⁱone of the prophets.”

15 He said to them, “But who do ^jyou say I am?”

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, ^k“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17 And Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for ^lflesh and blood has not

f Mk 8:10 **Chapter 16:** a Mk 8:11 b Mt 12:39 c Mk 8:14 d Lk 12:1 e Mt 14:15-21 f Mt 15:32-38 g Lk 9:18 h Mt 14:2 i Mt 21:11 j Jn 6:67 k At 8:37; 9:20 l Ep 2:8

revealed *this* to you, but ^mMy Father who is in heaven.

18 “And I also say to you, that ⁿyou are Peter, and ^oupon this rock I will build My church and ^pthe gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

19 ^q“And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.”

20 ^rThen He charged His disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

Jesus Prophesies His Death

21 ¶ From that time Jesus began ^sto show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord! This will not happen to You!”

23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, ^tSatan! ^uYou are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

24 ¶ ^vThen Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and ^wfollow Me.

25 “For ^xwhoever desires to save his life will lose it. And whoever desires to lose his life for My sake

will find it.

26 “For what will it ^yprofit a man if he will gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or ^zwhat will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

27 “For the ^aSon of Man will come in the glory of His Father ^bwith His angels, and ^cthen He will reward every man according to his works.

28 “Truly I say to you, ^dthere are some standing here who will not taste of death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”

Chapter 17

The Transfiguration

1 ¶ And ^eafter six days Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.

2 Then He was transfigured before them. And His face shone as the sun and His garments became white as the light.

3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with Him.

4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You wish, I will make here three tabernacles, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

5 ^fWhile he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. And behold, a voice out of the cloud said, ^g“This is My beloved Son ^hin whom I am well pleased. ⁱHear Him.”

6 And ^jwhen the disciples heard *it*,

m Gl 1:16 n Jn 1:42 o Ep 2:20 p Is 38:10 q Mt 18:18 r Lk 9:21 s Lk 9:22; 18:31; 24:46 t Mt 4:10 u Rm 8:7 v 2 Tm 3:12 w 1 Pt 2:21 x Jn 12:25 y Lk 12:20,21 z Ps 49:7,8 a Mk 8:38 b Dn 7:10 c Rm 2:6 d Lk 9:27 **Chapter 17:** a Mk 9:2-8 b 2 Pt 1:17 c Mk 1:11 d Is 42:1; Mt 3:17; 12:18 e Dt 18:15,19 f 2 Pt 1:18

they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

7 Then Jesus came and ^stouched them, and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen again from the dead."

10 Then His disciples asked Him, saying, ^h"Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must first come?"

11 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Elijah is coming and will ^rrestore all things.

12 ^j"But I say to you that Elijah has already come, and they ^kdid not know him, but have done to him whatever they wished. Likewise ^lthe Son of Man will also suffer at their hands."

13 ^mThen the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

Healing a Demonic Boy

14 ¶ And ⁿwhen they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him, and saying,

15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and is very ill, for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

16 "And I brought him to Your disciples and they could not heal him."

17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and ^operverse generation, how long will I be with you?

How long will I bear with you? Bring him here to Me."

18 And Jesus ^prebuked the demon and he departed out of him. And the child was healed from that very hour.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately, and said, "Why could we not cast him out?"

20 And Jesus said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, ^qif you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. And nothing will be impossible to you.

21 ["But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."]

22 ¶ And ^rwhile they came together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of men.

23 "And they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly ^ssorrowful.

The Temple Tax

24 ¶ And ^twhen they came to Capernaum, those who received the *temple* tax came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the *temple* tax?"

25 He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take custom or taxes, from their own sons or from ^uothers?"

26 Peter said to Him, "From others." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are exempt.

27 "However, lest we should offend

g Dn 8:18 h MI 4:5 i MI 4:6 j Mk 9:12,13 k Mt 14:3,10 l Mt 16:21 m Mt 11:14 n Mk 9:14-28 o Ph 2:15 p Lk 4:41 q Lk 17:6 r Mk 8:31 s Jn 16:6; 19:30; At 10:40 t Mk 9:33 u Is 60:10-17

them, go to the sea and cast in a hook, and take up the fish that first comes up. And when you have opened his mouth, you will find a piece of money. Take that and give to them for Me and you.”

Chapter 18

Competition for Greatness

1 ¶ ^aAt the same time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

2 And Jesus called a little ^bchild to Himself and set him in the midst of them.

3 And He said, “Truly I say to you, ^cunless you are converted and become as little children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 ^d“Therefore, whoever will humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 ^e“And whoever receives a little child like this in My name receives Me.

6 ^f“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him that a millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 “Woe to the world because of offenses! For it is inevitable that ^goffenses come, but ^hwoe to that man through whom the offense comes!

8 ⁱ“Therefore, if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life crippled or lame,

than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into everlasting fire.

9 “And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into the fiery hell.

10 “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven ^jtheir angels continually ^ksee the face of My Father who is in heaven.

11 ^l[For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.]

12 ^m“What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go into the mountains and seek the one that is straying?

13 “And if he should find it, truly I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine who did not go astray.

14 “Even so it is not the ⁿwill of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Sinning Against a Brother

15 ¶ “Moreover, ^oif your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, ^pyou have gained your brother.

16 “But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more so that ^q“by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.”

17 “And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the assembly. But if he re-

Chapter 18: a Lk 9:46-48; 22:24-27 b Mt 19:14 c Lk 18:16 d Mt 20:27; 23:11 e Mt 10:42 f Mk 9:42 g 1 Co 11:19 h Mt 26:24; 27:4,5 i Mt 5:29,30 j Hb 1:14 k Lk 1:19 l Lk 9:56 m Lk 15:4-7 n 1 Tm 2:4 o Lv 19:17 p Js 5:20 q Dt 17:6; 19:15

fuses to hear the assembly, let him be to you as a 'Gentile and a tax collector.

18 "Truly I say to you, 'whatever you will bind on earth will have been bound in heaven. And whatever you will loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.

19 "Again, truly I say to you that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, 'it will be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.

20 "For where two or three are gathered 'together in My name, there I am in the midst of them."

Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

21 ¶ Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I forgive him? 'Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you 'up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his bondservants.

24 "And when he had begun to settle *them*, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 "But since he was not able to pay, his lord commanded 'him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.

26 "The bondservant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Lord, have patience with me and I will

pay you all.'

27 "Then the lord of that bondservant was moved with compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.

28 "But the same bondservant went out and found one of his fellow bondservants who owed him a hundred denarii. And he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe.'

29 "And his fellow bondservant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you.'

30 "And he would not, but went and cast him into prison until he should pay the debt.

31 "So when his fellow bondservants saw what was done, they were very grieved and came and told their lord all that had happened.

32 "Then his lord, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked bondservant! I forgave you 'all that debt because you begged me.

33 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow bondservant, just as I had pity on you?'

34 "And his lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors until he should repay all that was due to him.

35 "So likewise will My heavenly Father do also to you, if each one of you does not from the heart forgive his brother."

Chapter 19

Divorce

1 ¶ Now it came to pass 'when Jesus

had finished these sayings, He departed from Galilee and came into the region of Judea beyond Jordan.

2 And ^bgreat multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

3 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?"

4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who created *them* in the beginning ^c*'made them male and female.'*"

5 And He said, ^d*"For this cause a man will leave his father and mother and will cleave to his wife. And ^ethe two will become one flesh?"*

6 "Therefore, they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

7 They said to Him, ^f*"Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?"*

8 He said to them, "Because of the ^ghardness of your hearts Moses permitted you to put away your ^hwives. But from the beginning it was not so.

9 "Now ⁱI say to you, whoever puts away his wife except for fornication, and marries another, commits adultery."

10 His disciples said to Him, ^j*"If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry."*

11 ¶ But He said to them, ^k*"All men cannot receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given."*

12 "For there are some eunuchs who

were born that way from *their* mother's womb. And there are some eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men. And there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept *it*, let him accept *it*."

Little Children

13 ¶ ^mThen little children were brought to Him so that He might put *His* hands on them and pray. And the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them, ⁿfor of such is the kingdom of heaven."

15 And He laid *His* hands on them, and departed from there.

Rich Young Ruler

16 ¶ And ^obehold, one came and said to Him, "Teacher, what good thing must I do so that I may have eternal life?"

17 And He said to him, "Why do you ask Me about what is ^pgood? *There is only One* who is good, *that is, God*. But if you wish to enter into life, ^qkeep the commandments."

18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, ^r*"You will not murder. You will not commit adultery. You will not steal. You will not bear false witness."*

19 ^s*"Honor your father and your mother. And, ^tyou will love your neighbor as yourself."*

b Mt 12:15 c Gn 1:27; 5:2 d Gn 2:24 e 1 Co 6:16; 7:2 f Dt 24:1-4 g Hb 3:15 h Mt 2:16 i Mt 5:32 j Pv 21:19 k 1 Co 7:2,7,9,17 l 1 Co 7:32 m Lk 18:15 n Mt 18:3,4 o Mk 10:17-30 p Nh 1:7 q Lv 18:5 r Ex 20:13-16 s Ex 20:12-16; Dt 5:16-20 t Lv 19:18

20 The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept. What do I still lack?”

21 Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow Me.”

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 ¶ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 “And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”

25 ¶ When His disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

26 And looking at them, Jesus said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Behold, we have forsaken all and followed You. Therefore, what will we have?”

28 And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on the throne of His glory, you also will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 “And everyone who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands,

for My name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit everlasting life.

30 “But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Chapter 20

Parable of the Laborers

1 ¶ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

2 “And when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 “And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace.”

4 “And he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ And they went their way.

5 “Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour and did likewise.

6 “And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

7 “They said to him, ‘Because no man has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

8 “So when evening had come, the lord of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’

9 “And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a denarius.

10 “But when the first came, they

supposed that they would receive more. And everyone likewise received one denarius.

11 “And when they had received *it*, they grumbled against the landowner,

12 “saying, ‘These last have worked *only* one hour and you have made them equal to us, who have borne the burden and heat of the day.’

13 “But he answered one of them, and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’

14 “Take *what is* yours and go your way. I want to give to this last even as to you.

15 ^a“Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own? ^bIs your eye evil because I am good?”

16 ^c“So the last will be first and the first last.”

Jesus Prophesies His Death

17 ¶ ^dNow going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the twelve disciples aside on the road. And He said to them,

18 ^e“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes. And they will condemn Him to death.

19 ^f“And ^gthey will deliver Him to the Gentiles to ^hmock and to ⁱscourge and to ^jcrucify. And the third day He will ^krise again.”

Request of James and John

20 ¶ Then ^lthe mother of ^mIzabedee’s

sons came to Him with her sons, bowing down and asking something of Him.

21 And He said to her, “What do you desire?” She said to Him, “Grant that these two sons of mine ⁿmay sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left in Your kingdom.”

22 But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink of ^othe cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with ^pthe baptism with which I am baptized?” They said to Him, “We are able.”

23 And He said to them, ^q“You will indeed drink of My cup and be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. But to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give. But *it is* for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.”

24 Now ^rwhen the ten heard *it*, they were greatly indignant with the two brothers.

25 But Jesus called them and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

26 “But ^sit will not be so among you. But ^twhoever desires to be great among you, let him be your servant.

27 “And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your bond-servant,

28 ^u“just as the ^vSon of Man did not come to be served, ^wbut to serve, and ^xto give His life a ransom ^yfor many.”

Chapter 20: a Rm 9:20,21 b Dt 15:9 c Mt 19:30 d Mk 10:32-34 e Mt 16:21; 26:47-57 f Mt 27:2 g Mt 26:67,68; 27:29,41 h Mt 27:26 i At 3:13-15 j Mt 28:5,6 k Mk 10:35-45 l Mt 4:21; 10:2 m Mt 19:28 n Lk 22:42 o Lk 12:50 p At 12:2 q Mk 10:41 r 1 Pt 5:3 s Mt 23:11 t Mt 18:4 u Jn 13:4 v Ph 2:6,7 w Lk 22:27 x Is 53:10-12; Dn 9:24,26 y Rm 5:15,19

Healing of Two Blind Men

29 ¶ And ^aas they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

30 And behold, ^atwo blind men sitting by the road, when hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, ^bSon of David."

31 And the multitude ^crebuked them that they should hold their peace. But they cried out the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David."

32 Then Jesus stood still and called them. And He said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

33 They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."

34 So Jesus had ^dcompassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight and they followed Him.

Chapter 21*The Triumphal Entry*

1 ¶ Now ^awhen they drew near to Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, to the ^bMount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with it. Untie *them* and bring *them* to Me.

3 "And if anyone says anything to you, you will say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

4 This was done so that it might be

fulfilled that was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Tell ^cthe daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King comes to you, gentle, and sitting upon a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

6 ¶ And ^dthe disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.

7 And they brought the donkey and the colt, and ^eput on them their garments. And He sat on them.

8 Now a great multitude spread their garments on the road. ^fOthers cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road.

9 The multitudes that went before and that followed, cried out, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

^gBlessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

10 And ^hwhen He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

11 And the multitude said, "This is Jesus, ⁱthe prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."

Jesus and the Money Changers

12 ¶ Then ^jJesus went into the temple and cast out all those who sold and bought in the temple. And He overthrew the tables of the ^kmoney changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

13 Then He said to them, "It is written, ^l'My house will be called the house of prayer,' but you have made it a ^m'den of thieves.'"

z Mk 10:46-52 a Mt 9:27 b Ez 37:21-25 c Mt 19:13 d Mt 9:36; 14:14; 15:32; 18:27 Chapter 21: a Lk 19:29-38 b Zc 14:4 c Is 62:11; Zc 9:9 d Mk 11:4 e 2 Kg 9:13 f Lv 23:40 g Ps 118:26; Mt 23:39 h Jn 2:13, 15 i Jn 6:14; 7:40; 9:17 j Ps 69:9; 119:139; Is 56:7; Mt 3:1; Mk 11:15-18 k Dt 14:25 l Is 56:7 m Jr 7:11

14 And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

15 Now when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the ^hSon of David," they became indignant.

16 And they said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, ^o*'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?'*"

17 So He left them and ^pwent out of the city to Bethany. And He lodged there.

Withering of the Fig Tree

18 ¶ ^qNow in the morning as He returned to the city, He became hungry.

19 And ^rwhen He saw a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing thereon, but leaves only. And He said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." And immediately the fig tree withered away.

20 ¶ ^sNow when the disciples saw *it*, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so quickly?"

21 Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, ^tif you have faith and ^udo not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, ^vbut also if you will say to this mountain, 'Be removed and cast into the sea,' ^wit will be done.

22 "And ^xall things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Challenge of Jesus' Authority

23 ¶ ^yNow when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him as He was teaching. And they ^zsaid, "By what authority do You do these things? And who gave You this authority?"

24 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 "The ^abaptism of ^bJohn, from where was it, from heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'"

26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we ^cfear the people, ^dfor all regard John as a prophet."

27 So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Parable of the Two Sons

28 ¶ "But what do you think? A *certain* man had two sons. And he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in my ^evineyard.'

29 "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he repented and went.

30 "And he came to the second and

n Ps 118:26; Jn 7:42 o Ps 8:2 p Jn 11:1,18; 12:1 q Mk 11:12-14,20-24 r Mk 11:13 s Mk 11:20 t Mt 17:20 u Js 1:6 v 1 Co 13:2 w Mt 7:7-11 x Lk 20:1-8 y Ex 2:14 z Jn 1:29-34 a Jn 1:15-28 b Mt 14:5; 21:46 c Mk 6:20 d Mt 20:1; 21:33

said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I will go, sir,' and did not go.

31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you.

32 "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him. But the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And you, after seeing this, did not repent and believe him.

Parable of the Tenants

33 ¶ "Hear another parable. There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and put a wall around it. And he dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it out to vinedressers and went into a far country.

34 "And when the time of the harvest drew near, he sent his bondservants to the vinedressers so that they might receive his fruits.

35 "And the vinedressers took his bondservants and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36 "Again he sent other bondservants, more than the first. And they did likewise to them.

37 "But last of all he sent to them his son, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

38 "But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill

him and seize his inheritance.'

39 "And they caught him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 "Therefore, when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

41 "They said to Him, "He will bring those wretched men to a wretched end, and lease out his vineyard to other vinedressers who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures, 'The stone that the builders rejected, the same became the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people bringing forth the fruits of it.

44 "And whoever will fall on this stone will be broken. But on whom ever it will fall, it will grind him to powder."

45 ¶ And when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitude because they took Him for a prophet.

Chapter 22

Parable of the Wedding Banquet

1 ¶ Then Jesus answered and spoke to them again in parables and said,

e Lk 7:29,37-50 f Lk 3:1-12; 7:29 g Lk 3:12,13 h Lk 20:9-19 i Mt 25:14 j 1 Th 2:15 k Jn 3:16 l Hb 1:2 m Jn 11:53 n At 2:23 o Lk 20:16 p Lk 21:24 q At 13:46 r Ps 118:22,23; Is 28:16; At 4:11; Rm 9:33; Ep 2:20; 1 Pt 2:6,7 s Mt 8:12 t Is 8:14,15; Rm 9:33; 1 Pt 2:6-8 u Is 60:12; Dn 2:44 v Mt 21:26 w Mt 21:11 **Chapter 22:** a Rv 19:7-9

2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a marriage for his son.

3 “And he sent forth his bondservants to call those who were invited to the wedding. And they would not come.

4 “Again, he sent forth other bondservants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner. ^bMy oxen and *my* fattened cattle are killed and all things are ready. Come to the wedding feast.’”

5 “But they made light of *it* and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his business.

6 And the rest seized his bondservants, and treated *them* spitefully, and killed *them*.

7 “But when the king heard *of this*, he was furious. And he sent forth ^chis armies and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

8 “Then he said to his bondservants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not ^dworthy.

9 ‘Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding feast.’

10 “So those bondservants went out into the highways and ^egathered together all they found, both bad and good. And the wedding was filled with guests.

11 “And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there ^fwho did not have on a wedding garment.

12 “And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wed-

ding garment?’ And he was ^gspeechless.

13 “Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast *him* ^hinto outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

14 ⁱ“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Paying Taxes

15 ¶ ^jThen the Pharisees went and took counsel how they might trap Him in what He said.

16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the ^kHerodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God in truth. Nor are You swayed by anyone, for You are not partial to anyone.

17 “Therefore, tell us what You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness. And He said, “Why do you tempt Me, *you* hypocrites?

19 “Show Me the tax money.” And they brought to Him a denarius.

20 Now He said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?”

21 They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” Then He said to them, “Therefore, ^lrender to Caesar the things that are ^mCaesar’s and to God the things that are ⁿGod’s.”

22 When they had heard *these words*, they marveled and left Him and went their way.

Like Angels in Heaven

23 ¶ ^oOn that day the Sadducees,

b Pv 9:2 c Dn 9:26 d Mt 10:11 e Mt 13:38,47,48 f Cl 3:10,12 g Rm 3:19 h Mt 8:12; 25:30 i Mt 20:16 j Mk 12:13-17 k Mk 3:6; 8:15; 12:13 l Mt 17:25 m Rm 13:1-7 n 1 Co 3:23; 6:19,20; 12:27 o Lk 20:27-40

^pwho say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and questioned Him, **24** saying, “Teacher, ^qMoses said that if a man die, having no children, his brother will marry his wife and raise up seed to his brother.

25 “Now there were with us seven brethren. The first died after he had married, and having no children, left his wife to his brother.

26 “Likewise the second also, and the third, down to the seventh.

27 “And last of all, the woman also died.

28 “Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be, for they all had her?”

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “You are in error, ^rnot knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

30 “For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but ^sare like the angels in heaven.

31 “But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,

32 ^t“*I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*”? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”

33 Now when the multitude heard *this*, ^uthey were astonished at His teaching.

The Greatest Commandment

34 ¶ ^vBut when the Pharisees heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they gathered themselves together.

35 Then one of them, ^wa lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him, and saying,

36 “Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?”

37 Jesus said to him, ^x“*You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*”

38 “This is the first and great commandment.

39 “And the second *is* like it, ^y“*You will love your neighbor as yourself.*”

40 ^z“On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Whose Son is the Christ?

41 ¶ ^aWhile the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

42 saying, “What do you think of the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “*The ^bSon of David.*”

43 He said to them, “How then does David in spirit call Him Lord, saying,

44 ^c“*The Lord said to My Lord, “Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”*”

45 “If David then calls Him Lord, how is He his Son?”

46 ^dAnd no man was able to answer Him a word, ^enor did anyone from that day on ask Him any more *questions*.

Chapter 23

Condemnation of

Evil Religious Leadership

1 ¶ Then Jesus spoke to the multi-

^p At 23:8 ^q Dt 25:5 ^r Jn 20:9 ^s 1 Jn 3:2 ^t Ex 3:6,15 ^u Mt 7:28 ^v Mk 12:28-31 ^w Lk 7:30; 10:25; 11:45,46,52; 14:3 ^x Dt 6:5; 10:12; 30:6 ^y Lv 19:18 ^z Mt 7:12 ^a Lk 20:41-44 ^b Mt 1:1; 21:9 ^c Ps 110:1; At 2:32-35; Ep 1:19-23 ^d Lk 14:6 ^e Mk 12:34

tude and to His disciples,

2 saying, ^a“The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.

3 “Therefore, all that they tell you, *that* observe and do. But do not do according to their works, for ^bthey say and do not.

4 “For they bind up heavy burdens and lay *them* on men’s shoulders. But they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers.

5 “But all their works they do to ^dbe seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

6 “They love the best places at feasts and the chief seats in the synagogues,

7 “and greetings in the markets, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi.’

8 ^f“But do not be called ‘Rabbi,’ for One is your Teacher, and all of you are brothers.

9 “And call no *one* your father on the earth, ^gfor One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

10 “Do not be called masters, for one is your Master, the Christ.

11 “But ^hhe who is greatest among you will be your servant.

12 ⁱ“And whoever will exalt himself will be humbled. And he who will humble himself will be exalted.

13 ¶ “But ^jwoe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men, for you neither go in *yourselves*, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

14 ¶ [Woe to you scribes and Phari-

sees, hypocrites! ^kFor you devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore, you will receive greater condemnation.]

15 ¶ “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel sea and land to make one proselyte. And when he is made, you make him twice as much the son of hell as yourselves.

16 ¶ “Woe to you ^lblind guides who say, ^m‘Whoever will swear by the temple, it is nothing. But whoever will swear by the gold of the temple, he is obligated *to do it.*’

17 “*You* fools and blind men. Which is more important, the gold ⁿor the temple that sanctified the gold?

18 “And, ‘Whoever will swear by the altar, it is nothing. But whoever swears by the gift that is upon it, he is obligated.’

19 “*You* fools and blind men. Which is more important, the gift ^oor the altar that sanctifies the gift?

20 “Therefore, whoever swears by the altar, swears by it, and by all things on it.

21 “And whoever swears by the temple, swears by it and by ^pHim who dwells in it.

22 “And he who will swear by heaven, swears by ^qthe throne of God and by Him who sits on it.

23 ¶ “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ^rFor you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and ^shave neglected the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy and faith.

Chapter 23: a Ne 8:4,8 b Rm 2:19 c Lk 11:46 d Mt 6:1-6,16-18 e Lk 11:43; 20:46 f Js 3:1 g Mt 1:6 h Mt 20:26,27 i Lk 14:11; 18:14 j Lk 11:52 k Mk 12:40 l Mt 15:14; 23:24 m Mt 5:33,34 n Ex 30:29 o Ex 29:37 p 1 Kg 8:13 q Mt 5:34 r Lk 11:42; 18:12 s Hs 6:6

These you should have done without neglecting the others.

24 “You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel.

25 ¶ “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

26 “You blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and platter so that the outside of them may be clean also.

27 ¶ “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs that indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but within are full of dead *men's* bones and of all uncleanness.

28 “Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 ¶ “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous.

30 “Then you say, ‘If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.’

31 “Therefore, you are witnesses against yourselves, that you are the sons of those who killed the prophets.

32 “Fill you up, then, the measure of your fathers.

33 “You serpents, you generation of vipers, how can you escape the condemnation of hell?

34 “Therefore, behold, I send to you prophets and wise men and scribes. And ^asome of them you will kill and crucify. And ^bsome of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,

35 “so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, ^dfrom the blood of righteous Abel to ^ethe blood of Zechariah son of Berechiah, whom you killed between the temple and the altar.

36 “Truly I say to you, all these things will come on this generation.

37 ¶ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets ^gand stones those who are sent to her. How often ^hI wanted to gather your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks ⁱunder *her* wings, and you would not.

38 “Behold, your house is left to you desolate.

39 “For I say to you, you will not see Me from now on until you will say, ^j‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Chapter 24

The End of National Israel

1 ¶ Then ^aJesus went out and departed from the temple. And His disciples came to show Him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, there will ^bnot be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.

† Lk 11:39 u At 23:3 v Lk 11:47,48 w At 7:51,52 x 1 Th 2:16 y Mt 3:7; 12:34 z Lk 11:49 a At 7:54-60; 22:19 b 2 Co 11:24,25 c Rv 18:24 d Gn 4:8 e 2 Ch 24:20,21 f Lk 13:34,35 g 2 Ch 24:20,21; 36:14,16 h Dt 32:11,12 i Ps 17:8; 91:4 j Ps 118:26 **Chapter 24:** a Mk 13:1 b Lk 19:44

- 3 ¶** Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, ^cthe disciples came to Him privately, saying, ^d“Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming and the end of the age?”
- 4** And Jesus answered and said to them, ^e“Take heed that no one deceives you.
- 5** “For ^fmany will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ.’ ^gAnd they will deceive many.
- 6** “And you will hear of ^hwars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
- 7** “For ⁱnation will rise up against nation and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be ^jfamines and earthquakes in various places.
- 8** “All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.
- 9** ^k“Then they will deliver you up to be afflicted and will kill you. And you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.
- 10** “And then many will be offended and will betray one another and will hate one another.
- 11** “And ^lmany false prophets will arise and will ^mdeceive many.
- 12** “And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow ⁿcold.
- 13** ^o“But he who will endure to the end, the same will be saved.
- 14** “And this ^pgospel of the kingdom ^qwill be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, and then will the end come.
- 15 ¶** “Therefore, when you see the ^rabomination of desolation that was spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing in the holy place—^s‘whoever reads, let him understand—
- 16** “then let those who are in Judea flee into the mountains.
- 17** “Let him who is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house.
- 18** “Nor let him who is in the field go back to get his clothes.
- 19** “And ^twoe to those who are with child and to those who are nursing infants in those days.
- 20** “But pray that your flight not be in the winter or on the Sabbath.
- 21** “For ^uthen there will be great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever will.
- 22** “And except those days were shortened, no life would be saved. ^vBut for the elect’s sake, those days will be shortened.
- 23** ^w“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Lo, here *is* Christ,’ or ‘There,’ do not believe *it*.
- 24** “For there will arise ^xfalse christs and false prophets. And they will show great signs and wonders to deceive, ^yif possible, even the elect.
- 25** “Behold, I have told you in advance.
- 26 ¶** “Therefore, if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the desert,’ do not go out; *or*, ‘Behold, *He is* in the secret chambers,’ do not believe *it*.

c Mk 13:3 d 1 Th 5:1-3 e Cl 2:8,18 f Jn 5:43 g Mt 24:11 h Rv 6:2-4 i Hg 2:22 j Rv 6:5,6 k Mt 10:17 l 2 Pt 2:1 m 1 Tm 4:1 n 2 Th 2:3 o Mt 10:22 p Mt 4:23 q Rm 10:18 r Mk 13:14 s Dn 9:27; 11:31; 12:11 t Dn 9:23 u Lk 23:29 v Dn 9:26 w Is 65:8,9 x Lk 17:23 y 2 Th 2:9 z 2 Tm 2:19

27 ^a“For as the lightning comes from the east and shines even to the west, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man.

28 ^b“For wherever the carcass is, there will the vultures be gathered together.

29 ¶ ^c“Immediately after the tribulation of those days, ^dthe sun will be darkened and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 “And then will appear ^ethe sign of the Son of Man in heaven. ^fAnd then will all the tribes of the earth mourn. And they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 ^g“And He will send His messengers with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 ¶ “Now learn ^hthe parable of the fig tree. When its branch is yet tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near.

33 “So likewise, when you see all these things, know ⁱthat it is near, *even* at the doors.

34 “Truly I say to you, ^jthis generation will not pass away until all these things are fulfilled.

35 ^k“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

The Unknown Hour

36 ¶ ^l“But of that day and hour no

one knows, not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, ^mbut My Father only.

37 “But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man.

38 ⁿ“For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until that day *when* Noah entered the ark.

39 “And they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away. So also will be the coming of the Son of Man.

40 ^o“Then will two men be in the field, the one will be taken and the other left.

41 “Two *women will be* grinding at the mill, one will be taken and the other left.

42 “Therefore, ^pwatch, for you do not know what day your Lord is coming.

43 ^q“But know this, that if the head of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

44 ^r“Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect *Him*.

45 ¶ ^s“Who then is a faithful and wise bondservant whom his lord has made ruler over his household, to give them food at the proper time?

46 ^t“Blessed *is* that bondservant whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

a Lk 17:24 b Lk 17:37 c Dn 7:11 d Ez 32:7 e Dn 7:13,14 f Zc 12:12; Rv 1:7; 14:14 g 1 Co 15:52 h Lk 21:29 i Js 5:9 j Mt 10:23; 16:28; 23:36 k Lk 21:33 l At 1:7 m Zct 14:7 n Gn 6:3-5 o Lk 17:34 p Mt 25:13 q Lk 12:39 r 1 Th 5:6 s Lk 12:42-46 t Rv 16:15

47 “Truly I say to you, that ^uhe will make him ruler over all his goods.

48 “But if that evil bondservant will say in his heart, ‘My master ^v‘delays,’

49 “and begins to beat *his* fellow bondservants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,

50 “the master of that bondservant will come in a day when he is not looking for *him* and in an hour that he ^wdoes not know.

51 “And he will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites. ^xThere will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘No, lest there not be enough for us and you. But go instead to those who sell and buy for yourselves.’

10 “And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came. And those who were ready went in with him to the marriage. And ^ythe door was shut.

11 “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ^z‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’

12 “But he answered and said, ‘Truly I say to you, ^{aa}I do not know you.’

13 “Therefore, ^{ab}watch, for you ^{ac}know neither the day nor the hour.

Parable of the Talents

14 ¶ ^{ad}“For *it is* ^{ae}like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own bondservants and delivered to them his goods.

15 “And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, ^{af}to everyone according to his own ability. And immediately he went on his journey.

16 “Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with the same and made another five talents.

17 “And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more.

18 “But he who had received one went and dug in the earth and hid his master’s money.

19 “After a long time the master of those bondservants came and settled accounts with them.

20 “And so he who had received five talents came and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you deliv-

Chapter 25

Parable of the Virgins

1 ¶ “Then will the kingdom of heaven be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet ^{ag}the bridegroom.

2 “And ^{ah}five of them were wise and five *were* foolish.

3 “Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them.

4 “But the wise took oil in their jars with their lamps.

5 “While the bridegroom tarried, ^{ai}they all slumbered and slept.

6 “And at midnight there was ^{aj}a cry made, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Go out to meet him.’

7 “Then all those virgins arose and ^{ak}trimmed their lamps.

8 “And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

9 “But the wise answered, saying,

u Mt 25:21,23 v 2 Pt 3:4-9 w Mk 13:32 x Mt 8:12; 25:30 Chapter 25: a Ep 5:29,30 b Mt 13:47; 22:10 c 1 Th 5:6 d 1 Th 4:16 e Lk 12:35 f Lk 13:25 g Mt 7:21-23 h Hk 1:13 i Mk 13:35 j Mt 24:36,42 k Lk 19:12-27 l Mt 21:33 m Rm 12:16

ered to me five talents. Behold, I have gained beside them five more talents.'

21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful bondservant. You were ⁿfaithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into ^pthe joy of your master.'

22 "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents. Behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.'

23 "His master said to him, ^q'Well done, good and faithful bondservant. You were faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into ^tthe joy of your lord.'

24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.'

25 "And I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the earth. See, *here* you have *what is yours*.'

26 "His master answered and said to him, 'You ^swicked and lazy bondservant. You knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I have scattered *no seed*.'

27 "Therefore, you should have put my money in the bank, and *then* at my coming I would have received my own with interest.

28 'Therefore, take the talent from

him and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

29 "For to everyone who has, *more* will be given, and he will have abundance. But from him who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away.

30 'Cast the unprofitable bondservant ^uinto outer darkness. ^vThere will be weeping and ^wgnashing of teeth.'

Sheep and Goats

31 ¶ ^x"When the Son of Man will come in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

32 "And ^ybefore Him will be gathered all nations. And ^zHe will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.

33 "And He will set the ^asheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, ^binherit the kingdom ^cprepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

35 ^d"For I was hungry and you gave Me food. I was thirsty and you gave Me drink. ^eI was a stranger and you took Me in.

36 'I *was* ^fnaked and you clothed Me. I was sick and you visited Me. ^gI was in prison and you came to Me.'

37 "Then will the righteous answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty,

n 1 Co 4:2 o Lk 12:44; 22:29,30 p Hb 12:21 q Mt 24:45,47; 25:21 r Ps 16:11 s Mt 18:32 t Mt 13:12 u Mt 8:12; 22:13 v Mt 7:23; 8:12; 24:51 w Ps 112:10 x 1 Th 4:16 y 2 Co 5:10 z Ez 20:38 a Jn 10:11,27,28 b Rm 8:17 c Mk 10:40 d Is 58:7 e Hb 13:2 f Js 2:15,16 g 2 Tm 1:16

and give You *something* to drink?

38 ‘When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked, and clothe You?’

39 ‘Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’

40 ‘And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, ^hinasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brothers, you have done *it* to Me.’

41 ‘Then He will say also to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me you cursed ^jinto everlasting fire *that is prepared for* ^kthe devil and his angels.

42 ‘For I was hungry and you gave Me no food. I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink.

43 ‘I was a stranger and you did not take Me in. I *was* naked and you did not clothe Me; sick and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’

44 ‘Then they will also answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to You?’

45 ‘Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Truly I say to you, ^hinasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.

46 ‘And ^mthese will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Chapter 26

Murder Plot Against Jesus

1 ¶ Now it came to pass when Jesus

had finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples,

2 ^a‘‘You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man is *to be* handed over to be crucified.’’

3 ¶ Then ^bthe chief priests and the elders of the people gathered together at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas.

4 And they ^cplotted to take Jesus secretly and kill *Him*.

5 But they said, ‘‘Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the ^dpeople.’’

Jesus Anointed

6 ¶ Now when Jesus was in ^eBethany in the house of Simon the leper,

7 there came to Him a woman having an alabaster vial of very precious ointment. And she poured it on His head as He reclined *at the table*.

8 But ^fwhen His disciples saw *it*, they were indignant, saying, ‘‘Why this waste?’’

9 ‘‘For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.’’

10 When Jesus was aware of this, He said to them, ‘‘Why do you trouble the woman, for she has done a good deed to Me?’’

11 ^g‘‘For you have the poor always with you, ^hbut you do not always have Me.

12 ‘‘For when she poured this ointment on My body, she did *it* for My ⁱburial.

13 ‘‘Truly I say to you, wherever this

h Mk 9:41 i Mt 7:23 j Mt 13:40,42 k 2 Pt 2:4 l Pv 14:31 m Dn 12:2 **Chapter 26:** a Lk 22:1,2 b Jn 11:47 c At 4:25-28 d Mt 21:26 e Mk 14:3-9 f Jn 12:4 g Dt 15:11 h Jn 13:33; 14:19; 16:5,28; 17:11 i Jn 19:38-42

gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her.”

14 ^jThen one of the twelve, called ^kJudas Iscariot, went to the chief priests.

15 And he said *to them*, ^l“What will you give me and I will deliver Him to you?” And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver.

16 Then from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

The Lord's Supper

17 ¶ ^mNow on the first *day* of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?”

18 And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.”’”

19 ¶ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them. And they prepared the Passover.

20 Now ⁿwhen the evening came, He reclined with the twelve.

21 And as they were eating, He said, “Truly I say to you, that one of you will ^pbetray Me.”

22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each one of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?”

23 And He answered and said, ^q“He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish, the same will betray Me.

24 “The Son of Man goes just ^ras it is written of Him, but ^swoe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Teacher, is it I?” He said to him, “You have said *it*.”

26 ¶ And ^tas they were eating, ^vJesus took bread and blessed *it*. And He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “Take, eat. ^wThis is My body.”

27 And He took the cup and gave thanks and gave *it* to them, saying, ^x“All of you drink of it.

28 “For ^ythis is My blood ^zof the covenant that is shed ^afor many for the remission of sins.

29 “But ^bI say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on ^cuntil that day when I drink *it* new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

30 And ^dhaving sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Prophecy of Peter's Denials

31 ¶ Then Jesus said to them, ^e“All of you will ^ffall away this night because of Me, for it is written, ^g“*I will strike the Shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.*”

32 “But after I have been raised, ^hI will go before you to Galilee.”

33 Peter answered and said to Him, “Though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.”

j Ps 41:9; Mk 14:10,11; Lk 22:3-6 k Mt 10:4 l Zc 11:12 m Ex 12:6,18-20 n Lk 9:51 o Mk 14:17-21 p Jn 6:70,71; 13:21 q Ps 41:9 r 1 Co 15:3 s Lk 17:1 t Jn 17:12 u Mk 14:22-25 v 1 Co 11:23-25 w 1 Pt 2:24 x Mk 14:23 y Ex 24:8 z Jr 31:31 a Mt 20:28 b Mk 14:25 c At 10:41 d Mk 14:26-31 e Mt 26:56; Mk 14:40; Jn 16:32 f Mt 11:6 g Zc 13:7 h Mt 28:7,10,16

34 Jesus said to him, ⁱ“Truly I say to you, that this night, before the cock crow, you will deny Me three times.”

35 Peter said to Him, “Though I have to die with You, I will not deny You.” Likewise, all the disciples said the same thing.

Jesus's Prayer in Gethsemane

36 ¶ ^jThen Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to the disciples, “You sit here while I go and pray over there.”

37 And He took with Him Peter and ^kthe two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and distressed.

38 Then He said to them, ^l“My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death. Remain here and watch with Me.”

39 ¶ Then He went a little farther and fell on His face and ^mprayed, saying, ⁿ“O My Father, if it is possible, ^olet this cup pass from Me, nevertheless, ^pnot as I will, but as You will.”

40 ¶ And He came to the disciples and found them asleep. And He said to Peter, “What, could you not watch with Me one hour?”

41 ^q“Watch and pray so that you do not enter into temptation. ^rThe spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

42 ¶ He went away again the second time and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

43 Then He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

44 ¶ And He left them and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are *you* still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being ^sbetrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 “Rise, let us be going. Behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand.”

Arrest of Jesus

47 ¶ And ^twhile He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and clubs. *He came* from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he who betrayed Him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One. Seize Him.”

49 And immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” And ^uhe kissed Him.

50 And Jesus said to him, ^v“Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

51 And behold, ^wone of those who were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword. And he struck a bondservant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

52 Then Jesus said to him, “Put up your sword into its place, ^xfor all those who take the sword will perish by the sword.

53 “Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me ^ymore than twelve le-

i Jn 13:38 j Mk 14:32-35 k Mt 4:21; 17:1 l Jn 12:27 m Hb 5:7-9 n Jn 12:27 o Mt 20:22 p Jn 5:30; 6:38 q Lk 22:40,46 r Gl 5:17 s Mt 17:22,23; 20:18,19 t At 1:16 u 2 Sm 20:9 v Ps 41:9; 55:13 w Jn 18:10 x Rv 13:10 y Dn 7:10

gions of angels?

54 “But how then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, ^zthat it must happen this way?”

55 ¶ In that same hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out as against a thief, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me.

56 “But all this has taken place so that the ^aScriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then ^ball the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Jesus Before the Sanhedrin

¶ **57** And ^cthose who had laid hold on Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

58 But ^dPeter followed Him at a distance to the high priest’s palace. And he went in and sat with the guards to see the end.

59 ¶ Now the chief priests and all the council sought ^efalse testimony against Jesus to put Him to death.

60 But they found none. Even though ^fmany false witnesses came, they found none. But at the last, ^gtwo came

61 and said, “This *man* said, ^h“I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.””

62 And ⁱthe high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these are testifying against You?”

63 But ^jJesus held His peace. And

the high priest answered and said to Him, ^k“I adjure You by the living God that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.”

64 Jesus said to him, “You have said it. Nevertheless, I say to you, ^lhereafter you will see the Son of Man ^msitting at the right hand of the power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

65 ⁿThen the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard His ^oblasphemy.

66 “What do you think?” They answered and said, ^p“He is deserving of death.”

67 ^qThen they spat in His face and beat Him, and ^rothers struck Him with the palms of their hands,

68 saying, ^s“Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who hit You?”

Peter Denies Jesus

69 ¶ ^tNow Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.”

70 But he denied before *them* all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.”

71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *girl* saw him. And she said to those who were there, “This *man* was also with Jesus of Nazareth.”

72 And again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the man!”

73 And after a while bystanders

z Is 50:6; 53:2-11 a Lm 4:20 b Jn 18:15 c Jn 18:12,19-24 d Jn 18:15,16 e Ps 35:11 f Mk 14:55 g Dt 19:15 h Jn 2:19 i Mk 14:60 j Is 53:7 k Lv 5:1 l Dn 7:13 m At 7:55 n 2 Kg 18:37 o Jn 10:30-36 p Lv 24:16 q Is 50:6; 53:3 r Lk 22:63-65 s Mk 14:65 t Jn 18:16-18,25-27

came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are *one* of them, for your "speech betrays you."

74 Then ^hhe began to curse and to swear, *saying*, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who said to him, ^w"Before the cock crow, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Chapter 27

Judas Hangs Himself

1 ¶ When morning came, ^aall the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death.

2 And when they had bound Him, they led *Him* away and ^bdelivered Him to Pilate the governor.

3 ¶ Then ^cwhen Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty ^dpieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 *saying*, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What *is that* to us? You see *to it!*"

5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and ^edeparted. And he went and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury because it is the price of blood."

7 So they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field

to bury strangers in.

8 Therefore, that field was called the ^fField of Blood to this day.

9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, *saying*, ^g"*And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him whose price had been set, whom they of the children of Israel priced,*

10 *and ^hgave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.*"

Jesus Before Pilate

11 ¶ So Jesus stood before the governor. ⁱAnd the governor asked Him, *saying*, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, ^j"*It is as you say.*"

12 Now when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, ^kHe answered nothing.

13 Then Pilate said to Him, ^l"Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?"

14 And ^mHe did not answer him a word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

15 ¶ ⁿNow at *the* feast the governor was accustomed to release to the people a prisoner whom they desired.

16 And they had at that time a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

18 For he knew that because of ^oenvy they had delivered Him.

u Lk 22:59 v Mk 14:71 w Mt 26:34 **Chapter 27:** a Jn 18:28 b At 3:13 c Mt 26:14 d Mt 26:15 e At 1:18 f At 1:19 g Zc 11:12 h Jr 32:6-9; Zc 11:12,13 i Mk 15:2-5 j Jn 18:37 k Jn 19:9 l Mt 26:62 m Is 53:7 n Lk 23:17-25 o Mt 21:38

19 When he was sitting down on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just man, for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him."

20 ^pBut the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas."

22 Pilate said to them, "Then what will I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let Him be crucified!"

23 Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

24 ¶ When Pilate saw that he could not prevail, but rather a riot was starting, he ^stook water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this Man. See *to it* yourselves."

25 Then all the people answered and said, "His blood *be* on us and on our children."

26 Then he released Barabbas to them. And when ^hhe had scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.

Jesus is Mocked

27 ¶ ^vThen the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole *Roman* co-

hort around Him.

28 And they ^wstripped Him and ^xput on Him a scarlet robe.

29 And ^ywhen they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

30 Then ^zthey spit on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head again and again.

31 And after they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and ^aled Him away to crucify Him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

32 ¶ Now ^bas they were coming out, ^cthey found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled him to bear His cross.

33 And ^dwhen they came to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull,

34 ^ethey gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall. And when He had tasted *it*, He would not drink.

35 Then ^fthey crucified Him and ^gdivided His garments among themselves by casting lots.

36 And ^hsitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

37 Then they ⁱset above His head the accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Now ^jthere were two thieves crucified with Him, one on the right hand and another on the left.

p At 3:14 q At 3:14 r At 3:13 s Dt 21:6-8 t Ja 2:19 u Is 50:6; 53:5 v Mk 15:16-20 w Jn 19:2 x Lk 23:11 y Is 53:3 z Is 50:6; 53:5; Mt 26:67 a Is 53:7 b Hb 13:12 c Mk 15:21 d Jn 19:17 e Ps 69:21 f Lk 23:34 g Ps 22:18 h Ps 22:17; Mt 27:54 i Jn 19:19 j Is 53:9,12

39 ¶ And ^hthose who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads, **40** and saying, ^l“You who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! ^mIf You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

41 Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, were mocking *Him*, saying,

42 “He ⁿsaved others; Himself He cannot save. He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross and we will believe in Him.

43 ^o“He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him, for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

44 ^pThe thieves who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

The Death of Jesus

45 ¶ ^qNow from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 Then about the ninth hour ^rJesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*” that is to say, ^s“*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*”

47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard *this*, said, “This *man* is calling for Elijah.”

48 And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge and ^tfilled *it* with vinegar. And he put *it* on a reed and gave Him to drink.

49 The rest said, “Let Him alone. Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.”

50 Jesus, when He had ^ucried out again with a loud voice, ^vgave up His spirit.

51 And behold, ^wthe veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. And the earth quaked and the rocks split.

52 And the graves were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

53 And they came out of the graves after His resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many.

54 ¶ ^xNow when the centurion and those who were with him guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and those things that were happening, they feared greatly, saying, ^y“Truly this was the Son of God.”

55 ¶ And many women were there looking on from a distance, ^zwho followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him.

56 ^aAmong them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s children.

The Burial of Jesus

57 ¶ ^bWhen evening had come, there came a rich man of Arimathea named Joseph, who himself was also discipled to Jesus.

58 He went to Pilate and begged for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered *to him*.

59 Now when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth.

k Ps 22:7,8; Mk 15:29 | Jn 2:19 m Mt 26:63 n Jn 3:14,15 o Ps 22:8 p Lk 23:39-43 q Mk 15:33-41 r Hb 5:7 s Ps 22:1 t Ps 69:21 u Lk 23:46 v Jn 10:18 w Ex 26:31 x Mk 15:39 y Mt 14:33 z Lk 8:2,3 a Mk 15:40,47; 16:9 b Is 53:9; Jn 19:38-42

60 Then he ^claid it in his own new tomb that he had cut out in the rock. And he rolled a great stone against the entrance of the tomb and departed.

61 Now Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

62 ¶ Now on the next day, the day that followed the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together to Pilate,

63 saying, “Sir, we remember that while He was still alive that deceiver said, ^d“After three days I will rise again.”

64 “Therefore, command that the tomb be made secure until the third day lest His disciples come and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘He is risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.”

65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go your way *and* make *it* as secure as you know how.”

66 So they went and made the tomb secure, ^esealing the stone and setting a guard.

sat upon it.

3 ^dHis appearance was like lightning and his garment white as snow.

4 The guards shook because of fear of him and became as ^edead *men*.

5 Then the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not fear, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

6 “He is not here, for He is risen ^fas He said. Come, see the place where He lay.

7 “Now go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead. And behold, ^gHe is going before you into Galilee. There you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

8 Then they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to bring word to His disciples.

9 ¶ And behold, ^hJesus met them, saying, “Hello.” And they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell ⁱMy brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

The Cover Up

11 ¶ Now when they were going, behold, some of the guards came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

13 saying, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him

Chapter 28

The Resurrection of Jesus

1 ¶ Now ^aafter the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and ^bthe other Mary came to see the tomb.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for ^can angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and

c Is 53:9 d Mk 8:31; 10:34 e Dn 6:17 Chapter 28: a Lk 24:1-10 b Mt 27:56,61 c Mk 16:5 d Dn 7:9; 10:6 e Rv 1:17 f Mt 12:40; 16:21; 17:23; 20:19 g Mk 16:7 h Jn 20:14 i Jn 20:17

away while we slept.’

14 “And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him and keep you out of trouble.”

15 So they took the money and did as they were told. And this saying is commonly reported among the Jews unto this day.

The Great Commission

16 ¶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain ^jwhich Jesus had designated.

17 And when they saw Him, they

worshiped Him. But some ^kdoubted.

18 Then Jesus came *near* and spoke to them, saying, ^l“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 ^m“Going, therefore, ⁿdisciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 ^o“teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you. And lo, I am ^pwith you always, *even* to the end of the age.”

j Mt 26:32; 28:7,10 k Jn 20:24-29 l Dn 7:13,14 m Mk 16:15 n Lk 24:47 o At 2:42 p At 4:31; 18:10; 23:11