

**DASV [Digital American Standard Version]  
Matthew 1**

<sup>1</sup> The record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

<sup>3</sup> and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram,

<sup>4</sup> and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon,

<sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse,

<sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Uriah's wife,

<sup>7</sup> and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa,

<sup>8</sup> and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah,

<sup>9</sup> and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

<sup>10</sup> and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah,

<sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup> After the exile to Babylon, Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

<sup>13</sup> and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor;

<sup>14</sup> and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud,

<sup>15</sup> and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob,

<sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

<sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, and from David to the exile to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place like this. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Joseph her fiancé, being a righteous man, and not willing to shame her in public, considered breaking off the engagement privately.

<sup>20</sup> But when he thought on these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, because that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you will call his name ‘Jesus,’ for he will save his people from their sins.”

<sup>22</sup> Now all this happened that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

<sup>23</sup> “Look, the virgin will be with child, and will bring forth a son, and they will call his name Immanuel,” which means, “God with us.”

<sup>24</sup> Joseph woke up from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took her as his wife,

<sup>25</sup> but he had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he called his name Jesus.

## Matthew 2

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, at that time, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying,

<sup>2</sup> “Where is he who is born King of the Jews? for we saw his star rising in the eastern sky, and are come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

<sup>4</sup> Gathering together all the chief priests and experts in the law of the people, he asked them where the Christ should be born.

<sup>5</sup> They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judaea, for so it is written through the prophet,

<sup>6</sup> ‘And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are in no wise least among the princes of Judah: for out of you will come a governor, who will be shepherd over my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called the wise men, and learned from them exactly what time the star appeared.

<sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem, and said, “Go and search diligently for the young child; and when you have found him, bring me word, that I also may come and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> They, having heard the king, went their way; and the star, which they saw rising in the eastern sky, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy.

<sup>11</sup> They came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped him. Opening their treasures, they gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

<sup>12</sup> After being warned by God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed to their own country another way.

<sup>13</sup> After they were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be there until I tell you: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.”

<sup>14</sup> He arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and left for Egypt.

<sup>15</sup> He was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he was tricked by the wise men, was very angry, and sent and slew all the male children in Bethlehem, and in all its borders, from two years old and under, according to the exact time which he had learned from the wise men.

<sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

<sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; And she would not be comforted, because they were gone."

<sup>19</sup> But after Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

<sup>20</sup> "Get up and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, for they are dead who sought the young child's life."

<sup>21</sup> So he got up and took the young child and his mother, and returned to the land of Israel.

<sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judaea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Being warned of God in a dream, he withdrew into the region of Galilee.

<sup>23</sup> He went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

## Matthew 3

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, saying,

<sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

<sup>3</sup> For this is the one who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothes made of camel's hair, and a had leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

<sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem, all Judaea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him,

<sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to see his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

<sup>8</sup> Bring forth, therefore, fruit worthy of repentance,

<sup>9</sup> and do not think to tell yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I say to you, that God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

<sup>10</sup> Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down, and cast into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

<sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing-floor; and he will gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

<sup>14</sup> But John resisted him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it now, for it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he agreed to do it.

<sup>16</sup> After Jesus was baptized, when he came up out of the water, suddenly, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him.

<sup>17</sup> A voice from of heaven, said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

## Matthew 4

- <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- <sup>2</sup> After he had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.
- <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”
- <sup>4</sup> But he answered and said, “It is written, Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”
- <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him into the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple,
- <sup>6</sup> and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will give his angels charge concerning you, and with their hands they will catch you, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”
- <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”
- <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and their splendor.
- <sup>9</sup> He said to him, “All these things will I give you, if you will bow down and worship me.”
- <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Get out of here, Satan, for it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’”
- <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.
- <sup>12</sup> Now when he heard that John was arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.
- <sup>13</sup> After leaving Nazareth, he came and stayed in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,
- <sup>14</sup> that it might be fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, saying,
- <sup>15</sup> “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness saw a great light, and to them that sat in the region and shadow of death, the light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

<sup>18</sup> While walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

<sup>19</sup> He said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

<sup>20</sup> And immediately they left the nets, and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two more brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

<sup>22</sup> Immediately, they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went around all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of disease and sickness among the people.

<sup>24</sup> So a report about him went out into all Syria. They brought to him all who were sick, those who had various diseases and terrible pains, those possessed with demons, epileptic, and crippled, and he healed them.

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judaea and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

## Matthew 5

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up into the mountain. After he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> He opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

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

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and say all types of evil things against you falsely, for my sake.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice, and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

<sup>13</sup> You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its saltiness can you make it salty again? It is good for nothing, but to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

<sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

<sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp, and puts it under a bushel basket, but on the stand, and it shines for all that are in the house.

<sup>16</sup> In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> Do not think that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets, I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill them.

<sup>18</sup> For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one dot or one pen-stroke will in any way pass away from the law, until all things are accomplished.

<sup>19</sup> Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do so, 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.

<sup>20</sup> For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the experts in the law and Pharisees, you will in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup> You have heard that it was said to them of old time, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever does commit murder will be in danger of the judgment.'

<sup>22</sup> But I say to you, that every one who is angry with his brother will be in danger of the judgment; and whoever insults his brother saying, 'Idiot,' will be in danger of the council; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be in danger of the hell of fire.

<sup>23</sup> If therefore you offer your gift at the altar, and remember that your brother has something against you,

<sup>24</sup> leave your gift before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

<sup>25</sup> Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are with him in the way, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you are thrown into prison.

<sup>26</sup> Truly I say to you, you will by no means get out of there until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup> You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

<sup>28</sup> But I say to you, that every one who looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

<sup>29</sup> And if your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it away, for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should go to hell.

<sup>30</sup> If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off, and throw it away! For it is better that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body go to hell.

<sup>31</sup> It was also said, 'Whoever will put away his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

<sup>32</sup> But I say to you, that every one who divorces his wife, except for the cause of unfaithfulness, makes her an adulteress, and whoever marries her when she is so divorced commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup> Again, you have heard that it was said to them in old times, 'You shall not break your oaths, but shall keep your oath to the Lord.'

<sup>34</sup> But I say to you, do not swear at all, neither by the heaven, for it is the throne of God,

<sup>35</sup> nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet, nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

<sup>36</sup> Neither should you swear by your head, for you can not make one hair white or black.

<sup>37</sup> But let your speech simply be, 'Yes,' meaning yes, and 'No,' meaning no, and whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

<sup>38</sup> You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'

<sup>39</sup> But I say to you, do not resist him that is evil, but whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

<sup>40</sup> If any one would take you to court, and take away your coat, let him have your cloak also.

<sup>41</sup> Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

<sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks from you, and from the one who would borrow from you do not turn away.

<sup>43</sup> You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.'

<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you;

<sup>45</sup> that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven, since he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.

<sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? do not even the tax collectors the same?

<sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers, what do you more than others? Do not even the Gentiles the same?

<sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## Matthew 6

<sup>1</sup> Beware that you do not do your righteousness deeds before men, to be seen of them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> When you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward.

<sup>3</sup> But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand does,

<sup>4</sup> that your giving may be in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> And when you pray, you should not be as the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward.

<sup>6</sup> But you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup> When praying do not use meaningless repetitions, as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what things you have need of, before you ask.

<sup>9</sup> Pray like this: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

<sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, neither will your Father forgive your sins.

<sup>16</sup> Moreover when you fast, do not be as the hypocrites, who make their faces sad, for they disfigure their faces, that they may be seen by men to fast. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward.

<sup>17</sup> But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face,

<sup>18</sup> that you may not be seen by men to fast, but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

<sup>19</sup> Do not accumulate for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal.

<sup>20</sup> But accumulate for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>22</sup> The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

<sup>23</sup> But if your eye is diseased, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you be darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup> No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the heaven, they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of much more value than they?

<sup>27</sup> And which of you by worrying can add one hour to life?

<sup>28</sup> Why do you worry about clothes? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they do not work, nor do they spin.

<sup>29</sup> Yet I say to you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

<sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

<sup>31</sup> Do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or, 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?'

<sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things.

<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom, and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well.

<sup>34</sup> Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## Matthew 7

<sup>1</sup> Judge not, so that you will not be judged.

<sup>2</sup> For with the same judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with what measure you use, it will be measured to you.

<sup>3</sup> Why do you gape at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not consider the beam that is in your own eye?

<sup>4</sup> Or how will you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and yet, there is a beam in your own eye?

<sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

<sup>6</sup> Do not give that which is holy to the dogs, neither cast your pearls before the swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and then turn and attack you.

<sup>7</sup> Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened for you.

<sup>8</sup> For every one who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to whoever knocks it will be opened.

<sup>9</sup> Will anyone among you, if his son will ask him for a loaf of bread, will he give him a stone?

<sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a snake?

<sup>11</sup> If you then, being 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?

<sup>12</sup> Whatever therefore you would that others should do to you, so you should do to them, for this fulfills the law and the prophets.

<sup>13</sup> Enter in by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

<sup>14</sup> But narrow is the gate, and the way is hard, that leads to life, and only a few find it.

<sup>15</sup> Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves.

<sup>16</sup> By their fruits you will know them. Do people gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?

<sup>17</sup> Even so every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit.

<sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, neither can a bad tree produce good fruit.

<sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down, and thrown into the fire.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

<sup>21</sup> Not every one that says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>22</sup> Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and by your name cast out demons, and by your name do many mighty works?'

<sup>23</sup> And then I will profess to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you that work iniquity.'

<sup>24</sup> Every one therefore that hears these words of mine, and does them, is like a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.

<sup>25</sup> The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it did not fall, because its foundation was upon the rock.

<sup>26</sup> Every one who hears these words of mine, and does not do them, is like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand.

<sup>27</sup> The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell; and great was its fall.

<sup>28</sup> It came to pass, when Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching:

<sup>29</sup> for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their legal experts.

## Matthew 8

<sup>1</sup> After he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him.

<sup>2</sup> A man with leprosy came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean.”

<sup>3</sup> He stretched out his hand, and touched him, saying, “I will; be made clean.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Make sure you do not tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”

<sup>5</sup> When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, pleading with him,

<sup>6</sup> and saying, “Lord, my servant lies in the house sick, paralyzed and suffering terribly.”

<sup>7</sup> He said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

<sup>8</sup> The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

<sup>9</sup> For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. 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.

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, “Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith, no, not in anyone in Israel.

<sup>11</sup> I say to you, that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven,

<sup>12</sup> but the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness, where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way, as you have believed, it will be done for you.” And the servant was healed in that exact hour.

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's wife's mother lying sick from a fever.

<sup>15</sup> He touched her hand, and the fever left her. Then she got up, and served him.

<sup>16</sup> That evening, they brought to him many possessed with demons. He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick.

<sup>17</sup> So was fulfilled that which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, saying, “He took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.”

<sup>18</sup> Now when Jesus saw the large crowd around him, he gave orders to depart to the other side.

<sup>19</sup> A scribe came, and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”

<sup>20</sup> Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

<sup>21</sup> Another disciple said to him, “Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.”

<sup>22</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

<sup>23</sup> When he entered into a boat, his disciples followed him.

<sup>24</sup> Suddenly, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the boat was covered with the waves. But he was asleep.

<sup>25</sup> They came to him, and woke him up, saying, “Save us, Lord! We are about to perish!”

<sup>26</sup> He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then he got up, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

<sup>27</sup> They marveled, saying, “What type of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

<sup>28</sup> When he came to the other side to the country of the Gadarenes, he met two men possessed with demons, coming out of the tombs, very fierce, so that no one could pass by that way.

<sup>29</sup> They cried out, saying, “What do you want with us, you Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?”

<sup>30</sup> Now there was a good distance away from them a herd of many pigs feeding.

<sup>31</sup> Then the demons begged him, saying, “If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs.”

<sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go.” And they came out, and went into the pigs. Suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters.

<sup>33</sup> They that fed them fled, and went away into the city, and told everything, and that happened to the ones possessed with demons.

<sup>34</sup> Then all the city came out to meet Jesus. When they saw him, they requested that he leave their territory.

## Matthew 9

<sup>1</sup> He got into a boat, and crossed over, and came to his own town.

<sup>2</sup> Then some people brought to him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the one paralyzed, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>3</sup> Then, certain of the experts in the law said to themselves, “This man blasphemes.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus knowing their thoughts said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts?”

<sup>5</sup> Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, and walk’?

<sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins (then he said to the paralyzed man), “Get up, and take your mat, and go home.”

<sup>7</sup> He got up, and went home.

<sup>8</sup> But when the multitudes saw it, they were awe-struck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man, called Matthew, sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up, and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> It happened, as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples.

<sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with the tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>12</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, “They who are healthy do not need of a doctor, but those who are sick.

<sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

<sup>14</sup> Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees frequently fast, but your disciples do not?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

<sup>16</sup> No one sews an unshrunk patch on old clothes; for the patch will tear away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.

<sup>17</sup> People do not put new wine into old wineskins, else the wineskins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins perish. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

<sup>18</sup> While he spoke these things to them, suddenly, a ruler came and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter just died, but come and lay your hand upon her, and she will live.”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus got up, followed him, and so did his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Right then, a woman, who had a discharge of blood for twelve years, came behind him, and touched the edge of his garment.

<sup>21</sup> For she said to herself, “If I can touch his garment, I will be cured.”

<sup>22</sup> But Jesus turning and seeing her said, “Daughter, cheer up; your faith has cured you.” And the woman was healed from that hour.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd making an uproar,

<sup>24</sup> he said, “Leave, for the girl is not dead, but sleeps.” And they laughed him to scorn.

<sup>25</sup> But when the crowd was put out, he entered in, took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

<sup>26</sup> The news of this spread throughout all that land.

<sup>27</sup> As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out, and saying, “Have mercy on us, son of David.”

<sup>28</sup> When he came into the house, the blind men came to him. Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They say unto him, “Absolutely Lord.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be done to you.”

<sup>30</sup> And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly charged them, saying, “Do not tell anyone what happened.”

<sup>31</sup> But they went out, and spread what he had done everywhere.

<sup>32</sup> As they went forth, suddenly, a man was brought to him who could not talk, possessed with a demon.

<sup>33</sup> When the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke. The crowds marveled, saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”

<sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees said, “By the prince of the demons he casts out demons.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the towns and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all types of disease and all kinds of sickness.

<sup>36</sup> But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd.

<sup>37</sup> Then he said he to his disciples, “The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

<sup>38</sup> Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.”

## Matthew 10

<sup>1</sup> He called his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of diseases and sicknesses.

<sup>2</sup> Now the names of the twelve apostles are: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

<sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

<sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out, and charged them, saying, “Do not go anywhere among the Gentiles, or enter into any town of the Samaritans.

<sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> As you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’

<sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

<sup>9</sup> Do not take gold, silver, or brass in your money belt.

<sup>10</sup> No traveling bag for your journey, or extra coat, shoes, or staff, for the laborer is worthy of his food.

<sup>11</sup> Into whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay with them until you leave.

<sup>12</sup> As you enter a house, give it greetings.

<sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

<sup>14</sup> Whoever will not receive you, or hear your words, as you go out of that house or town, shake off the dust from your feet.

<sup>15</sup> Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> Look, I am sending you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

<sup>17</sup> But beware of people, for they will deliver you up to councils, and in their synagogues they will beat you.

<sup>18</sup> You will be brought and before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

<sup>19</sup> But when they deliver you up, do not worry how or what you will say, for it will be given you at that time what you will say.

<sup>20</sup> For it is not you who speaks, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks through you.

<sup>21</sup> Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child. Children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death.

<sup>22</sup> You will be hated of all men for my name's sake. But whoever endures to the end will be saved.

<sup>23</sup> But when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Truly I say to you, you will not have gone through the towns of Israel, until the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup> A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his lord.

<sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple that he be as his teacher, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much worse the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup> Do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed, that will not be revealed, and hid, that will not be known.

<sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

<sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. But rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

<sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father.

<sup>30</sup> Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

<sup>31</sup> So do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> Every one therefore who confesses me before men, I also will confess before my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>33</sup> But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> Do not think that I have come to send peace on the earth. I did not come to send peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

<sup>36</sup> A man's foes will be of his own household.

<sup>37</sup> 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.

<sup>38</sup> He who does not take his cross and follow me, is not worthy of me.

<sup>39</sup> He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup> He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.

<sup>41</sup> He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.

<sup>42</sup> Whoever will give one of these little ones a cup of cold water to drink, in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he will never lose his reward.”

## Matthew 11

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on to teach and preach in their towns.

<sup>2</sup> Now when John, who was in prison, heard of the works of Christ, he sent his disciples

<sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see:

<sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed is everyone who does not turn away because of me.”

<sup>7</sup> While these went their way, Jesus said to the crowds concerning John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

<sup>8</sup> But what did you go out to see? a man clothed in expensive clothes? Look, those who wear expensive clothes live in king's houses.

<sup>9</sup> But why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet.

<sup>10</sup> This is he, of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup> Truly I say to you, among those who are born of women there has not risen up anyone greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

<sup>12</sup> From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and men of violence take it by force.

<sup>13</sup> For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

<sup>14</sup> And if you are willing to accept it, this is Elijah, who is to come.

<sup>15</sup> Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>16</sup> But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces, who call to their friends,

<sup>17</sup> and say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wept, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating or drinking, and they said, 'He has a demon.'

<sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they said, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her works."

<sup>20</sup> Then he began to denounce the towns where most of his mighty works were done, because they did not repent.

<sup>21</sup> Woe to you, Chorazin! woe to you, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>22</sup> But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

<sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted unto heaven? No, you will go down to Hades! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

<sup>24</sup> But I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you."

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and yet have revealed them to children.

<sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for so it was pleasing in your sight.

<sup>27</sup> All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows the Son, except the Father, neither does anyone know the Father, except the Son and the one to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

## Matthew 12

<sup>1</sup> At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pluck grain and to eat.

<sup>2</sup> But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples do what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.”

<sup>3</sup> But he said to them, “Have you not read what David did, when he was hungry, and they that were with him;

<sup>4</sup> how he entered the house of God, and ate the sacred bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

<sup>5</sup> Or have you not read in the law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are not guilty?

<sup>6</sup> But I say to you, that one greater than the temple is here.

<sup>7</sup> But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

<sup>8</sup> For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus then left that place, and entered their synagogue.

<sup>10</sup> There was there a man with a withered hand. They asked him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” that they might accuse him.

<sup>11</sup> He said to them, “Would not any one of you if he had one sheep, and it fell into a pit on the Sabbath, not get a hold of it, and pull it out?

<sup>12</sup> How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

<sup>13</sup> Then he said to the man, “Stretch out you hand.” He stretched it out and it was restored whole, as the other.

<sup>14</sup> But the Pharisees went out, and plotted against him, how they might destroy him.

<sup>15</sup> Jesus perceiving it withdrew from there. Many followed him, and he healed them all.

<sup>16</sup> But he ordered them not to tell who he was,

<sup>17</sup> that it might be fulfilled what was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

<sup>18</sup> “Look, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

<sup>19</sup> He will not fight or yell, neither will any one hear his voice in the streets.

<sup>20</sup> A bruised reed will he not break, and smoking wick he will not extinguish, until he brings justice to victory.

<sup>21</sup> And in his name shall the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>22</sup> Then one possessed with a demon was brought to him, blind and mute and he healed him, so that he both spoke and saw.

<sup>23</sup> All the crowds were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?”

<sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “This man casts out demons by Beelzebub, the prince of the demons.”

<sup>25</sup> Knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every town or house divided against itself will not stand.

<sup>26</sup> If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

<sup>27</sup> If I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

<sup>28</sup> But if I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.

<sup>29</sup> How can anyone enter into the house of the strong man, and plunder his goods, except he first bind the strong man? Then he will plunder his house.

<sup>30</sup> He that is not with me is against me, and he that does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>31</sup> Therefore I say to you, People will be forgiven every sin and blasphemy, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

<sup>32</sup> And whoever will speak a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven. But whoever will speak against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven, neither in this world, nor in that which is to come.

<sup>33</sup> Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt, for the tree is known by its fruit.

<sup>34</sup> You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

<sup>35</sup> The good man out of his good treasure brings out good things, and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings out evil things.

<sup>36</sup> I say to you, that every idle word that people speak, they will give account of in the day of judgment.

<sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

<sup>38</sup> Then certain of the exerts in the law and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.”

<sup>39</sup> But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; but no sign will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

<sup>40</sup> For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

<sup>41</sup> The men of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment on this generation, and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and look, a greater than Jonah is here.

<sup>42</sup> The queen of the south will rise up in judgment on this generation, and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and look, a greater than Solomon is here.

<sup>43</sup> But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of the man, passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it.

<sup>44</sup> Then he says to himself, 'I will return to my house I came out of,' and when he returns, he finds it empty, swept, and straightened up.

<sup>45</sup> Then he goes, and takes with himself seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there. The last state of that man is worse than the first. It will be like that for this evil generation."

<sup>46</sup> While he was yet speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers stood outside, seeking to speak to him.

<sup>47</sup> Someone said to him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to talk to you."

<sup>48</sup> But he answered him, "Who is my mother? and who are my brothers?"

<sup>49</sup> He stretched out his hand pointing towards his disciples, and said, "See, my mother and my brothers!

<sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, is my brother, sister, and mother."

## Matthew 13

- <sup>1</sup> On that day Jesus went out of the house, and sat beside the sea.
- <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him, that he got into a boat, and sat, while all the crowd stood on the shore.
- <sup>3</sup> He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, “Look, a sower went out to sow seed.
- <sup>4</sup> As he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and devoured them.
- <sup>5</sup> Others fell in the rocky places, where they did not have much dirt. Immediately they sprang up, because the soil was swallow.
- <sup>6</sup> When the sun came up, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they withered away.
- <sup>7</sup> Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
- <sup>8</sup> Others fell on the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
- <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.”
- <sup>10</sup> The disciples came, and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?”
- <sup>11</sup> He answered them, “To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.”
- <sup>12</sup> For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have in abundance. But whoever does not have, from him, even what he has, will be taken away.
- <sup>13</sup> Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, neither do they understand.
- <sup>14</sup> In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which said, ‘Hearing you will hear, and will not understand; and seeing you will see, and will not comprehend.
- <sup>15</sup> For this people's heart is hardened, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, so they might not see with their eyes, or hear with their ears, or understand with their heart, and might turn, and I would heal them.’

<sup>16</sup> But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

<sup>17</sup> For truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which you see, and did not see them; and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them.

<sup>18</sup> Listen then to the parable of the sower.

<sup>19</sup> When any one hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then comes the evil one, and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is the one who was sown on the path.

<sup>20</sup> That which was sown upon the rocky places, this is the one who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy.

<sup>21</sup> But he has no root in himself, yet endures for a while; but when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

<sup>22</sup> That which was sown among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word and the cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

<sup>23</sup> That which was sown on the good ground, this is the one who hears the word, and understands it. He bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

<sup>24</sup> He gave them another parable, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a man that sowed good seed in his field.

<sup>25</sup> But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

<sup>26</sup> When the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then the weeds appeared also.

<sup>27</sup> The servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?’

<sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy did this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather them up?’

<sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No; lest while you are gathering up the weeds, you also root up the wheat with them.

<sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. In the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, gather up first the weeds, and bind them in bundles to burn them, then gather the wheat into my barn.”

<sup>31</sup> He gave them another parable, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field.

<sup>32</sup> It is small among all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> Another parable he spoke to them; “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until it was all leavened.”

<sup>34</sup> All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the crowds; and he spoke nothing to them without using a parable.

<sup>35</sup> This fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet, saying, “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.”

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds, and went into the house. His disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”

<sup>37</sup> He answered, “He that sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

<sup>38</sup> The field is the world. The good seed are the sons of the kingdom and the weeds are the sons of the evil one.

<sup>39</sup> The enemy that sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age and the reapers are angels.

<sup>40</sup> As therefore the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

<sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause sin, and those who do iniquity,

<sup>42</sup> They will cast them into the furnace of fire, where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

<sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The one that has ears, listen carefully.

<sup>44</sup> The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in the field, which a man found, and hid, and in his joy he went and sold all that he had, and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls.

<sup>46</sup> When he found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net, that was cast into the sea, and caught fish of every kind.

<sup>48</sup> When it was filled, they dragged it up on the shore, sat down, and gathered the good into baskets, but the bad they threw away.

<sup>49</sup> So will it be in the end of the age. The angels will come forth, and separate the wicked from the righteous,

<sup>50</sup> and will cast them into the furnace of fire, where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> Do you understand all these things?" They responded, "Yes."

<sup>52</sup> He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been made a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a man that is a house owner, who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old."

<sup>53</sup> It came to pass, when Jesus finished these parables, he left that place.

<sup>54</sup> After coming to his hometown, he taught in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom, and these mighty works?"

<sup>55</sup> Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? Are not his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?

<sup>56</sup> And are not his sisters all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

<sup>57</sup> So they were offended by him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and in his own house."

<sup>58</sup> And he did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

## Matthew 14

<sup>1</sup> At that time, Herod Antipas the Galilean tetrarch heard the report concerning Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> and said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He is risen from the dead! That is why he is doing miracles.”

<sup>3</sup> For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,

<sup>4</sup> because John said to him, “It is not lawful for you to marry her.”

<sup>5</sup> When he wanted to have him put to death, he feared the crowds, because they counted him as a prophet.

<sup>6</sup> But on Herod's birthday, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.

<sup>7</sup> So he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked for.

<sup>8</sup> She, being prompted by her mother, said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

<sup>9</sup> Although the king was grieved, but for the sake of his oath, and because of those who sat at dinner with him, he commanded it to be given.

<sup>10</sup> He sent and beheaded John in the prison.

<sup>11</sup> His head was brought on a platter, and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.

<sup>12</sup> Then his disciples came, took the body, and buried him, and went and told Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard it, he withdrew in a boat, to a remote area. But when the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup> When he came out, and saw a great crowd, he had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup> When evening came, the disciples came to him, saying, “This place is desolate, and it is already late. Send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages, and buy food.”

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus replied, “They do not have to go away. You give them food.”

<sup>17</sup> They said to him, “We only have five loaves and two fish.”

<sup>18</sup> He responded, “Bring them to me.”

<sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, brake and gave the loaves to the disciples. The disciples then distributed them to the crowds.

<sup>20</sup> They all ate, and were filled, and they picked up that which was left over from the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

<sup>21</sup> There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children.

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat, and go ahead of him to the other side, until he could send the crowds away.

<sup>23</sup> After he sent the crowds away, he went up into the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.

<sup>24</sup> But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, beat by the waves because the wind was against them.

<sup>25</sup> About five in the morning he came to them, walking upon the sea.

<sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost;” and they cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take courage, it is I. Do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered, “Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you upon the water.”

<sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat, and walked upon the water to come to Jesus.

<sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid. Beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me.”

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

<sup>33</sup> They that were in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

<sup>34</sup> After they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

<sup>35</sup> When the men of that place recognized him, they sent all around that region, and brought to him all who were sick.

<sup>36</sup> They begged him that they might only touch the edge of his clothes, and as many as touched were healed.

## Matthew 15

<sup>1</sup> Then Pharisees and Scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying,

<sup>2</sup> “Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they do not wash their hands before they eat.”

<sup>3</sup> He answered them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?”

<sup>4</sup> For God said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and ‘He that speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.’

<sup>5</sup> But you say, ‘whoever will say to his father or his mother, “Whatever you might have profited from me is given to God,”

<sup>6</sup> he does not need to honor his father.’ You have voided the word of God because of your tradition.

<sup>7</sup> You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

<sup>8</sup> ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

<sup>9</sup> In vain do they worship me, teaching the rules of men as if they were divine commands.’”

<sup>10</sup> He called the crowd to him, and said to them, “Hear, and understand:

<sup>11</sup> whatever enters into the mouth does not defile anyone, but that which comes out of the mouth, this is what defiles a person.

<sup>12</sup> Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended, when they heard this saying?”

<sup>13</sup> But he answered, “Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted, will be rooted up.

<sup>14</sup> Let them alone! They are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

<sup>15</sup> Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.”

<sup>16</sup> He said, “Do you still not understand?”

<sup>17</sup> Do you not see, that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the belly, and is flushed out into the sewer?

<sup>18</sup> But the things which come out of the mouth come from the heart, and they are what defile a person.

<sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, immorality, theft, lying, and slander.

<sup>20</sup> These are the things that defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus left and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon.

<sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman came from that region, and cried, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, son of David! My daughter is being tormented by a demon.”

<sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her even a word. His disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out to us.”

<sup>24</sup> But he answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

<sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

<sup>26</sup> He answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.”

<sup>27</sup> But she said, “Yes, Lord but even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, your faith is great! Let what you want, be done for you.” And her daughter was healed that same hour.

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus left and went beside the sea of Galilee. Afterwards he went up into the mountain, and sat there.

<sup>30</sup> Large crowds came to him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, crippled, and many others, and they laid them down at his feet, and he healed them.

<sup>31</sup> As a result the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled whole, and lame walking, and the blind seeing, and they praised the God of Israel.

<sup>32</sup> Jesus called his disciples to him, and said, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me for three days now and have had nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away fasting, lest they faint on the way.”

<sup>33</sup> The disciples said to him, “Where can we get so many loaves in this desolate place to feed such a large crowd?”

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

<sup>35</sup> He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground.

<sup>36</sup> He took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks, he broke, and gave to the disciples, and they distributed it to the crowds.

<sup>37</sup> They all ate, and were filled. The disciples picked up that which was left over of the broken pieces. It was seven baskets full.

<sup>38</sup> There were four thousand men who ate, besides women and children.

<sup>39</sup> After sending the crowd away, he got into the boat, and came into the region of Magadan.

## Matthew 16

<sup>1</sup> The Pharisees and Sadducees came to test him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven.

<sup>2</sup> But he answered them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’

<sup>3</sup> and in the morning, ‘It will be bad weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ You know how to interpret the face of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

<sup>4</sup> An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given to it, except the sign of Jonah.” He left them, and went away.

<sup>5</sup> When the disciples came to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

<sup>6</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Pay attention and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

<sup>7</sup> They thought among themselves, saying, “It is because we did not bring bread.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus perceiving it said, “O you of little faith, why argue among yourselves, because you do not have bread?”

<sup>9</sup> Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you picked up?

<sup>10</sup> Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you picked up?

<sup>11</sup> How is it that you do not understand that I was not speaking to you about bread but to beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees?”

<sup>12</sup> Then they understood that he was warning them to beware not the yeast of bread, but the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They said, “Some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>18</sup> I also tell you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you will bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you will loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he ordered the disciples that they should not tell anyone that he was the Christ.

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples, that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and Scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.

<sup>22</sup> Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, “No way, Lord! This will never happen to you.”

<sup>23</sup> But he turned, and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are a stumbling-block to me, because you are not thinking about the things of God, but the things of men.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to join me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

<sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>26</sup> For what will a man profit if he gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? Or what will a man give in exchange for his life?

<sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then will he repay to every one according to his deeds.

<sup>28</sup> Truly I say to you, there are some who are standing here, who will in no wise taste of death, until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

## Matthew 17

<sup>1</sup> After six days, Jesus took Peter, James, and John, James' brother, with him, and led them up onto a high mountain to be by themselves.

<sup>2</sup> He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as the light.

<sup>3</sup> Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared before them talking with him.

<sup>4</sup> Then Peter answered, and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice out of the cloud, said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces, and were terrified.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus came and touched them and said, "Get up and do not be afraid.

<sup>8</sup> After looking up, they saw no one, except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Do not tell this vision to anyone, until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

<sup>10</sup> His disciples asked him, "Why then do the experts in the law say that Elijah must come first?"

<sup>11</sup> He responded, "Elijah indeed is coming, and will restore all things.

<sup>12</sup> But I say to you, that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they wanted. Even so will the Son of Man suffer at their hands."

<sup>13</sup> Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

<sup>14</sup> When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, kneeling before him, saying,

<sup>15</sup> "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is epileptic, and suffers terribly. Often he falls into the fire, and into the water.

<sup>16</sup> I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him."

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus replied, “O faithless and corrupt generation! How long will I be with you? How long do I have to put up with you? Bring him here to me.”

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus rebuked the demon and he went out of him, and the boy was cured from that hour.

<sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

<sup>20</sup> He said to them, “Because of your little faith. Truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move to another place;’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

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<sup>22</sup> As they gathered in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of men.

<sup>23</sup> They will kill him, and the third day he will be raised up.” And they were greatly troubled.

<sup>24</sup> When they came to Capernaum, the temple-tax collector came to Peter, and said, “Does your teacher not pay the half-shekel tax?”

<sup>25</sup> He said, “Yes.” When he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon, the kings of the earth, from whom do they collect taxes, from their sons or from strangers?”

<sup>26</sup> Then he said, “From strangers.” Jesus said to him, “Therefore the sons are free.

<sup>27</sup> But, so we do not cause them to stumble, go to the sea, and cast in a hook. Take up the first fish you catch. When you have opened its mouth, you will find a shekel. Take it, and give it to them for you and me.”

## Matthew 18

<sup>1</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

<sup>2</sup> And he called a little child to him, and set him in the midst of them,

<sup>3</sup> and said, “Truly I say to you, ‘Except you change, and become as little children, you will in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Whoever will humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup> Whoever will receive one such little child in my name receives me.

<sup>6</sup> But whoever will cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is better for him that a great millstone be hung around his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of occasions of stumbling! For it is unavoidable. But woe to that one through whom it comes!

<sup>8</sup> If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off, and throw it away. It is better for you to enter into life maimed or crippled, rather than having two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.

<sup>9</sup> If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it away. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be thrown into the fire of hell.

<sup>10</sup> See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.

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<sup>12</sup> What do you think? If any one has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety and nine, and go to the mountains, and seek the one which has gone astray?

<sup>13</sup> If he happens to find it, truly I say to you, he rejoices more over that one than over the ninety and nine which did not go astray.

<sup>14</sup> Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup> If your brother sin against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

<sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

<sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen to the church also, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that you will ask for, it will be done by my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him, seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, seven times; but, seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore is the kingdom of heaven like a certain king, who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

<sup>24</sup> And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought to him, that owed him ten thousand talents.

<sup>25</sup> But as he did not have enough to pay, his lord commanded him, his wife, and children, and all that he had to be sold, and payment to be made.

<sup>26</sup> The servant therefore fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’

<sup>27</sup> The lord of that servant, moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

<sup>28</sup> But that servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, who owed him a hundred denarii. He then grabbed him, and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me everything you owe.'

<sup>29</sup> So his fellow-servant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

<sup>30</sup> But he would not, but went and threw him into prison, till he could pay that which was due.

<sup>31</sup> When his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very disturbed, and came and told their lord all that happened.

<sup>32</sup> Then his lord called him and said to him, 'You wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt, because you begged me.'

<sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on you fellow-servant also, even as I had mercy on you?

<sup>34</sup> And his lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors, until he paid all that was due.

<sup>35</sup> So also will my heavenly Father do to you, if you do not forgive every one his brother from your hearts."

## Matthew 19

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus finished these things, he left Galilee, and went to the territory of Judaea on the other side of the Jordan.

<sup>2</sup> Great crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

<sup>3</sup> Then the Pharisees came to him, testing him saying, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason whatsoever?”

<sup>4</sup> He answered and said, “Have you not read, that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female,

<sup>5</sup> and said, ‘For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?’

<sup>6</sup> So then they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no one split apart.”

<sup>7</sup> They said to him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to send her away?”

<sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your heart, allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not like that.

<sup>9</sup> I say to you, whoever will send away his wife, except for immorality, and will marry another, commits adultery, and whoever marries her when she is divorced commits adultery.”

<sup>10</sup> The disciples said to him, “If this is the case between a man and his wife, it is better not to marry.”

<sup>11</sup> He said to them, “Not all men can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given.

<sup>12</sup> For there are eunuchs, who were born that way from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs, that were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs, that made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.”

<sup>13</sup> Then some little children were brought to him, so that he might lay his hands on them, and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.

<sup>14</sup> Jesus said, "Allow the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

<sup>15</sup> And he laid his hands on them, and then went on from there.

<sup>16</sup> Suddenly, one came to him and said, "Teacher, what good thing should I do, that I may have eternal life?"

<sup>17</sup> He said to him, "Why do you ask me concerning that which is good? There is only one who is good, but if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

<sup>18</sup> He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,

<sup>19</sup> Honor your father and mother; and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>20</sup> The young man said to him, "All these things have I kept, what do I still lack?"

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me."

<sup>22</sup> But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful; because he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>24</sup> Again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

<sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard it, they were astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus looking at them said to them, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

<sup>27</sup> Then Peter responded and said to him, "But we have left all, and followed you; what then will we get?"

<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed me, in the renewal of all things when the Son of Man will sit on the throne of his glory, you also will sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>29</sup> And every one who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundred times as much, and will inherit eternal life.

<sup>30</sup> But many will be last that are first; and first that are last.

## Matthew 20

<sup>1</sup> For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

<sup>2</sup> When he had agreed with the laborers for a normal day's wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> About 9 o'clock he went out, and saw others standing around idle in the marketplace.

<sup>4</sup> He said to them, "Go also into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will pay you." So they went to work.

<sup>5</sup> Again he went out about noon and the three o'clock, and did the same.

<sup>6</sup> And about the five o'clock he went out, and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing around here all the day idle?"

<sup>7</sup> They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "Go also into the vineyard."

<sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the laborers, and pay them their wages, beginning from the last to the first."

<sup>9</sup> When they came who were hired at five o'clock, they received every one a full day's wage.

<sup>10</sup> When the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but they likewise received every one a full days wage.

<sup>11</sup> When they received it, they complained against the landowner,

<sup>12</sup> saying, "These who were hired last have spent only one hour, and you paid them the same as us, who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

<sup>13</sup> But he answered and said to one of them, "Friend, I did you no wrong, did not you agree with me to work for a normal days wage?"

<sup>14</sup> Take that which is yours, and go your way, I want to give to the one hired last, the same as you.

<sup>15</sup> Do I not have the right to do what I want to with my money? Or is your eye jealous, because I am generous?

<sup>16</sup> So the last shall be first, and the first last.”

<sup>17</sup> And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them,

<sup>18</sup> “Pay attention, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes; and they will condemn him to death,

<sup>19</sup> and will deliver him up to the Gentiles to mock, to scourge, and to crucify him, and the third day he will be raised up.”

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons came to him, kneeling before him, and asked for a favor from him.

<sup>21</sup> And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Command that my two sons may sit, one on your right hand, and one on your left hand, in your kingdom.”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They say to him, “We are able.”

<sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Indeed you will drink my cup, but to sit on my right, and on left hand, is not mine to give, but it is for them for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”

<sup>24</sup> And when the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.

<sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to him, and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over their subjects, and their officials exercise authority over them.

<sup>26</sup> It should not be like that among you, but whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

<sup>27</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be your servant.

<sup>28</sup> Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

<sup>29</sup> And as they went out from Jericho, a great crowd followed him.

<sup>30</sup> Two blind men sitting by the side of the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Lord, son of David, have mercy on us.”

<sup>31</sup> The crowd rebuked them, ordering them to shut up: but they cried out all the more, saying, “Lord, son of David, have mercy on us.”

<sup>32</sup> Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, “What do you want me to do for you?”

<sup>33</sup> They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.”

<sup>34</sup> And Jesus, moved with compassion, touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight, and followed him.

## Matthew 21

<sup>1</sup> When they drew near to Jerusalem, they approached Bethphage, on the mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

<sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village that is over there, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them, and bring them to me.

<sup>3</sup> If any one says anything to you, you will say, ‘The Lord has need of them;’ and immediately he will send them.”

<sup>4</sup> Now this came to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Look, your King comes to you, meek, and riding upon a donkey, and upon a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

<sup>6</sup> And the disciples went, and did just as Jesus directed them to.

<sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey, and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat on it.

<sup>8</sup> Then much of the crowd spread their cloaks on road, and others cut down branches from the trees, and spread them in the way.

<sup>9</sup> The crowds that went before and after him, cried, saying, “Hosanna to the son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!”

<sup>10</sup> When he came into Jerusalem, all the city was in an uproar, saying, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered into the temple of God, and threw out all that bought and sold in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of those who sold the doves.

<sup>13</sup> He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer: but you have made it a den of robbers.’”

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

<sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children who were shouting in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the son of David!” they got angry.

<sup>16</sup> They said to him, “Do you not hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes, have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings you have perfected praise?’”

<sup>17</sup> He left them, and went out of the city to Bethany, and stayed there.

<sup>18</sup> Now in the morning as he returned to the city, he was hungry.

<sup>19</sup> Seeing a fig tree by the road side, he came to it, and found nothing on it, but only leaves. He said to it, “Let there be no fruit from you for ever.” And immediately the fig tree withered away.

<sup>20</sup> When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, “How did the fig tree immediately wither away?”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith, and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will be done.

<sup>22</sup> All things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

<sup>23</sup> When he came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority do you do these things? and who gave you this authority?”

<sup>24</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question, which, if you answer me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, where was it from? Was it from heaven or from men?” And they reasoned with themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven;’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’

<sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘From men;’ we fear the crowds; because everyone held that John was a prophet.”

<sup>27</sup> They answered Jesus, and said, “We do not know.” He then said to them, “Neither will I tell by what authority I do these things.

<sup>28</sup> But what do you think? A man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, ‘Son, go work today in the vineyard.’

<sup>29</sup> And he answered and said, ‘I will not:’ but afterwards he changed his mind, and went.

<sup>30</sup> He came to the second son, and said the same thing. And he answered and said, ‘I will go, sir.’ and then did not go.

<sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They say, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that the tax-collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

<sup>32</sup> 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, when you saw it, did not even repent afterwards, that you might believe him.

<sup>33</sup> Listen to another parable: There was a man that was a landowner, who planted a vineyard, set a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower, and then rented it out to tenants, and went into another country.

<sup>34</sup> When the harvest drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to receive his rent.

<sup>35</sup> The tenants took his servants, beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

<sup>36</sup> Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did the same thing to them.

<sup>37</sup> But afterwards he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

<sup>38</sup> But the tenants, when they saw the son, said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and take his inheritance.’

<sup>39</sup> They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> When therefore the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

<sup>41</sup> They said to him, “He will utterly destroy those miserable men, and will rent out the vineyard to other tenants, who will pay him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures, ‘The same stone which the builders rejected was made the head cornerstone. This was from the Lord, and it is amazing in our eyes?’

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

<sup>44</sup> He that falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but whoever it will fall on, it will crush him to dust.”

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he had spoken against them.

<sup>46</sup> When they tried to lay hold on him, they feared the crowds, because they thought he was a prophet.

## Matthew 22

<sup>1</sup> Jesus answered and spoke again in parables to them, saying,

<sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who gave a wedding feast for his son,

<sup>3</sup> and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, and they would not come.

<sup>4</sup> Again he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “Look, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened calves are killed, and everything is ready, come to the marriage feast.”’

<sup>5</sup> But they ignored it, and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business,

<sup>6</sup> and the rest took hold of his servants, and treated them shamefully, and killed them.

<sup>7</sup> The king was angry. He sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned their town down.

<sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

<sup>9</sup> Go therefore to the street corners, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding feast.’

<sup>10</sup> Those servants went out into the streets, and gathered together everyone they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> But when the king came in to greet the guests, he saw a man who did not have a wedding-garment.

<sup>12</sup> He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wearing a wedding-garment?’ And he was speechless.

<sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him out into the outer darkness, there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few chosen.”

- <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went, and plotted how they might trap him in his talk.
- <sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples with the Herodians, to him, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God in truth, and do not play favorites, for you are not impressed by a person’s status.
- <sup>17</sup> Tell us therefore, what do you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”
- <sup>18</sup> But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why do you test me, you hypocrites?
- <sup>19</sup> Show me the tax money.” They brought him a denarius.
- <sup>20</sup> He said to them, “Whose picture and inscription is this?”
- <sup>21</sup> They said to him, “Caesar's.” Then he said he to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.”
- <sup>22</sup> And when they heard it, they marvelled, and left him, and went away.
- <sup>23</sup> On that day the Sadducees came to him, those who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him,
- <sup>24</sup> saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man die, having no children, his brother should marry his wife, and raise up seed to his brother.’
- <sup>25</sup> Now there were with us seven brothers, and the first married and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother.
- <sup>26</sup> Similarly the second also, and the third, to the seventh.
- <sup>27</sup> Last of all, the woman died.
- <sup>28</sup> In the resurrection therefore whose wife of the seven will she be, for they all were married to her?”
- <sup>29</sup> But Jesus answered and said to them, “You err, not knowing the scriptures, or the power of God.
- <sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection people will not marry, or be given in marriage, but will be like the angels in heaven.

<sup>31</sup> But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying,

<sup>32</sup> ‘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.”

<sup>33</sup> And when the multitudes heard it, they were amazed at his teaching.

<sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered themselves together.

<sup>35</sup> One of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, testing him.

<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

<sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’”

<sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment.

<sup>39</sup> And the second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments the whole law and prophets hang.”

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,

<sup>42</sup> saying, “What do you think of the Christ, whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.”

<sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup> ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit on my right hand, until I put your enemies underneath your feet?’”

<sup>45</sup> If David called him Lord, then how is he his son?”

<sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer him anything, neither did any one from that day on ask him any more questions.

## Chapter 23

- <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and his disciples,
- <sup>2</sup> saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses seat.
- <sup>3</sup> Observe and do everything they tell you, but do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.
- <sup>4</sup> Yes, they bind heavy burdens, hard to carry, and load them on men's shoulders, but they themselves will not lift a finger to move them.
- <sup>5</sup> But they do all their works for show. They make their phylacteries wide, and the religious tassels of their garments long,
- <sup>6</sup> and love the chief place at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
- <sup>7</sup> and savor the salutations in the marketplaces, to be called, ‘Rabbi.’
- <sup>8</sup> But do not be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.
- <sup>9</sup> And do not call any man ‘father’ on the earth, for one is your Father, even he who is in heaven.
- <sup>10</sup> Do not be called ‘Teacher,’ for you have one teacher, even the Christ.
- <sup>11</sup> But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- <sup>12</sup> Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
- <sup>13</sup> But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock up the kingdom of heaven. You do not enter yourselves, then you stop those who are trying to enter.
- <sup>14</sup>
- <sup>15</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel over land and sea to make one convert, and once he is converted, you make him twice the son of hell that you are.
- <sup>16</sup> Woe to you, blind guides, that say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor.’

<sup>17</sup> You fools and blind, for which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold?

<sup>18</sup> You say, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gift that is upon it, he is a debtor.’

<sup>19</sup> How blind! Which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

<sup>20</sup> He therefore who swears by the altar, swears by it, and by all things on it.

<sup>21</sup> And he who swears by the temple, swears by it, and by him who dwells in it.

<sup>22</sup> He who swears by the heaven, swears by the throne of God, and by him who sits on it.

<sup>23</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, anise and cummin, and have ignored the more important matters of the law, justice, mercy, and faith. But these you ought to have done, and not to have neglected the other.

<sup>24</sup> You blind guides, who strain out a gnat, and then swallow the camel!

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and plate, but the inside is full from greed and self-indulgence.

<sup>26</sup> You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and plate, that the outside may become clean also.

<sup>27</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like white sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and all uncleanness.

<sup>28</sup> Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

<sup>29</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the sepulchres of the prophets, and garnish the tombs of the righteous,

<sup>30</sup> and say, ‘If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have participated with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.

<sup>31</sup> So you witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who slew the prophets.

<sup>32</sup> Alright, then fill up the sinful measure of your fathers.

<sup>33</sup> You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how will you escape the judgment of hell?

<sup>34</sup> Therefore, look, I am sending to you prophets, wise men, and scribes, some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will beat in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city.

<sup>35</sup> So all the righteous blood shed on the earth will come on you, from the blood of Abel the righteous to the blood of Zachariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

<sup>36</sup> Truly I say to you, all these things will come on this generation.

<sup>37</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kills the prophets, and stones the ones who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would not!

<sup>38</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate.

<sup>39</sup> For I say to you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

## Matthew 24

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus was leaving the temple, and going on his way, his disciples came to him to point out the buildings of the temple.

<sup>2</sup> But he answered and said to them, “You see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone will be left upon another, every one will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup> As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen? and what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “Take heed that no one lead you astray.

<sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ’; and will lead many astray.

<sup>6</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, see that you are not troubled: for these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

<sup>7</sup> For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in many places.

<sup>8</sup> But all these things are the beginning of birth pains.

<sup>9</sup> Then they will deliver you up to persecution, and will kill you, and you will be hated of all the nations for my name's sake.

<sup>10</sup> And then many will stumble, and will deliver up one another, and will hate one another.

<sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will arise, and will lead many astray.

<sup>12</sup> And because of the multiplying of sin, the love of the many will grow cold.

<sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations; and then will the end come.

<sup>15</sup> When therefore you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that reads understand),

<sup>16</sup> then let those who are in Judaea flee to the mountains.

<sup>17</sup> Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take out things that are in his house.

<sup>18</sup> Let the one who that is in the field not go back to pick up his coat.

<sup>19</sup> But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who nurse infants in those days!

<sup>20</sup> Pray that your escape is not in the winter, or on a Sabbath.

<sup>21</sup> Then there will be great tribulation, such as has never been since the beginning of the world until now, no, or ever will be.

<sup>22</sup> Except those days were shortened, no one would survive; but for the sake of the chosen those days will be shortened.

<sup>23</sup> Then if any one says to you, 'Look, Christ is here or there,' do not believe it.

<sup>24</sup> For there will arise false Christs, and false prophets, and will perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.

<sup>25</sup> Pay attention, I have told you these things a head of time.

<sup>26</sup> If, therefore, they say to you, 'Behold, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or 'Look, he is in the inner chambers,' do not believe it.

<sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east, and is seen even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

<sup>28</sup> Wherever the carcass is, there will the vultures be gathered.

<sup>29</sup> But immediately after the tribulation of those days the 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.

<sup>30</sup> Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

<sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

<sup>32</sup> Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near.

<sup>33</sup> Even so when you see all these things, know that he is near, even at the doors.

<sup>34</sup> Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away, until all these things are accomplished.

<sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>36</sup> But the exact day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

<sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be when the Son of Man comes.

<sup>38</sup> For in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

<sup>39</sup> and they did not know until the flood came, and took them all away. So will it be when the Son of Man comes.

<sup>40</sup> Two men will be in a field, one will be taken, and the other left behind.

<sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill, one will be taken, and the other left behind.

<sup>42</sup> Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes.

<sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the owner of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have permitted his house to be broken into.

<sup>44</sup> Therefore be ready, for in an hour that you do not expect the Son of Man comes.

<sup>45</sup> Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has set over his household, to give his servants their food at the right time?

<sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant, whom his lord will find so doing when he returns.

<sup>47</sup> Truly I say to you, he will set him over all that he has.

<sup>48</sup> But if that evil servant will say in his heart, 'My lord will not be back for a while,'

<sup>49</sup> and will begin to beat his fellow-servants, and will eat and drink with the drunkards,

<sup>50</sup> the lord of that servant will come in a day when he does not expect him, and in an hour when he does not anticipate it.

<sup>51</sup> He will cut him in two, and give him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

## Matthew 25

<sup>1</sup> The kingdom of heaven is like ten bridesmaids, who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

<sup>3</sup> The foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them.

<sup>4</sup> but the wise took oil in their flasks with their lamps.

<sup>5</sup> Now while the bridegroom delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, "Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

<sup>7</sup> Then all the bridesmaids got up, and trimmed their lamps.

<sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

<sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, "What if there is not be enough for both of us, go to the store and buy your own."

<sup>10</sup> While they went away to buy some, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> Afterward the other bridesmaids came, saying, "Lord, Lord, open up for us."

<sup>12</sup> But he answered and said, "Truly I say to you, I do not know you".

<sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you do not know the day or the hour.

<sup>14</sup> For the kingdom is like a man who was going into another country, called his servants, and delivered to them his goods.

<sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents of money, to another two, to another one; to each according to his ability, and then he went on his journey.

<sup>16</sup> Immediately, the one who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made five more talents.

<sup>17</sup> In like manner the one who received two gained two more.

<sup>18</sup> But the one who received the one went away and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

<sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the lord of those servants returned, and settled accounts with them.

<sup>20</sup> The one who received the five talents came and brought five more talents, saying, 'Lord, you gave me five talents. Look, I have gained five more talents.'

<sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

<sup>22</sup> The one who received the two talents came and said, 'Lord, you gave me two talents. Look, I have gained two more talents.'

<sup>23</sup> His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

<sup>24</sup> The one who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter.'

<sup>25</sup> I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. Look, you have back what is yours.'

<sup>26</sup> But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and slothful servant, you knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter,

<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with bankers, and at my coming I should have received it back with interest.'

<sup>28</sup> Take away therefore the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents.'

<sup>29</sup> For to every one who has, it will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who has not, even that which he has will be taken away.'

<sup>30</sup> Throw out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness, there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.'

<sup>31</sup> 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.

<sup>32</sup> Before him all the nations will be gathered; and he will separate out one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

<sup>33</sup> He will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

<sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in,

<sup>36</sup> naked, and you clothed me. I was sick, and you visited me, I was in prison, and you came to me.'

<sup>37</sup> Then will the righteous answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and fed you? or thirsty, and gave you a drink?

<sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger, and took you in? or naked, and clothed you?

<sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison, and visit you?

<sup>40</sup> The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.

<sup>41</sup> Then will he say to those on his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

<sup>42</sup> For I was hungry, and you did not give me anything to eat, I was thirsty, and you did not give me a drink.

<sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and you did not take me in, naked, and you did not clothe me, sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.'

<sup>44</sup> Then will they answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not care for you?'

<sup>45</sup> Then will he answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

<sup>46</sup> These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

## Matthew 26

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,

<sup>2</sup> “You know that the Passover is in two days, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests, and the elders of the people were gathered together, at the court of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas.

<sup>4</sup> They conspired together so that they might arrest Jesus secretly, and kill him.

<sup>5</sup> But they said, “Not during the feast, or the people may riot.”

<sup>6</sup> Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

<sup>7</sup> a woman came to him who had an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, and she poured it on his head as he sat at dinner.

<sup>8</sup> But when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?

<sup>9</sup> This perfume might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.”

<sup>10</sup> But Jesus perceiving it said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? for she has done a good thing to me.

<sup>11</sup> For the poor are always with you, but me you do not always have.

<sup>12</sup> For when she poured this perfume upon my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

<sup>13</sup> Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this which this woman has done will be spoken of as a memorial to her.”

<sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests,

<sup>15</sup> and said, “What are you willing to give me, and I will deliver him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver.

<sup>16</sup> From that time he sought opportunity to hand him over to them.

<sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>18</sup> He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher said, My time is at hand; I will celebrate the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

<sup>19</sup> The disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When evening had come, he was sitting eating dinner with the twelve disciples.

<sup>21</sup> As they were eating, he said, "Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me."

<sup>22</sup> They were very distressed, and each of them began to say to him, "Is it I, Lord?"

<sup>23</sup> He said, "The one who dips his hand with me in the dish, will betray me."

<sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes, even as it is written of him, but woe to the one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

<sup>25</sup> Judas, who betrayed him, asked, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You said it."

<sup>26</sup> As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed, and broke it. He gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

<sup>27</sup> He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "All of you drink from it;

<sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>29</sup> But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will abandon in me this night; for it is written, I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

<sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee."

<sup>33</sup> But Peter answered and said to him, "Though everyone desert you, I will never be desert you."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you, this night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

<sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” So said all the disciples.

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”

<sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him, and began to be sorrowful and deeply troubled.

<sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “My soul is grief stricken, even to the point of death. Stay here, and watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup> He went forward a little, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless, not what I want, but what you want.”

<sup>40</sup> He came to the disciples, and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What, could you not watch with me for one hour?”

<sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>42</sup> Again, a second time he went away, and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away, except I drink it, your will be done.”

<sup>43</sup> He came again and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.

<sup>44</sup> He left them, and went away, and prayed a third time, saying again the same words.

<sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples, and said to them, “Sleep on and take your rest. Look, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

<sup>46</sup> Get up, let us be going. The one betraying me is at hand.

<sup>47</sup> While he was speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priest and elders of the people.

<sup>48</sup> Now the one who betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, “Whoever I will kiss, he is the one, arrest him.”

<sup>49</sup> He came directly to Jesus, and said, “Greetings, Rabbi;” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came for. Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and arrested him.

<sup>51</sup> Then one of them who was with Jesus reached out his hand, drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, for all who use the sword will die by the sword.

<sup>53</sup> Do you not think that I cannot ask my Father, and he will even now send me more than twelve legions of angels?”

<sup>54</sup> How then would the scriptures be fulfilled that it must happen like this?

<sup>55</sup> In that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out against me as a robber with swords and clubs to seize me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.

<sup>56</sup> But all this is happening so that the prophetic scriptures might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him, and fled.

<sup>57</sup> Those who took Jesus led him away to the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

<sup>58</sup> But Peter followed him at a distance to the court of the high priest. He entered in, and sat with the officers, to see how it would end up.

<sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council sought for a false witness against Jesus, so they might put him to death.

<sup>60</sup> They found none, though many false witnesses came forward. But afterward two came,

<sup>61</sup> and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.’”

<sup>62</sup> The high priest stood up, and said to him, “Do you not answer anything? What is it which these testify against you?”

<sup>63</sup> But Jesus held his peace. The high priest said to him, “I command you by the living God, tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

<sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have said it. Nevertheless I say to you, in the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy: what further need do we have for witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.

<sup>66</sup> What do you think?” They answered, “He is worthy of death.”

<sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and beat him, and some slapped him with the palms of their hands,

<sup>68</sup> saying, “Prophecy to us, you ‘Christ,’ who hit you?”

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the court. A servant-girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus the Galilaean.”

<sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.”

<sup>71</sup> When he had gone out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and said to those who were there, “This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>72</sup> And again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the man.”

<sup>73</sup> After a little while those who were standing by said to Peter, “Surely you are also one of them for your accent gives you away.”

<sup>74</sup> Then he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know the man.” Immediately the cock crew.

<sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said, “Before the cock crew, you will deny me three times.” And he went out, and wept bitterly.

## Matthew 27

<sup>1</sup> When morning arrived, all the chief priests and the elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put him to death.

<sup>2</sup> They bound him, led him away, and delivered him over to Pilate, the governor.

<sup>3</sup> Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

<sup>4</sup> saying, "I have sinned for I betrayed innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem."

<sup>5</sup> He threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary, and left. Then he went out and hanged himself.

<sup>6</sup> The chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.

<sup>7</sup> They discussed it, and bought the potter's field with it, to bury strangers in.

<sup>8</sup> That is why that field was called, "The field of blood," unto this day.

<sup>9</sup> Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price was set by the children of Israel.

<sup>10</sup> and they used it to buy the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me."

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor. The governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "You said it."

<sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

<sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they are making against you?"

<sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even one word, so that the governor was astonished.

<sup>15</sup> Now at the feast it was the governor's custom to release to the crowd one prisoner, whom they picked.

<sup>16</sup> They had a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

<sup>17</sup> When they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Who do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”

<sup>18</sup> For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

<sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.”

<sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

<sup>21</sup> But the governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” They said, “Barabbas.”

<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “What then should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified.”

<sup>23</sup> He said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they cried out all the more, “Let him be crucified.”

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather the uproar increased, he took water, and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man. It’s your responsibility.”

<sup>25</sup> All the people answered and said, “His blood be on us, and on our children.”

<sup>26</sup> Then he released to them Barabbas, but he scourged Jesus and delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium, and gathered the whole band around him.

<sup>28</sup> They stripped him, and put a scarlet robe on him.

<sup>29</sup> And they twisted together a crown of thorns and pushed it upon his head. They put a staff in his right hand; and they kneeled down before him, and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

<sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and hit him on the head.

<sup>31</sup> When they had mocked him, they took the robe off him, and put on him his own clothes, and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they came out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon! They compelled him to go with them, so that he might carry his cross.

<sup>33</sup> They came to the place called Golgotha, meaning, “The place of a skull.”

<sup>34</sup> They gave him wine to drink mingled with bitter gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink.

<sup>35</sup> When they had crucified him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots.

<sup>36</sup> They sat and kept guard over him there.

<sup>37</sup> They set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>38</sup> Two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right hand and one on the left.

<sup>39</sup> They that passed by shouted abusively at him, wagging their heads,

<sup>40</sup> and saying, “You claimed to destroy the temple, and build it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

<sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

<sup>42</sup> “He saved others, but he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel? Let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe on him.”

<sup>43</sup> He trusted in God, let him deliver him now, if he wants him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God’.”

<sup>44</sup> The robbers also that were crucified with him ridiculed him the same way.

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three there was darkness over all the land.

<sup>46</sup> About the three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

<sup>47</sup> Some of them standing there, when they heard it, said, “This man calls for Elijah.”

<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

<sup>49</sup> The rest said, "Let him alone. Let's see whether Elijah will come to save him."

<sup>50</sup> Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> At that moment, the veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom, the earth quaked; and the rocks split apart,

<sup>52</sup> and the tombs were opened. Many bodies of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised.

<sup>53</sup> After his resurrection, they came out of the tombs, entered into the holy city and appeared to many.

<sup>54</sup> Now the centurion, and they that were with him guarding Jesus, when they saw the earthquake, and the things that happened, were terrified, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God."

<sup>55</sup> Many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee, caring for him, were there watching from a distance.

<sup>56</sup> Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup> When evening came, there came a rich man from Arimathaea, named Joseph, who was also Jesus' disciple.

<sup>58</sup> This man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded it to be given up.

<sup>59</sup> Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

<sup>60</sup> and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out of rock. Then he rolled a great stone over the door of the tomb, and left.

<sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting across from the sepulchre.

<sup>62</sup> Now on the next day, which is the day after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together before Pilate,

<sup>63</sup> saying, “Sir, we remember that that deceiver said while he was yet alive, ‘After three days I rise again’.

<sup>64</sup> Command therefore that the sepulcher be secured until the third day, otherwise his disciples may come and steal him away, and say to the people, ‘He is risen from the dead,’ and the last error will be worse than the first’.”

<sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you can.”

<sup>66</sup> So they went, and made the sepulcher secure, sealing the stone, and put a guard there too.

## Matthew 28

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath day, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to visit the sepulcher.

<sup>2</sup> Suddenly, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it.

<sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

<sup>4</sup> The guards shook, and became like dead men for fear of him.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are seeking Jesus, who was crucified.

<sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he is risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

<sup>7</sup> Go quickly, and tell his disciples. He is risen from the dead. He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him: yes, I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> They quickly left the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word.

<sup>9</sup> Suddenly, Jesus met them, saying, "Greetings." They came and took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Fear not! Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and they will see me there.

<sup>11</sup> Now while they were going, some of the guards went into the city, and told the chief priests all the things that had happened.

<sup>12</sup> After they were assembled with the elders, and had concocted a scheme, they gave a bribe to the soldiers,

<sup>13</sup> saying, "Say, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept."

<sup>14</sup> If this comes to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and keep you out of trouble.

<sup>15</sup> So they took the money, and did as they were instructed. This rumor was spread around among the Jews, and continues until this day.

<sup>16</sup> But the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain that Jesus had directed them to.

<sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted.

<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.

<sup>19</sup> Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Surely, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.