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THE FOUR GOSPELS

The Latin word commonly used for Gospel is evangelium, a term derived from the Greek. In the New Testament it means the glad news of salvation, first brought to earth by the Son of God, and afterwards delivered by word of mouth to the world by the Apostles. About the end of the first century or the beginning of the second, this word was applied to the book containing this glad news, and their authors were called "evangelists." The English word to express this Latin evangelium is "Gospel," from the Anglo-Saxon gode-spel, an abbreviated form of good-spell, i.e., "good tidings.

Though many non-inspired, or apocryphal, gospels eventually made their appearance from the earliest period of ecclesiastical history, only four Gospels were recognized as inspired and canonical. They contain the Gospel in four forms, or as the oldest titles express it, the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. St. Irenaeus, writing during the latter half of the second century, points out that our four Gospels were the only recognized ones: "It is not possible that the Gospels can be either more or fewer in number than they are." Origens tersely sums up the teaching of the Church for the first half of the third century when he says, "The Church has four Gospels, heretics have many more."

The four evangelists and their Gospels were believed to have been prepared by the four living creatures mentioned in the vision of Ezekiel (1, 10). Explanations varied, but the opinion of St. Jerome is now the prevailing one. St. Matthew is symbolized by the "man," because he commences his Gospel with Christ's earthly ancestry and stress His human and kingly character. St. Mark is represented by the "lion," because he starts his Gospel with St. John the Baptist, "the voice of one crying in the desert," and emphasizes the miraculous powers of the Savior. St. Luke is typified by the "ox," the animal of sacrifice, because he begins with the history of Zachary, the priest, offering sacrifice to God, and announces the universal knowledge of the birth of Christ. St. John is expressed by the "eagle," because of the very beginning of his Gospel he soars above the things of the earth and time and dwells upon the divine origin and nature of Jesus.

The titles prefixed to the four Gospels, though not original, are of early date. The number of authors is mentioned in the latter part of the second century in the councils of Lyons, Rome, and Alexandria. This can reasonably conclude that they were added to the Gospels during the first half of the second century. These titles indicate the name of the evangelist and the authority by which they were written, according to the preaching, mind or authority of St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John.

Our present order of St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John is chronologically and sanctioned by tradition. The first three, though distinct in many ways, show a striking resemblance in content and form. They adopt a simple and convenient plan for the life of Jesus, the arrangement of which appears summarily in the preaching of St. Peter (Acts 10, 37-43): 1. His preparation for His ministry; 2. His preaching in Galilee; 3. His journey from Galilee to Jerusalem; 4. The last week in Jerusalem, together with His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Hence they are called the "Synoptics" and their writings the "Synoptic Gospels," because whenever they are placed in parallel columns or are otherwise compared, they give us a glance the same general view of our Lord's life. The fourth Gospel, on the contrary, written at the close of the first century, contains much new material, but in certain parts, either common or related to the Synoptic Gospels, St. John supplements them and thus prevents a false interpretation of their writings.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

St. Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles, is the author of the first Gospel. This has been the constant tradition of the Church and is confirmed by the Gospel itself. He was the son of Alphaeus and was called to be an Apostle while sitting in the tax-collector's place at Capernaum. Before his conversion he was a publican, i.e., a tax-collector by profession. He is to be identified with the "Lazar" of Mark and Luke. His apostolic activity was at first restricted to the communities of Palestine. Nothing definite is known about his latter life. There is a tradition that points to Ethiopia as his field of labor; other traditions make mention of Parthia and Persia. It is likewise uncertain whether he died a natural death or met with martyrdom. His feast is celebrated on September 21.

His Gospel was written to fill a sorely felt want for his fellow-countrymen, both believers and unbelievers. For the former it served as a token of his regard and as an assurance that he was coming to meet. For the latter it was designed to convince them that the Messiah had come in the Person of Jesus, our Lord, in whom all the promises of the messianic kingdom entering all people has been fulfilled in a spiritual rather than in a carnal way. "My kingdom is not of this world." His Gospel, then, answered the question put by the disciples of St. John the Baptist, "Art thou he that cometh? or shall we look for another?"

Writing for his countrymen of Palestine, St. Matthew composed his Gospel in his native Aramaic, the "Hebrew tongue" mentioned in the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Soon afterwards, about the time of the permission of Herod Agrippa I to travel, A.D. 42, he took his departure for other lands. Another tradition places the composition of his Gospel either between the time of this departure and the Council of Jerusalem, i.e., between 42 A.D. and 30 A.D., or even later. Definitely, however, the Gospel itself, defending the Holy City with all the name, temple, and laws existing, and without any reference to the fulfillment of our Lord's prophecy, shows that it was written before the destruction of the city by the Romans (70 A.D.), and this internal evidence confirms the early traditions.

The Gospel was soon translated into Greek—possibly during the lifetime of St. Matthew, or a little later, certainly before the close of the first century. The original has been lost in the course of time. The Greek text, however, is in substantial conformity with the original. St. Matthew's Gospel, then, was the only book of the New Testament written in a language other than the Greek common to the people of the Empire.
The Gospel According to St. Matthew

1. THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Chapter 1

Genealogy of Jesus. 1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham. 2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, Jacob begot Judah and his brethren. 3 Judah begot Phares and Zara of Thamar. Phares begot Esron. Esron begot Aram. 4 And Aram begot Aminadab. Aminadab begot Naasson, Naasson begot Salmon, 5 Salmon begot Boaz of Rahab. Boaz begot Obed of Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, Jesse begot David the king.


And after the carrying away to Babylon Jeconias begot Salathiel. Salathiel begot Zorobabel. 13 And Zorobabel begot Abud. Abud begot Eliachim. Eliachim begot Azor. 14 And Azor begot Sadoc. Sadoc begot Achim. Achim begot Elid. 15 And Elid begot Eleazar. Eleazar begot Mathan. Mathan begot Jacob. 16 And Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

The Gospel of Matthew begins with an account of Jesus' genealogy, tracing his lineage back to Abraham and David. This genealogy serves as a proof of Jesus' legitimacy as the Messiah, satisfying the expectations of Jewish law and prophecy. The genealogy is a complex web of names, spanning over a period of several centuries, culminating in Joseph, the husband of Mary, and the essays on Jesus' birth.

The Virgin Birth is the scene of Christ's birth, where we see Mary, a virgin, giving birth to Jesus. The narrative is filled with religious symbolism and divine interventions. The story of the shepherds, the magi, and the visit of the wise men to the newborn Jesus are all part of this section, providing a historical and religious context for the birth of Jesus.
The Temptation of Jesus

1. Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’"

2. Then the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them. "If you fall down and worship me," said the devil, "I will give you all their power." Jesus answered, "It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’"

3. Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and stood him on the temple mount, saying, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will give his angels charge of you, and they will bear you in their hands and set you down upon a stony place.’" Jesus said to him, "It is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’"

4. When the devil had finished all his testing of Jesus, he left him until an opportune time.

The Sermon on the Mount

5. Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them. "If you fall down and worship me," said the devil, "I will give you all their power." Jesus answered, "It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’"

6. The Beatitudes and seeing the crowds he went up the mountain. And when he was seated, his disciples came to him. And opening his mouth he taught them, saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are you when men reproach you because of me, and say all manner of evil against you for my sake.

7. Mission of Preaching and Miracles

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people. And his fame spread throughout all Syria. And they brought to him all the sick suffering from various diseases and torments, those possessed, and those unclean, and they were healed.

8. At the temple court: "A Hebrew word means ‘godly’ or ‘rightly’ interpreted by Gospel writers as ‘not guilty’ in the New Testament the name usually applied to guiltless.

9. To judgment: by the local court.

10. Sirac means ‘empty-headed.’"
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How to Pray

one of thy members, should perish than that thy whole body should be thrown into hell. 34 And if thy right hand is an occasion of sin to thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is better for thee that one of thy members should be lost than that thy whole body should go into hell.

22. Divorce, 31. 32. "Whoever puts away his wife, let him give her a written notice of dismissal." 33. If I say to you, "Thou shalt not swear falsely," do not let thy speech be, "Yes, yea; No, no; and whatever is beyond these comes from the evil one.

Concerning Oaths, 33. "Again, you have heard that it was said to the ancients, Thou shalt not swear falsely, but fulfill thy oaths to the Lord. 34 But I say to you, not to swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God; nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 35 Neither do therefore swear by thy head, for thou canst not make one head white or black. 36 But let your speech be, Yes, yea; No, no; and whatever is beyond these comes from the evil one.

The New Law of Toleration, 38. "You have heard that it was said, You are an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. 39 But I say to you, do not resist the evil doer; on the contrary, if some strike thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also, 40 and if anyone go to law with thee and take away thy cloak, let him have back thy coat also. 41 And whoever forces thee to go one mile, go with him two. 42 To him who asks of thee, give; and from him who would borrow of thee, do not turn away.

The Love of Enemies, 43. "You have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and shalt hate thy enemy. 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who persecute and calumniate you, 45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, who makes his sun to rise on the good and the evil, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. 46 For if you love those that love you, what reward shall you have? Do not even the publicans do that? 47 And if you salute your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Ge-

Vain Solicitude

12 And forgo our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.

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

For, if you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you your offenses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father forgive you your offenses.

Fasting, 16. "And when you fast do not look beautiful to men, but in secret, that your Father who sees in secret may reward you. 17 Pray, 5. "Again, when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites, who love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the street corners, in order that they may be seen by men. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. 18 But when you pray, go into your room, and when you have closed your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret, will reward you. 19 But when you pray, do not mutter words, as the Gentiles do; for they think that by saying a great deal, they will be heard. 20 For if you be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. Therefore if the light that is in thee is darkness, how great is the darkness itself!

21 The lamp of the body is the eye. 22 If therefore the light that is in thee is darkness, how great is the darkness itself!

Fasting, 16. "And when you fast do not look beautiful to men, but in secret, that your Father who sees in secret may reward you.

True Riches, 9. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where rust and moth consume, and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth consumes, nor thieves break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The lamp of the body is the eye. 23 If therefore the light that is in thee is darkness, how great is the darkness itself!

Fasting, 26. "Look at the birds of the air: they do not sow, or reap, or store up in barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? 27 But which of you by taking care can add anything to his stature? 28 And as for clothing, why are you anxious? Consider how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith!

Chapter 7.

Avoiding Judgments, 1. "Do not judge, and with what measure you judge, it shall be measured to you. 2 Why then do you see the beam in thy brother's eye, 3 and you do not consider the log in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, Let me cast out the speck from thy eye, and behold, in your own eye there is a beam? 5 Thou hast first cast out the beam from thy own eye, and then thou will see clearly to cast out the speck from thy brother's eye.

6 Do not give to dogs what is holy, neither cast your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet and turn and eat you.

Power of Prayer, 7. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there among you, who, if his son asks him for a loaf, will hand him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he hand him a serpent? 11 Therefore, if you, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him?

The Golden Rule, 12. "Therefore all that you wish men to do to you, even so do also to them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.
Obstacles to Virtue. 13 "Enter by the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there are who enter it. 14 How narrow the gate and close the way that leads to life! And few there are who find it."

The Call of Matthew. 11 Then a leper came and worshiped him, saying, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." And stretching forth his hand Jesus touched him, saying, "I will; be thou made clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And he went away and told how the disease was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, "See thou tell no one; but go, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a witness to them.

The Centurion's Servant. 12 Now when he had entered a house, a centurion called his servant, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying sick in bed, and is grievously afflicted." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and cure him." But in answer the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy, that thou shouldst come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed." For I too am a man subject to authority, and have soldiers subject to me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it.

And when Jesus heard this, he marveled at him, and said to those who followed him, "Am I an enemy to sinners, and do I not come to heal the sick?"

The Possession of Eunomius. 18 Now he had come to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes, there met him two men who were possessed, coming from the tombs, so exceedingly fierce that no one could pass by that way. 19 And when Jesus had come and had known them, they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with thee, Son of God? Hast thou come here to torment us before the time?"

And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publicans and sinners came to the table with Jesus and his disciples. And it came to pass as he was at table in the house, that, behold, many publican...
The Mission of the Apostles. 25 And Jesus gave him orders that he should keep clean and not return to the people until he be sent to them. 26 And the Pharisees said, "By the prince of devils he casts out devils."

CHAPTER 10. 1 Then he summoned his twelve disciples, and he gave them power over all unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every kind of disease and infirmity.

2 And when Jesus came to the ruler's house, and saw the blind men and the crowd making a din, he said, 3 "Be silent, girl, she is asleep, not dead." And they laughed him to scorn. 4 But when the crowd was put out, he took her by the hand; and the girl arose, 5 and the report of this spread throughout all that district.

Two Blind Men. 6 Now as Jesus was passing on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 7 And when he had reached the house, the blind men came to him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this for you?" They answered him, "Yes, Lord." 8 Then he touched their eyes, saying, "Be it done to you according to your faith." 9 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly charged them, saying, "See that no one knows of it." 10 But they went out and spread his fame throughout all that district.

A Dumb Demoniac. 11 Now as they were going out, behold, there was brought to him a dumb man possessed by a devil. 12 And when the devil had been cast out, the dumb man spoke. And the crowds marvelled, saying, "Never has the like been seen in Israel." 13 But the Pharisees said, "By the prince of devils he casts out devils."

Opposition Foretold. 14 "Blessed is he who is not offended by me!" 15 Behold, I am sending you forth like sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before men, 16 will be acknowledged in the presence of the Angels of God. 17 But whoever disowns me before men, he will be disowned before the Angels of God. 18 Then Peter said to him, "Lord, shall we forsake our lives for your sake?" 19 And Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one of you that will not be offended in me, 20 and whoever is offended in me will be offended in the Kingdom of God. 21 And they will cut off men's hands and feet and burn them with fire. 22 And whoever will save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 23 And whoever gives one of these little ones a drink to drink, he will assuredly receive my reward. 24 And when Jesus had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the mountain to pray. And his disciples were with him. 25 And when he had finished praying, he returned and found them sleeping, for they were weary. 26 And he said to them, "Why do you sleep, you men of little faith? Arise, and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. For the Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

CHAPTER 11. The Baptism of the Deputation. 1 Now it came to pass when Jesus had finished giving instructions to his twelve disciples, that he sent them on from there to all the towns and villages in Galilee, to preach the gospel and heal sicknesses. 2 But when John had heard in prison of the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples 3 to say to him, "Art thou he who is to come, or shall we seek for another?" And Jesus answered,
Christ's Witness Concerning John.  
Then, as they went away, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, "What did you go out to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 20 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, those who wear soft garments are in the houses of kings. 21 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 22 This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall make ready thy way before thee." 23 Amen I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen a greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 24 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and the violent have seized it by force. 25 For all the prophets and the Law have been prophesied until John. 26 And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. 27 He who has ears to hear, let him hear. 28 And to whom shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the market place, 29 who call to their companions, and say, "We have piped to you, and you have not danced; we have sung dirges, and you have not mourned." 30 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "Behold, he has a demon!" 31 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Behold, a glutton and a wine drinker, a friend of publicans and sinners!" And wisdom is justified by her children. 32 The Pharisees, when they saw it, said to him, "Thy disciples do these things, and eat and drink, and they are hungry!" 33 But the Pharisees, when they saw it, said to him, "Thy disciples are doing what it is not lawful for them to do, to eat with the publicans and sinners." 34 But he said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and those with him were hungry? 35 How he entered the house of God, and ate the loaves of consecration which is his, even though it was lawful for him to eat them, 36 but the priests? Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are guiltless? 37 But I tell you that one greater than the temple is here. 38 But if you knew what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would never have condemned 39 Jesus Heals on the Sabbath. 40 And when he had passed on from that place he entered their synagogue. 41 And behold, a man with a withered hand was there. And they asked him, saying, "Is it lawful on the sabbath for a man to work?" 42 He said to them, "What do you think? 43 If there is a man who has one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? 44 How much better is a man than a sheep! Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." 45 And he stretched it forth, and it was restored, as sound as the other. 46 But the Pharisees went out and took counsel against him, how they might destroy him. 47 "The Mercy of Jesus. 48 Then, knowing this, Jesus withdrew from the place; 49 and many followed him and pressed upon him, 50 and he spoke to them in parables. 51 A man had two sons; 52 and he said to the older, 'Son, go to work in the vineyard today.' 53 But he said to him, 'I will not go,' 54 but later, he repented himself and went. 55 And going to the younger, he said, 'Son, go to work in the vineyard.' 56 But he said to him, 'Father, I will go,' and he did not go. 57 Afterward he said to the first, 'Son, go I have made ready my supper, my robe is fine, and I am ready to go out to the guests who were invited; and you did not enter for me.' 58 But he said to him, 'Son, you go out and work in the vineyard.' 59 And he went out and worked in the vineyard. 60 And going to the other, he said to him, 'Son, go to work in the vineyard; and he did not go in. 61 Where are the others?' they said to him. 62 He said, 'I tell you, I shall set it aside, and I will give it to the others, who have no regard for me.' 63 "The Sign of Jonas. 64 Then the Pharisees and the Sadducees came, seeking a plot against him; and they could find nothing for they saw that God was with him, and were amazed at his teaching."
The Kingdom of Heaven

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for pearls.

He went away from you, leaving the door open, and the thief entered and ate the fat of the sheep.

And he was wrong, for he was the son of the kingdom. And when it came to him, he said, 'I will go to the parable of the weeds in the field.'

So he came to him, saying, 'What is the meaning of this parable?' He said, '

And when the sun rose, it would be found that the weeds were among the wheat, and the wheat would be tangled in the weeds.

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Jesus at Nazareth. 31 And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these parables, that he set out from that place. 32 And when he had come to his own country he began to teach them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “How did this man receive wisdom? He whom we know to be a carpenter's son” 33 And they were grieved at him. 34 For he had done nothing to them except to heal their sick. 35 And they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get wisdom and letters?” 36 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother Mary, and his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 37 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man receive all this wisdom?” 38 And they were23 weary of him. 39 And Jesus went out of their synagogue and was taken to Simon. And Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a fever, and at once they told Jesus about her. 40 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. And fever left her, and she served them.

Jesus Reproves the Pharisees. 41 Then he went out and taught in the synagogue. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him, they said, “How does this man send out suchUSBATWgS to teach? 42 Do indeed he have the power from God to send them out?” 43 And the scribes and Pharisees who were of Herod’s party said, “He casts out the power of Beelzebul.” 44 And Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues and23 preaching the glad tidings of the kingdom and healing every sickness and every infirmity. 45 When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, for they were harassed like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. 46 And he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few; 47 therefore, pray for laborers to harvest the harvest.”

Chapter 15. Jesus and the Pharisees. 1 Then Jesus said to the scribes and Pharisees, “Be careful how you pronounce the judgment. You cannot go astray without understanding. 2 And it is possible that you might pronounce a judgment over these things. 3 But what are your judgments of these things? 4 Do you not realize that what you say is before your eyes? 5 And the Pharisees, who recognized him, sent into that whole country, and brought him to all the sick. 6 So they put before him those who were sick because of the disease of leprosy, and the blind, the lame, who was possessed, and many others, and he healed them. 7 And the scribes and the Pharisees said, “Why does this man cast out the demons by the devil?” 8 But Jesus knew their thoughts. 9 And he said to them, “Every plant that is not from my Father is cast out of the kingdom of heaven. 10 Therefore the kingdom of heaven will be as a man who is sowing a good seed among his field; 11 and while he was still sowing, a enemy came and rooted it out; 12 and what was sown on stony ground is the one who hears the word and immediately received it with joy. 13 But he has no root in himself, and he is withered away as soon as he goes out. 14 And what was sown among thorns is the one who hears the word who has cares and worries of this life, and he is crushed by the word. 15 And what was sown on good soil is the one who hears the word and understands it and produces fruit, both thirty and sixty and a hundred times.” 16 And Jesus spoke to them many things in parables, and he said to them in his parable, “How would you explain this parable? 17 And they said, “We do not know.” 18 And Jesus said to them, “To you it is given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to others it is not given. 19 Therefore the saying of the scribes and the Pharisees, ‘He has cast out demons by Beelzebul’ is not true, because the demons do not go out except by Beelzebul. 20 And it is possible that if it is not by Beelzebul, then it is by the power of God.” 21 And the scribes who had been beverage accused him of being under the control of the devil, because he had healed a man on the Sabbath. 22 And Jesus said to them, “Every Sabbath day was made to do good and to heal, and not to do evil; therefore the Son of Man is Lord even on the Sabbath.”

The Canaanite Woman. 21 Then he left there and came to the territory of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And he entered a house and would not go out. 23 And a Canaanite woman came out of that territory and cried out to him, saying, “Have pity on me, O Lord, Son of David. My daughter is being523 sorely beset by a devil.” 24 And he answered her not a word. And his disciples came up and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” 25 But he answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” 26 But she came and worshipped him, saying, “Lord, help me!” 27 And he answered and said, “It is not right to take children’s bread and cast it to the dogs.” 28 And she said, “Yes, Lord, for even the dogs in my household eat out of their master’s table.” 29 Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is thy faith! Let it be done as thou wilt.” 30 And her daughter was healed from that moment. 31 Then Jesus went through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the glad tidings of the kingdom and healing every sickness and every infirmity. 32 But when he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, for they were harassed like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.
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great crowd?" 14 Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have? And how
many small fishes have you?" 15 They
then answered, "Seven loaves, and three
small fishes." 16 And he commanded the
people to sit down on the ground. 17 Then
taking the seven loaves and the fishes, he
gave thanks, and broke them, and gave
them to the disciples, and the disciples
gave them to the people. 18 And they ate
and were satisfied; and they took up the
seven full baskets full of fragments. 19 How
many of those who had eaten were four thousand men, 20 apart from women and children. 21 When he had dismissed the crowd, he got into the boat and came to the district of Magadan.  

CHAPTER 16.

The Pharisees and Sadducees Ask a Sign. 1 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came to him to test him, and to catch him in his words. 2 But answering him, he said, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and lowering.' 3 And in the morning you say, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and lowering.' 4 You know then how to read the face of the sky, but cannot read the signs of the times! 5 An evil and adulterous generation demands a sign, and no sign shall be given it but the sign of John the Baptist. 6 And they left and went away.  

The Transfiguration. 7 And when his disciples crossed the sea, they found that they had forgotten to bring bread. 8 And he said to them, "The bread is here in the boat, and the fish. 9 Do you not understand yet, O house of Israel? 10 "When it is evening you say, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and lowering.' 11 And in the morning you say, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and lowering.' 12 You know then how to read the face of the sky, but cannot read the signs of the times! 13 An evil and adulterous generation demands a sign, and no sign shall be given it but the sign of John the Baptist. 14 And they left and went away.  

And while they were in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and after three days he will rise again." And they were exceedingly sorry.
CHAPTER 18.

Against Ambition. 1 At that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 And Jesus called a little child to him and placed him in their midst, 3 and said to them, “‘ Amen I say to you, unless you turn and become like little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me does not receive me but the One who sent me.”

The Power of a Child’s Prayer. 5 “In your prayers,” Jesus said to them, “when you enter into prayer, you shall say, ‘Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, as in heaven so in earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’ When you pray, enter into prayer with your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

The Unmarried Servant. 6 Then Peter came up to him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” 7 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to thee seven times, but seventy times seven.

The Lost Sheep. 8 “Neither do I say to you that you may enter into life with one eye, and that you may enter into life with two eyes; but if your eye cause you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; and if your hand cause you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; and if your foot cause you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; and if your heart cause you to sin, do not desire evil.”

The Question of Divorce. 9 And there came to him some Pharisees testing him, and saying, “Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for any cause?” 10 And he answered and said to them, “Have you not read, ‘from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female,’ 11 and said, ‘For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? 12 Therefore now they are no longer two, but one flesh. 13 What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.” 14 They said to him, “Why did Moses command to give a written notice of dismissal, and to put away her?” 15 He said to them, “Because Moses, by reason of the hardness of your heart, permitted you to put away your wives; it was not so from the beginning. And I say to you, that whoever puts away his wife, except for immorality, and marries another, commits adultery, and he who marries a woman who has been put away commits adultery.” 16 His disciples said to him, “If the case of a man with his wife be like that, it is not expedient to marry.” 17 And he said, “Not all can accept this teaching; but those to whom it has been given.

Jesus Blesses the Children. 18 Little children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But Jesus said to them, “Let the little children come to me and forbid them not, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” 19 And he laid his hands on them and blessed them. The Danger of Riches. 20 And behold, a certain man came to him and said, “Good Master, what good work shall I do to have eternal life?” 21 And he answered and said to him, “Why dost thou ask me about what is good? One there is who is good, and he lives in the sight of God. But if thou wilt give to the poor, the kingdom of God shall come to thee.”

The Parable of the Tenants. 22 And they said to him, “Tell us a parable.” And he said, “A certain man planted a vineyard and set a fence around it and dug a wine-vault in it and leased it to tenants and went on a journey. 23 When the season arrived for fruit he sent his servants to the tenants to receive his fruit. 24 And they seized his servants and beat one and killed another and stoned another. 25 And again he sent other servants, and they likewise treated them ill. 26 And he sent last of all his beloved son, saying, ‘They will reverence my son.’ 27 But they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 28 Therefore when the master of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 29 They said to him, ‘They will destroy them and make others who shall reap the harvest and divide the spoil with them.’ 30 And he said to them, ‘Go therefore to the other tenants, saying, ‘Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.’"
CHAPTER 20.
Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard.

1. For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2. And he entered into a compact with the workmen in the morning for a denarius, 3. And he sent them into his vineyard. 4. And about the third hour, he went out and observed others standing idly in the marketplace. 5. So he said to them, Go also into the vineyard, and you will give me whatever you shall find just. 6. So they went and again he went out about nine in the morning, and about the eleventh hour, and did as before. 7. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing there.

CHAPTER 21.
Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.

1. And when he drew near to Jerusalem, he entered into Bethphage, and went to Bethany, and to the Mount of Olives. 2. And when he entered into Bethany, and to the Mount of Olives, there came an hundred and twenty disciples, 3. And when he drew near to Jerusalem, he entered into Bethphage, and committed to them, saying, 4. Go into the village opposite you, and there you shall find a colt tied, and a young ass; loose them, and bring them to me. 5. And if anyone say to you, Why do you ? say to him, The Lord has need of them. 6. So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them. 7. And they brought the ass and the colt, laid their cloaks on them, and made him sit thereon. 8. And the crowds spread their cloaks upon the way, while others were cutting branches from the trees, and straining them upon the road. 9. And the crowds that went before him, and those that followed, kept crying out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! 10. And when he entered into Jerusalem, all the city was thrown into commotion, saying, "Who is this?" 11. But the crowds kept on saying, "This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." 12. And Jesus entered the temple of God, and cast out all those who were selling and buying in the temple, and he turned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13. And he said to them, It is written, You shall defile not the house of my Father; but you have made it a den of thieves. 14. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. 15. And the chief priests and the scribes, seeing the wonderful deeds that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" were indignant, 16. And they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you
never read, "Out of the mouth of infants and sucklings thou hast perfected praise!"
32 And leaving them, he went out of the city, Bethany, and he stayed there.

**Jesus Curses a Fig Tree.** 3. Now in the morning, on his way back to the city, he felt hungry. 34 And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he came up to it, and found nothing on it but leaves; and he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from thee henceforward forever!" And immediately the fig tree withered up.

35 And upon seeing this the disciples marvelled, saying, "How did it come to wither up immediately?" 36 But Jesus answered and said to them, " Amen I say to you, if you have faith and do not waver, not only will you do what I have done to the fig tree, but even if you shall say to this mountain, 'Arise, and hew thyself into the sea,' it shall be done. 37 And all things whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive."

**The Authority of Jesus.** 38 And when he had come into the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, " By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?" 39 Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you answer me this, I in turn will tell you by what authority I do these things. 40 Whence was the baptism of John? from heaven, or of men?" But they began to argue among themselves, saying, " If we say, 'From heaven,' they will say that John was a prophet. 41 And if we say, 'From men,' we fear the people, for all hold John as a prophet. 42 And they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." Then he in turn said to them, "Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things."

**Parable of the Two Sons.** 43 But what do you think? A man had two sons; and he came to them and said, "My sons, today I will make a will of my estate, and work today in my vineyard."
44 But he answered and said, "I will not;" but afterwards he regretted it and went. 45 And he came to the other and spoke in the same manner. And this one answered, "I go, sir;" but he did not go. 46 Which of the two did the father's will?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen I say to you, the publicans and harlots are entering the kingdom of God before you. 47 For John came to you in the way of justice, and you did not believe him. But they that heard him, he believed him; whereas you, seeing it, did not even repent afterwards, that you might believe him."

**Parable of the Vine-dressers.** 48 Hear another parable. There was a man, a vinedresser, who planted a vineyard, and put a hedge about it, and dug a winevat in it, and built a tower; then he let it out to vine-dressers, and went abroad. 49 But when he season drew near, he sent his servants to the vine-dressers to receive his fruits. 50 And the vine-dressers seized his servants, and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 51 And he sent another party of servants, more numerous than the first, and they did the same to these. 52 Finally he sent his son; 53 saying, "They will respect my son." 54 But the vine-dressers seeing the son, said among themselves, "This is the heir, come, let us kill him, and we shall have his inheritance." 55 So they seized him, cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 56 When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-dressers?" 57 They said to him, "He will utterly destroy those evil men, and will let out the vineyard to other vine-dressers, who will render him the fruits in their seasons." 58 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'The stone which the builders rejected, has become the cornerstone; by the Lord this has been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'? 59 Therefore I say to you, that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to a people yielding its fruits. 60 And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but upon whosoever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

61 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they knew that he was speaking about them. 62 And though they sought to lay hands on him, they were afraid of the people, for all held John as a prophet. 63 And they sent to him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Master, we know that thou art truthful and that thou teachest the way of God in truth, and that thou carest nothing for man; for thou dost not regard the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what wilt thou do, whether it be meet to give tribute to Caesar, or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their wickedness, said to them, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Shew me the coin of the tribute." So they offered him a denarius. 65 Then Jesus said to them, "Render, therefore, to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 66 And hearing this they marvelled, and leaving him went away.

**The Sadducees and the Resurrection.** 67 On that same day some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him, and questioned him, 24 saying, "Master, Moses said, 'If a man die without having a son, his brother shall marry the widow and raise up issue to his brother.' 25 Now there were among us seven brothers. And the first, after hav- ing married a wife, died, and having married, died; and having married a third, died. 26 And the last of all died, leaving a woman also dead. 27 At the resurrection, therefore, of which of the seven will she be his wife? For they all had her." 28 But Jesus answered and said to them, "You err because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. 29 For at the resurrection they will neither marry nor be given in marriage, but will be as angels in God in heaven. 30 But as to the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, '21 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.' 32 And when the crowds heard this, they marvelled at his teaching."

**The Great Commandment.** 33 But the Pharisees, hearing that he had silenced them with the question, said to the Sadducees, " Gather together. 34 And one of them, a doctor of the law, putting him to the test, asked him, "Master, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 35 Jesus said to him, " Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 36 This is the first commandment. 37 The second is like it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 38"
For this you shall receive a greater judgment.

13 Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you pass by the graves of the prophets, and spurn them; and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we had not been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

14 Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you adorn the graves of the prophets, and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in their murder.

15 Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you build the sepulchres of the prophets, and adorn the tombs of the just.

16 Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you are like whitewashed sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness.

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cause at an hour that you do not expect, the Son of Man will come in a cloud with power and great glory. When then they see the cloud coming with power, immediately knows that summer is near. 33 Even so, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door. 34 Amen I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things have been accomplished. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Need of Watchfulness. 36 But of that day and hour no one is aware, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son of Man, 37 except when it comes upon him; 38 and as it was in those days, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 39 For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark; 40 and they did not understand until flood came and swept them away, so will be the coming of the Son ofMan. 41 Therefore you also must be ready, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Watchfulness. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know at what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But be assured this, that if the household holder had known at what hour his steward was coming, he would have made his slaves ready. 44 Also you must be ready, for at an hour you do not expect the Son of Man will come.

Parable of the Ten Virgins. 45 Then the kingdom of heaven will be like the maidens who took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 46 Five of them were foolish and five wise. 47 The foolish said to the wise: Give us of your oil, for our lamps are going out. 48 The wise answered, saying: First let each of you put her lamps in a proper place, and take some with you. 49 Now while they were going to buy oil, the bridegroom came, and those maidens were in amazement. 50 Then came also the other maidens, in amazement; who said, Sir, sir, open the door for us. 51 But he answered and said, Amen I say to you, I do not know you. 52 Watch therefore, for you do not know the hour the bridegroom will come.

Parable of the Talents. 53 For it is like a man going abroad, who called his servants and gave them his goods, 54 to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, each according to his own ability, and went on his journey. 55 And he who had received the five talents went and traded, with them, and gained five more. 56 And he who had received the two talents went and traded, with them, and gained two more. 57 But he who had received the one went away and dug in the earth; and hid his master's money.

19 Then after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received five talents came and said, Master, thou didst hand over to me five talents; behold, I have gained five more. 21 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many; enter into the joy of thy master.

22 And he also who had received the two talents came and said, Master, thou didst hand over to me two talents; behold, I have gained two more. 23 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many; enter into the joy of thy master.

24 But he who had received the one talent came and said, Master, I knew that thou art a stern man; thou requistest where thou hast not stowed and gathered where thou hast not tended. 25 I am afraid, I went away and hid thy talent in the earth; behold, thou hast what is thine. 26 His master answered and said to him, Wicked and slothful servant; thou didst know that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not tend. 27 Therefore take away the talent of the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents.

28 To everyone who has shall be given, and he shall possess more; but from him who does not have, even that which he seems to have shall be taken away. 29 And as for the unprofitable servant, cast him forth into the darkness outside, where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

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The Last Supper.

The Betrayer. 20 Now when evening came, he reclined at table with the twelve disciples. 21 And while they were eating, he said, “Amen! I say to you, one of you will betray me.” 22 And they were greatly distressed, each one saying to him, “Surely not, I!” 23 And he said to them, “The Son of Man goes, as it is written of him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.” 24 And Judas who betrayed him answered and said, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “Go, do what is written about you.”

The Agony in the Garden. 25 So the disciples left, went to the Arbor of Olives. 26 Peter and the two sons of Zebedee followed him, and so did the other disciples. 27 But Judas also went, he who was betraying him, and unknown to them he went in order that he might hand him over to them. 28 Being greatly troubled, Peter went to the Arbor of Olives, and the other disciples followed him.

The Passion and Death of Jesus.

The Agony in the Garden. 25 Then Jesus came with them to a country place called Gethsemani, and said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray.” 26 And going a little way, he fell on his knees and prayed, saying, “Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; but not as I will, but as you will.” 27 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep on now and take your rest. Behold, the hour is near at hand when the Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of sinners.” 28 Rise, let us go; behold, he who betrays me is at hand.”

Jesus Arrested. 29 And while he was yet speaking, behold, Judas, one of the Twelve, coming with a sword and a club, went up to Jesus and said, “Teacher, do you need help? I have come with swords and clubs to help you.” 30 And the disciples said, “What are you doing, Jesus? Let them alone. You came into this world to save the sheep, and not to judge.” 31 And Jesus answered and said, “Do you think that I come to bring peace on earth? I tell you that it will soon befell me that the sword will pass through the very house of my Father.” 32 But he said, “No, my servants and I are not going to fight.” 33 He said to him, “Friend, what is it that you are doing to me?” 34 Then they came forward and set him, as the disciples said, the same thing.

The Death of Jesus.

And behold, “one of those who were with Jesus reached out his hand, drew the sword, and struck the priest of the high priest, cutting off his ear.” 35 Then Jesus said to him, “Put back thy sword into its place; for all those who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or dost thou suppose that I cannot entreat my Father, and he will even now furnish me with more than twelve legions of angels? 36 How then are the Scriptures to be fulfilled, that this must take place?”
In that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "As a robber you have come out, with swords and clubs, to seize me. I sat daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not lay hands on me." 56 Now all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Jesus before the Sanhedrin. 57 Now those who had taken Jesus led him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and elders had gathered together. 58 But Peter was following him at a distance, even to the court of the high priest, and he went in and sat with the attendants to see the end. 59 Now the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin were seeking false witness against Jesus, that they might put him to death; 60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. But last of all two false witnesses came forward, and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" 61 And they stoned him, saying "What authority have you to do these things?" But Jesus kept silent.

And the high priest said to him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of God?" 8 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I say to you, after you have seen me, you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming upon the clouds of heaven." 9 Then the high priest tore his garments, and said, "What further need have we of witnesses? Be hold, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" And they answered and said, "He is worthy of death." 10 Then they spat in his face and buffet ed him, and others struck him with the palms of their hands, 11 saying, "Prophesy to us, O Christ! Who is it that strikes you?"

Peter’s Denial. 12 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard; and a maid-servant of the high priest, seeing him, said to the maid-servants of the high priest, who were cooking, "This is one of them" 13 And he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." 14 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another maid saw him, and said to those who were there, "This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth." 15 And he denied it a second time. And again he denied it, and immediately the cock crowed. 16 And the servants of the high priest tore off his clothes and said to him, "Tell us why you are a teacher of the Jews." But he did not answer. 17 Then the high priest arose and said to him, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these witnesses have testified against you?" 18 But he silent. And the high priest said, "I adjure you by the living God, that you tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." 19 But Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I say to you, after you have seen me, you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming upon the clouds of heaven." 20 Then the high priest tore his garments, and said, "What further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" And they answered and said, "He is worthy of death." 21 Then they spat in his face and buffeted him, and others struck him with the palms of their hands, 22 saying, "Prophesy to us, O Christ! Who is it that strikes you?"

Jesus before Pilate. 23 Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. 24 And the soldiers wore him a crown of thorns, and a reed was put upon his head; and a purple robe was put upon him, 25 and they bowed down before him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.

The Way of the Cross. 26 And when they had mocked him, they took the cloak off him and put on his own garments on him, and led him away to crucify him. 27 Now as they went out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon; 28 and they forced him to carry his cross after Jesus. 29 And they came to the place called Golgotha, that is, the Place of the Skull.

The Crucifixion. 30 And they gave him wine mixed with gall; but when he had tasted it, he would not drink. 31 And after they had crucified him, they divided his garments, casting lots, to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet, 32 "They divided my garments among them, and upon my vesture they cast lots." 33 Then sitting down they kept watch over him. 34 And they put up his head on a reed; 35 and the soldiers stripped him and maltreated him saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." 36 And they spit on him and covered him with thorns. 37 And when they were crucified they divided his garments among them, 38 and threw a lot for his garments. 39 And sitting down they kept watch over him. 40 And they put up his head on a reed; 41 and the soldiers stripped him and crucified him.
of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea went out to him, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leathern girdle about his loins, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "One mightier than I is coming after me, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to carry."

2. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan; 27. "And the Spirit was alighted upon him in that hour, and spoke to him in his own name, "He has risen from the dead; and the last
The Miracles of Jesus

Peter’s Mother-in-law. 24 And as soon as they came out of the synagogue, 25 they were followed him. 26 And when he was come into the house of Simon and Andrew, Simon’s mother-in-law met him, 27 who had an infirmity, and he laid his hands on her, and healed her. 28 And immediately her infirmity left her, and she waited on them.

Other Miracles. 31 And drawing near, he took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and the fever left her; and she began to serve them.

In Galilee. 44 And after John had been delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 45 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

The First Disciples Called. 16 And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew, casting their nets into the sea for fish. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you to make disciples of men.” 18 And they immediately followed him.

A Great Net. 21 And immediately they hearkened to him, and left all, and followed him.

The Cure of a Demacon. 23 Now in their synagogue there was a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, “What have we to do with thee, Jesus of Nazareth? Hast thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.” 24 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Hold thy peace, and go out of the man.”

The Worth of Thieves. 28 And the unclean spirit, crying with a loud voice, went out of him, and they were astonished, saying, “What is this new doctrine? For with authority doth he command even unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And wonderment concerning him went forth immediately all over the region round about Galilee.

Jesus Calls Matthew.
CHAPTER 3.

A Man with a Withered Hand. 1 And again he entered the synagogue. And a man with a withered hand was there. 2 And they were watching whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, that they might accuse him. 3 And he said unto the man with the withered hand, "Stretch forth thy hand." 4 And he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?" 5 But they kept silent. 6 And looking round upon them with anger, and being grieved at the blindness of their hearts, he said to the man, "Stretch forth thy hand." 7 And he stretched it forth, and his hand was restored. 8 But the Pharisees went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might do away with him.

The Parable of the Sower. 9 And he went out of the synagogue, and entered into Peter's house. 10 And he saw one of his disciples, Simon Peter's wife's mother, sick with a fever; and he took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and the fever left her. 11 And she arose immediately, and ministered unto them.

Seeds of the Sower. 12 And he said, "To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to others in parables: that "seeing they may see and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest perchance they should understand, and be converted, and this sin be forgiven them." 13 And he said to them, "Do you not understand the parable? How then will you understand all the parables?" 14 The sower sows the word. 15 And those by the way-side are they that hear it; and the enemy cometh, and horneth it away: and void is that word. 16 But as the seed soweth upon stony ground, which hath no depth of earth: 17 and when the sun riseth, it sitteth; and the heat of the day ariseth; and it heareth not the word, and remaineth as the word which he sowed. And the word is wasted, and he that hath sowed it is the same man. 18 But as the word soweth upon good ground, where there is abundance of earth, and it bringeth forth fruit, and increaseth thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold. 19 And he said unto his disciples, "With what parable shall I make to them these things? 20 For the multitude is with him, and I am not able to speak to them plainly; but by parables do I speak to them. 21 For the kingdom of heaven is as a grain of mustard seed, which a man soweth very secretly; 22 which, when it is sown, it groweth, and becometh greater and greater, and becomes as the greatest among trees: and the birds of heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof. 23 And again, what is the lamp that is put in a lamp-stand? it is not put under a bushel, 24 but upon the lamp-stand, so that they who come in may see the light. 25 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be revealed; nor is anything secret, which shall not come to light. 26 But whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have abounding: but whosoever hath not, to him shall be taken away even that which he hath. 27 And he said to them, "Which of you would build a tower, would not sit down first and count the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? 28 Or would he plant a vineyard, would not sit down first and consider well the cost of the thing that he would plant it, whether he have sufficient money to finish it? 29 Or would he go into a house of feasting, and not sit down and consider well whether he have enough to pay the cost thereof? 30 Or when he hath begun to plow, and he plows not to the end, and he both plows and harrows not— 31 would you say to him, 'Heareth not?' 32 Or would you say to the oaf, 'Heareth not?' 33 Yet when he knoweth not, shall he be judged? 34 Or if he were a king, would you say to him, 'Heareth not?' 35 Yet when he knoweth not, shall he be judged? Neither will I judge you. 36 But what I say to you, heareth not. 37 And the kingdom of heaven is as a certain man who sowed good seed in his field; 38 and while men were sleeping, his enemy came and did pluck it up. 39 And when the man was come to pluck it up, he said, 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?' 40 And he said, 'Who art thou, Lord?' And he said, 'I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest.' 41 But they all together rose up against him, and brought him to the authority of the rulers of the Jews. 42 And they asked him, 'What marvel is this? for never before were such sights seen in Israel.' 43 And when the multitude grew exceeding great, he went up into a boat, and sat; and the multitudes were standing by the sea on dry land. 44 And he taught them many things as they gathered into one place, saying, 'Hearken unto me every one of you, and hear. 45 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.' And when he had said this, all the people were astonished at his doctrine. 46 And he said to them, 'What is the kingdom of heaven like? and where are its signs?' 47 And he told them a parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man soweth in his field; 48 which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all the herbs of the field, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of heaven come and lodge in its branches.'"
JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

CHAPTER 6.

Jesus at Nazareth. 1 And leaving that place, he went into his own country, and his disciples followed him. 2 And when the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. And many, when they heard him, were astonished, and said, "Where did this man acquire such wisdom, and such powerful deeds from him?"

Disciples said to him, "Thou seest the crowd pressing upon thee, and dost thou say, 'Who touched me?'" 3 And he was looking at them and said to his disciples, "Among you one of you is going to betray me." 4 But Peter said to him, "Master, it is he who did not deserve it!" 5 And Jesus said, "Alas for that man! For the Son of Man has come to destroy the wicked, and not to save them."

This saying pleased them, and they were saying, "What wisdom belongs to this man, and what knowledge of the Holy One!"

CHAPTER 5.

Expulsion of the Devils in Gerasa. 1 And they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes; and as soon as he stepped out of the boat, there met him a man under the power of many demons. 2 The demons knew him at once and said, "What have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth?" For he had put to flight their king, Herodes. 3 And they asked him, "What do you wish us to do for you?" 4 He said to them, "Do not enter into the inhabited region of the Gerasenes, and beseech them not to tell about me in the inhabited region." 5 And he was much distressed, and began to beseech him, saying, "Master, I beg you, do not torment me!" 6 For he said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

And he asked him, "What is your name?" And he said to him, "My name is Legion, for we are many!" 8 And he besought him earnestly not to drive them out, but to enter into the herd of swine which were there. And he entered into the herd of swine and such a great tumult arose that the herd rushed down into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

But the herdsmen saw what had happened, and left their herd and ran and told it in the town and in the countryside. 10 And they went out and saw the man who had been affected by the devil, sitting on a pile of manger, and in his right hand he held a great wooden club. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "What is this that has come to pass among the Jews?"

But the people, hearing about it, went out from all the inhabited region. And when they saw what had happened, they were much amazed, saying, "What great things are these which have been done by the hands of such a man!"

And the report about Jesus went forth concerning the whole of Judea, and all the inhabited region beyond the Jordan. 12 And they were coming to him, even from Jerusalem and all Judea and from all the inhabited region of the Galileans, and they were all desiring to hear the word of God, and to be healed of their diseases. 13 But the demons, when he had sent them out, besought him in order that they might enter into the herd of swine, and he would not let them.

And he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. Now there was a man there whose name was Simon, and he wasSimon the Leper, and he besought him in order that he might be cleansed. 15 And he was cleansing him, and noticing the faith of the man, he said to him, "Your sins are forgiven you." 16 And the scribes and the Pharisees were reasoning in their hearts, saying, "Who is this who speaks such things? Even by his words he is able to forgive sins!"

But when Jesus knew of their reasoning in their hearts, he said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts?" 18 Which is easier, to say to a sick person, "Your sins are forgiven you," or to say, "Rise and be healed?"

But that they might know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins, he said to the paralytic, "Rise, take your mat, and go home." 19 And immediately the man got up, and took his mat and went home. 20 And the multitude was astonished at what took place. 21 And they were reasoning among themselves, "What? Is this not the son of David?"
him talk, he did many things, and he liked to hear him. 21 And a favorable day came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his officials, and for Galilee. 22 And Herodias’ own daughter, having come in and danced, pleased Herodias’ own guests. And the king said to her, "Ask of me anything, and I will give it to thee." 23 And she answered and said, "Thy son John the Baptist has been asking me to do good to me." 24 And he wasjealous of him. And he was three days and three nights in the wilderness of Judea. 25 And when they came out of the wilderness, they went to Galilee. 26 And he told them, "How many loaves have you? And how many fishes do you have to eat them to?" 27 And they said, "Five loaves, and two fishes." 28 And he had them make an assembly on the seashore, and he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and he looked up to the heavens, and he blessed them, and he broke them, and he gave to his disciples, and they took and did eat. 29 And they did eat and were satisfied; and there were left of the broken pieces twelve baskets full of fragments. 30 And immediately afterwards he made his disciples get into the boat, and he dismissed them to go in front of him, and to the other side of the sea, while he dismissed the multitude. 31 And the disciples came and told him, "Come apart into a desert place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they got into the boat and went off to a desert place, apart. 33 And it happened, when they saw him, they left all their things, and followed him. 34 And when he landed, he saw a large crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. 35 And when the day was far spent, his disciples came, saying, "The place is deserted, and the hour is already late; 36 send them away, so they may go into the villages and buy food stuffs for themselves to eat." 37 But he answered and said to them, "You yourselves give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give them to eat?" 38 And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? And how many fishes do you have to eat them to?" And they said, "Five loaves, and two fishes." 39 And he had them make an assembly on the seashore, and he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and he looked up to the heavens, and he blessed them, and he broke them, and he gave to his disciples, and they took and did eat. 40 And they did eat and were satisfied; and there were left of the broken pieces two baskets full of fragments.

CHAPTER 7.

Jesus and the Pharisees. 1 And the Pharisees and some of the scribes that were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, 2 and the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? 3 For it is written, 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 4 But you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, 'Whatever you have earned is my inheritance,' 5 you make void the commandment of God and attach to them the precept of men. 6 For you do this, not because you made them, but because you created them, 7 and you made them from the day that you created them. 8 For Moses said, 'Honour thy father and thy mother,' and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 9 But you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, 'Whatever you have earned is my inheritance,' 10 you make void the commandment of God and attach to them the precept of men. 11 For Moses said, 'Honour thy father and thy mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 12 But you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, 'Whatever you have earned is my inheritance,' 13 you make void the commandment of God and attach to them the precept of men. 14 For Moses said, 'Honour thy father and thy mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 15 But you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, 'Whatever you have earned is my inheritance,' 16 you make void the commandment of God and attach to them the precept of men. 17 For Moses said, 'Honour thy father and thy mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 18 But you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, 'Whatever you have earned is my inheritance,' 19 you make void the commandment of God and attach to them the precept of men. 20 And he said to them, "You also are, then, without understanding: Do you not realize that nothing from outside, by entering a man, can defile him? 21 For it does not enter his heart but his belly, and passes out into the drain." Thus he declared all foods clean. 22 And he said, "The things that come out of a man are what defile a man." 23 For from within, out of the heart of men, come evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witnesses, slanders. 24 These are the things that come out of a man, and defile a man.

The Canaanite Woman. 24 And he went away and departed from there for the district of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house, and wanted no one to know that he was there, in order that he could not keep it secret. 25 And immediately a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, on hearing of him, came and fell at his feet. 26 And the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she besought him, saying, "Lord, have mercy upon me, my daughter." 27 But he said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not fair to take the children’s bread and cast it to the dogs." 28 But she answered and said to him, "Yes, Lord; for even the dogs under the table eat the children’s scraps." 29 And he said to her, "Because of this answer, go thy way: the devil has gone out of thy daughter." 30 And when he had gone out to another city, he heard that she had come to the house, and she was lying upon the bed, and the devil was gone out of her.

Raising of a Deaf-Mute. 1 And departing again from the district of Tyre, he came by way of Sidon to the sea of
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said to him, “Thou art the Christ?” 20 And he strictly charged them to say nothing about him to anyone.

Passion and Resurrection foretold: 21 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 22 And when he said this, some of his disciples began to say that they would have gone away and never followed him. 23 And they asked him, “Lord, if this be the case, do we have anything to gain?” 24 And he said to them, “Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? 25 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 26 For how can it be profited by anyone to gain the whole world and lose his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he will repay every man according to what he has done. 28 For there is a second coming of the Son of Man, when he sits on his glorious throne, and all the nations of the earth will gather before him, and they will sit on his right hand and on his left hand. 29 Then he will say to those on his right: ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 30 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 31 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ 32 Then he will say to those on his left: ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 33 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 34 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, I was naked and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 35 Then they will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ 36 Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly I tell you, whenever you did it for one of the least of these, you did it for me.’ 37 Then he spoke a parable to them, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 38 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius, he sent them into his vineyard. 39 When he went out about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the market, 40 and he said to them, ‘I will give you a denarius. Go and work in the vineyard.’ 41 And going out about the fifth hour, and about the ninth hour, he did the same. 42 And at evening he called the laborers and said to them, ‘The laborers who went out at the last hour came to you for a denarius, 43 and those hired about the eleventh hour came and received a denarius. 44 But when those went out at the first hour, they took each a denarius. 45 And when they came to him who hired them, they said to him, ‘We are weary in the heat of the day.’ 46 He said to them, ‘You are idle all day, and yet you have something to show for your labor.’ 47 But when the first came they said, ‘We have done nothing.’ He said to them, ‘You also have acted justly.’ 48 For the laborers who went out last of all, came to think that they would get a denarius; 49 and they also received, with each of them, a denarius. 50 When those hired, coming to him at evening, said to him, ‘We are weary in the heat of the day.’ 51 He said to them, ‘You have no right to complain about your wages; the day’s work was fair. The day’s wage is a denarius. 52 Do you not know this, that no wage earner is hired except for the day he works?’ 53 And when they went out they were hired, each one for a denarius. 54 When they came to him in the evening he said to them, ‘I will give you also a denarius. 55 Is it not lawful for me to do what I please with what I have gained? Or why do you want to be hired, and not be grateful?’ 56 So they began to curse and beat him, because he had made them ashamed.”

CHAPTER 8.

Jesus Feeds Four Thousand. 1 In those days when again there was a great crowd, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples together and said to them, 2 “I have compassion on the crowd, for they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat. 3 If you send them away to go into the country and buy food, they will run out of the mountain in days to come.” 4 And his disciples answered him, “How then will a man feed these? It will cost a great deal!” 5 He said to them, “How many loaves have you? And how many small fish?” And they said, “Seven loaves, and a few small fish.” 6 He said to them, “Bring them here to me.” 7 And he took the twelve loaves, and when he had given thanks, he said, “Break, and give among you.” 8 And they did so. 9 And they had a large number of broken pieces left over, about seven baskets. 10 But they were few who had eaten anything, about four thousand. And he dismissed them.

The Pharisees Ask a Sign. 11 And immediately getting into the boat with his disciples, he came into the district of Dalmanutha. 12 And the Pharisees came and began to dispute with him, demanding from him a sign from heaven, to test him. 13 And sighing in deep sorrow, he said, “Why does this generation demand a sign? Amen, I say to you, a sign shall not be given to this generation.”
Ambition and Envy

The Second Prediction of the Passion. 23 And having gone that place, they were passing through Galilee, and he did not wish anyone to know it. 24 For he was teaching his disciples, and saying to them, *The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and having been killed, he will rise again on the third day.* 25 But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Against Ambition and Envy. 31 And they came to Capernaum. When he was at home, he asked them, *What were you arguing about on the way?* 32 But they kept silence, for the way they had discussed with one another. *Which of these men was the greatest in the kingdom?* 33 And sitting down; he called the Twelve and said to them, *If any man wishes to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all.* 34 And he took a little child, and set him in their midst, and taking his arms, he said to them, *What did Moses command you?* 35 And they said, *Moses permitted us to write a notice of dismissal, and to put her away as she wished.* 36 But Jesus said to them, *Master, we saw a man who was not one of our followers casting out devils in thy name, and we forbade him.* 37 But Jesus said to them, *Do not forbid him, for there is no one who shall make a work of my name, and

5 away. *But Jesus said to them, *By reason of the harshness of thy heart he wronged you that commandment. But from the beginning the children of God made it known, *God made them male and female.* 6 For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 7 Therefore now they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let no man divide.* 8 And in the house, his disciples again asked him concerning this. 9 And he said to them, *Whoever pays away his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if the wife pays away her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.*

Jesus Blesses the Children. 13 And they were bringing little children to him, that he might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant, and said to them, *Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for of such is the kingdom of God.* 15 Amen I say to you, whoever receives one such child in my name, receives me.

The store of riches. 17 And as he was going forth on his journey, a certain man running up fell upon his knees before him, and asked him, *Good Master, what shall I do to gain eternal life?* 18 But Jesus said to him, *Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, God.* 19 Thou knowest the commandments: Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Thou shalt not defraud. Honor thy father and mother. 20 And he answered and said, *Master, all these I have kept ever since I was young.* 21 And Jesus looking round said to his disciples, *With what difficulty will they who have riches enter the kingdom of God?* 22 But the disciples were amazed at his word. But Jesus again addressed them, saying, *Children, with what difficulty will they who have riches enter the kingdom of God?* 23 It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.* 24 But they were astonished the more, saying among themselves, *Who then can be saved?* 25 And looking upon them, Jesus said, *With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.* 26 Peter began to say to him, *Behold, we have left all and followed thee.* 27 And Jesus answered, *Amen I say to you, whoever receives one such child in my name, receives me.

Ambition and James and John. 35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee,
Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. 1 And when they drew near to Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the mount of Olives, then sent he two disciples, 2 saying, Go into the village which is after you, and straightway as soon as you enter into it, you shall find a colt tied, on which neither man has sat, and let them loose it, and bring it to me. 3 And if any man ask you, Why do you loose it? you shall say, The Lord has need of it. 4 And those who were sent went in, and found it just as Jesus had said to them, and let them loose. 5 And some of them that stood there said, What shall we do? 6 And others said, He will answer you. 7 And when they brought them, Jesus assailed, saying, If any man ask you, why do you loose it, say, The Lord has need of it. 8 And they brought him on a colt, and when he had sat on it, his disciples came and baptized it. 9 And when the people saw it, they began to rejoice, and harkened, saying, This is a sign among them. 10 And as they went out from Jerusalem, every one that met him baptized him, and they cried, saying, Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord."
CHAPTER 13. Destruction of Jerusalem and End of the World. 1 And as he was going out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Master, we see that the teachers of the law and the Pharisees axe building very wide temple courts and very wide buildings.” 2 And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do not thou see all these things? Verily, I say to you, there will not be left one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” 3 And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when are these things to happen, and what will be the sign when all these things will begin to come to pass?” 5 And in answer Jesus began to say to them, “Take care that no one leads you astray. 6 For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he’; and they will lead many astray. 7 But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; for they must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 8 For nations will rise against nations, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of sorrows. 9 But be on your guard. For they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them. 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11 And when they lead you away to deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to speak, but speak whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who are speaking, but the Holy Spirit. 12 And brother will deliver brother and father deliver son, and children will rise up against parents and put them to death. 13 And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake, but he who endures to the end will be saved.”

Destruction of Jerusalem. 14 And when you see the abomination of desolation, standing where it ought not—let him who reads understand—15 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; 16 and let him who is on the housetop not go down or enter to take anything from his house; 17 and let him who is in the field not return back to take his cloak. 18 Woe to those who are with child, or have infants in the breast! 19 For in those days there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until now, or will be. 20 And unless the Lord had shortened the days, no living creature would be saved. But for the sake of the elect whom he has chosen, he has shortened the days. 21 And then, if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is Christ; behold, there he is;’ do not believe it. 22 For false christs and false prophets will arise, and show signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 23 Be on your guard; therefore, behold, I have told you all things beforehand. 24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the signs of the heavenly bodies will be in the heavens, as it was in the days of Noah, and as it will be in the days of the Son of Man. 26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming upon clouds with great power and majesty. 27 And then he will send forth his angels, and will gather his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost parts of the earth to the uttermost parts of heaven. 28 And when he comes, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 29 Then he will assemble all the nations, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 30 And he will set them in order, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. 31 And he will come in his glory, and with the holy angels, and will assemble his elect from the four winds, from the one end of heaven to the other. 32 And he will sit on his throne, and the kings of the earth, and the great ones, and the captains, and the rich, and the mighty, and all people, will stand before him, and each one will be put to shame. 33 And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from the one end of heaven to the other. 34 And he will come in his glory, and with the holy angels, and will assemble his elect from the four winds, from the one end of heaven to the other. 35 And he will sit on his throne, and the kings of the earth, and the great ones, and the captains, and the rich, and the mighty, and all people, will stand before him, and each one will be put to shame. 36 And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from the one end of heaven to the other. 37 And he will come in his glory, and with the holy angels, and will assemble his elect from the four winds, from the one end of heaven to the other. 38 And he will sit on his throne, and the kings of the earth, and the great ones, and the captains, and the rich, and the mighty, and all people, will stand before him, and each one will be put to shame.
The Last Supper

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The Anointing at Bethany. 1 And when he was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, and was reclining at table, there came a woman who had alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, and she poured it upon his head. 2 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "To what purpose has this waste of the oil been made? 3 For this same ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor. 4 And they grumbled at her." 5 But Jesus said, "Let her be. Why do you trouble her? She has done me a good turn. 6 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish, you can do good to them; but you do not always have me. 7 She has done what she could; she anointed my body in preparation for burial. 8 Amen, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

The Betrayal. 9 And Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray him to them. 10 And they, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought out an opportunity to betray him.

Preparation. 11 And on the first day of the Unleavened Bread, when it was customary for them to sacrifice the pas- over, the disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and prepare for the to eat the passover?'" 12 And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and there you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water: follow him. 13 And wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'Who is my guest chamber, that may eat the passover there with my disciples?'" 14 And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready for us." 15 And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found just as he had told them; and they prepared the passover.

The Betrayal. 16 Now when evening came, he came with the Twelve. 17 And while they were at the table eating, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me. 18 And they began to be sad, and to say to him one by one, 'Is it I?' 19 But he said to them, 'It is one of the Twelve, he who dips into the dish with me.' 20 The Son of Man indeed goes as he has way, as it is written of him; 21 but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better it were for that man if he had never been born."

The Holy Eucharist. 22 And while they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessing it, broke and gave it to them, saying: "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 23 And taking a cup and giving thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank of it; 24 and he said to them, 'This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many, for the forgiveness of sins. 25 Amen, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God comes.' 26 And when he had taken the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, they all drank of it.

Jesus before the Sanhedrin. 27 And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the priests and the scribes and the elders* gathered together. 28 But Peter followed him at a distance, even to the courtyard of the high priest, and was sitting with the attendants at the fire and warming himself. 29 Now the chief priests and all the sanhedrin were seeking witness against Jesus, that they might put him to death, but they found none. 30 For while many bore false witness against him, their testimony did not agree. 31 And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple which I have made, in three days I will build another, not by hands."' 32 And even then their testimony did not agree.

Jesus before Caiphas. 33 But one of the bystanders drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. 34 And Jesus, addressing them, said, 'As against a robber do you have come out, with clubs, to seize me? 35 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not lay hands on me. But it is written so that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.'

Then all his disciples left him and fled. 36 And a certain young man was following him, having a linen cloth wrapped around his naked body, and they seized him. 37 But leaving the linen cloth behind, he fled away from them naked.

The Agony in the Garden. 38 And they led Jesus away to the place called Gethseman, and he said to his disciples, 'Sit down here, while I pray.' 39 And he took with him Peter and James and John, and he began to feel sad and to be exceedingly troubled. 40 And he said to them, 'My soul is too heavy, even unto death. Wait here and watch.' 41 And going forward a little, he fell on the ground, and began to pray that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him; 42 and he said, 'Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee. Remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt.'

Then he came and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, 'Simon, dost thou sleep? Couldst thou not watch one hour?' 43 Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 44 And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words over. 45 And he came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. And they did not know what answer to make to him. 46 And he came the third time, and said to them, 'Sleep on now, and take your rest. It is enough; the hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.' 47 Rise, let us go. Behold, he who betrays me is at hand.'

Jesus Arrested. 48 And while he was yet speaking, Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, came and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders. 49 Now his betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'Whoever I kiss, that one is he; lead him to the chief priests and elders.' 50 And when he came, he went straight up to him, and said, 'Hail, Master;' and he kissed him. 51 And they seized him and held him.
Peter's Denial. 66 And while Peter was below in the courtyard, there came one of the maid servants of the high priest; 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him and said, "You also are with Jesus of Nazareth." 68 But he denied it, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." 69 And he went out and wept bitterly. 70 And the maid servant, seeing him again, began to say to the bystanders, "This is one of them." 71 But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." 72 But he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about." 73 And at that moment a cock crowed a second time. And Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before a cock crows twice, thou wilt deny me three times." And he went away to weep. 74

CHAPTER 15. Jesus before Pilate. 1 And when it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Sanhedrin. 2 They bound Jesus and led him away, delivering him to Pilate. 3 And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 4 And he answered him, "You say so." And he was accused of many things by them. 5 And Pilate asked him again, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "So you say." 6 Now at that festival time he used to release to the people one prisoner whom they requested. 7 And there was a man called Barabbas imprisoned for a murder committed in an insurrection. 8 And the crowd came up and began to ask that he do for them as he was wont. 9 But Pilate addressed them, saying, "Do you wish that I release to you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him up out of envy. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. 12 But Pilate again spoke and said to them, "What then do you want me to do to the King of the Jews?" 13 But they cried out again, "Crucify him!" 14 But Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they kept crying out the more, "Crucify him!" 15 And when Pilate saw that he was constraining nothing, but that instead a tumult started, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 16 "I am innocent of the blood of this just man; see you to it." 17 And they all answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children!" 18 Then he released Barabbas for them, and after he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to them to be crucified. 19 And the soldiers led him away into the court of the sheep trespass payments, and they struck him in the face and spat on him. 20 And when they had mocked him, they took the purple robe off him and put his own garments on him, and led him out to crucify him. 21 And they forced a certain passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, a native of Cyrene, coming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to take his cross. 22 And they brought him to the place called Golgotha, which is the Place of the Skull. 23 And they gave him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. 24 Then they crucified him, and divided his garments among themselves, tossing lots for them to see which of them should take. 25 Now it was the third hour and they crucified him. 26 And the inscription bearing the charge against him was, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27 And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right hand and one on his left. 28 And the inscription was filled, which says, 29 "He was reckoned among the wicked." 30 And they who passed by derided him, shaking their heads, saying, 31 "You who destroyed the temple and built it up again in three days, 32 come down from the cross, and save yourself!" 33 In like manner, the chief priests also mocked him with the same words. 34 And they that were crucified with him also reviled him. 35 Now there was a man named Joseph, of Arimathea, a councillor of the high priests, who himself asked him whether he was the Christ. 36 And going to Pilate, he begged for him, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen cloth in which he had been handled out of the rock. 37 Then he rolled a stone to the entrance of the tomb. 38 But Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were looking on and saw where he was laid.
shall speak in new tongues; 16 they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands upon the sick and they shall get well.

4. The Ascension of Jesus

So then the Lord, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat at the right hand of God. 15 But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the preaching by the signs that followed. 16 Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

St. Luke was born at Antioch, Syria, according to the Church historian Eusebius. He was a Gentile by birth (Col 4, 19-14) and a physician by profession (Col 4, 14). According to a legend of the eighth century he was also a painter. He was one of the earliest converts to the faith and later became the missionary companion of St. Paul, whom he accompanied on part of the second and third missionary journeys (Acts 16, 19-17; 20, 5-21, 17) and attended during the Cremona (Acts 24, 23) and Roman captivities (Acts 27-28; Col 4, 14). 17 Luke is known with certainty of his subsequent life.

The unanimous tradition of the Church ascribes the third Gospel to St. Luke. Allusions to and citations from the Gospel are most frequent in early Christian writings, and even heretics made diligent use of this inspired book. The Gospel itself shows that its author was a person of literary power, a physician and a companion of St. Paul.

This Gospel was written before the destruction of Jerusalem, 70 A.D.; for it does not refer to the fulfilment of Christ's prophecy, since the Acts of the Apostles dates its narrations with the year 63 or 64 A.D., the Gospel of St. Luke, his first book, must have been written prior to 63 A.D.

Little is known with certainty about the place of composition. Some of the ancient authors suggest Achaia (Greece); some of the manuscripts mention Alexandria or Macedonia, while modern writers also defend Caesarea, Ephesus or Rome.

The Gospel is addressed to a certain Theophilus, a man of conspicuous rank or office. Indirectly, however, this Sacred Writing was intended for the Gentile converts. The purpose of the Gospel is clearly indicated in the prologue (1, 1-4). These converts from paganism had received instruction before baptism. St. Luke wishes now to give them a deeper and more accurate knowledge of the truths of their religion, and at the same time to show them on what a firm basis their faith is founded. There are some biographical features that are accented more by St. Luke than by the other evangelists. Many of these show the influence of St. Paul. The theme of the universality of salvation can be considered as running through the Gospel. Divine forgiveness and salvation are referred to all. The Gospel also constantly presents the Gentiles and Jewish womanhood, and presents many types of womanhood to its readers. The subject of prayer is also stressed. Not only does the evangelist record more frequently than the others Christ as an example of prayer, but also hisInstruction in prayer. As an artist St. Luke is known with certainty of his subsequent life. He has in portraying living characters and he has remained an inspiration to painters for centuries. As a historian he is compatible with the great Greek and Latin writers. 20 In the Gospel there are events from Nazareth to Jerusalem, whereas in the Acts it is from Jerusalem to Rome.

CHAPTER I.

1. Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative concerning those things which have been fulfilled among us, 2 even as they who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have had them down to us, 3 I also have determined, after following up all things carefully, to write one from the very first, a narrative, most excellent Theophilus, of which I was instructed by him of whom the God of glory has made me a minister, to write a story concerning the appearances of Jesus, 4 by which he was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures, 5 and by which he showed himself alive and manifesting himself by many infallible proofs to all the people. 6 John the Baptist came forth in the wilderness, preaching repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, 7 and he was at first led to believe that he was the Christ, 8 but in the course of time, as he afterwards made it manifest, he was not the Christ. 9 But he himself was conscious of the fact, and, having confessed it, 10 went away from him and returned to his own place. 11 In that time the people were expecting a messiah. 12 This man was persuaded of the truth, and was brought to believe in Christ, 13 and was afterwards confirmed by the Holy Spirit. 14 But John, according to the testimony of the Scriptures, was to be a forerunner of Christ. 15 And the angel answered and said to him, 16 *I am Gabriel, which stand in the presence of God; and I have been sent to speak to thee and to bring thee this good news. 17 And behold, thou shalt be filled and unable to speak until the day when these things come to pass, because thou hast not believed my words which shall be fulfilled in their proper time. 18 And the people were waiting for Zachary and they wondered at his tarrying so long in the temple. 21 But when he did come out he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them, but he remained dumb.

19 And it came to pass, when the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. 22 Now after these days Elizabeth was made a great joy, and she was retained herself for five months, saying, 23 Thus has the Lord dealt with me in the days of which he designed to take away my reproach among men. 24 And the angel said to her, 25 Do not be afraid, Zachary, for thy petition has been heard, and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. 26 And thou shalt have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. 27 For he shall be great before the Lord; he shall drink no wine or strong drink, and shall be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother’s womb. 28 And he shall bring back to the Lord their God many of the children of Israel, 29 and he shall himself go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, 30 to turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the incredulous to the wisdom of the just, to prepare the Lord for his people. 31 And Zachary said to the angel: 32 How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is aged. 33 And the angel answered him, saying, 34 For I am Gabriel, and am sent forth of God, and the Holy Spirit speaks in my mouth, and your words were spoken to me in the name of the Lord. 35 Now after these days Mary the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. 36 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord will give him the throne of his father David, 37 and he shall be king over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 38 But Mary said to the angel, 39 How shall this happen, since I do not know a man? 40 And the angel answered and said to her, 41 The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee, and therefore the Holy One to be born shall be called the
The Birth of Jesus

CHAPTER 2.

The Birth of Jesus. 1 Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. 2 This first census took place while Quirinus was governor of Syria. 3 And all were going, each to his own town, to register. 4 And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to register, together with Mary his espoused. 5 Now while they were there, the days were fulfilled for her to be delivered. 6 And she bore her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Shepherds at the Crib. 8 And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly.

10 And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! For behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; 11 for today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

13 And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

14 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. 15 And when they had seen it, they made known the saying which was told them concerning the child. 16 And all who heard it marveled at the things which were told them by the shepherds. 17 But Mary kept all these things, and considered them in her heart.

Circumcision and Presentation. 21 And when eight days were fulfilled for his circumcision, his name was called Jesus. 22 And when the days of her purification were fulfilled, according to the Law of Moses, 23 they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord— 24 as it is written in the Law of the Lord,
Every man that offends his neighbor shall be called Holy to the Lord, and offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons." 2 And behold, there was in Jerusalem a man that was just and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. 3 And he came by inspiration of the Spirit into the temple. And when his parents brought him in according to the custom of the Law, 4 he also received him into his arms and blessed God, saying, 5 "Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word, in peace; for my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and a glory for thy people Israel." 6 And his parents were amazed at all these things spoken of him. 7 And he said to them, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted. 8 And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." 9 And there was also Anna a prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from their maid- enhood, and by herself as a widow to eighty-four years. She never left the temple, worshiping night and day. 10 And coming at that very hour, she began to praise God, and to say that he had remembered his servant. 11 And when they had fulfilled all things prescribed in the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, into their own town of Nazareth. 12 And the child grew and became strong. He was full of wisdom and grace of God was upon him. The Child Jesus in the Temple. 13 And his parents were going every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover. 14 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 15 And when they were returning, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and his parents did not know it. 16 And it came to pass that being in the temple, he had a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for him among their relatives and acquaintances. 17 And finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. 18 And it came to pass after three days, that they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions. 19 And all who were listening to him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 20 And when they saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why hast thou done so to us? Behold, in sorrow thy father and I have been seeking thee." 21 And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" 22 And they did not understand the word that he spoke to them. 23 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them; and his mother kept all these things carefully in her heart. 24 And Jesus advanced in wisdom and grace before God and men. 1: The public ministry of Jesus 2: The baptist. 3: Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Ly- sanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. 4: And he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet. 5: "The voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.' 6: Every valley shall be filled, and every hill shall be made low, and the crooked ways shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; 7: and all mankind shall see the salvation of God." 8: He said therefore to the crowds that went out to be baptized by him, "Brod of vipers! who has shown you how to flee from the wrath to come? 9: Bring forth therefore fruits befitting repentance, and do not begin to say, We have Abra- ham for our father; for I say to you that God is able out of these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10: For even now the axe is laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore, that is not bringing forth good fruit is to be cut down and thrown into the fire." 11: And the crowds asked him, saying, "What then are we to do?" 12: And he answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food let him do likewise." 13: And publicans also came to be bap- tized, and they said to him, "Master, what are we to do?" 14: But he said to them, "Exact no more than what has been appointed you." 15: And soldiers also asked him, saying, "And we—what are we to do?" 16: And he said to them, "Fulfil no more than what is appointed you." 17: And they brought to him a paralysed, and asked for permission to bring him to Jesus, 18: And Jesus, looking on him, said to them, 'Fear not, only believe, and she will be healed.' And immediately her faith healed her. 19: And he entered into their synagogue and said to them, 20: And they brought to him a paralysed, and asked for permission to bring him to Jesus, 21: And he entered into their synagogue and said to them, 22: Now as the people were in expectation, and all were wondering in their hearts about John, whether perhaps he might be the Christ. 23: And John answered and said to them all, "I baptized you with water; but one mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose garments I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 24: His winnowing fan is in his hand, and he will chase out his threshing-floor, and will gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn up with un- quenchable fire." 25: And many with varying dif- ferent exhortations he kept on preaching the gospel to the people.
Pharisees, the sons of Judas. 34 And Jesus said to them, 35 "The Son of Man has come to save the lost sheep."

CHAPTER 4.
The Temptation. 1 Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the desert 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. 3 And he ate nothing during those days; and when they were completed he was hungry.

4 And the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 5 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.""

6 And the devil led him up, showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 7 And said to him, "To you will I give all this power and their glory; for to me they have been delivered, and to whomsoever I will I give them. 8 Therefore if thou wilt worship me, all shall be thine before me, the whole shall be thine." 9 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.""

10 Then he led him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If thou art the Son of God, throw thyself down from here." 11 For it is written, "He will give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." 12 And he said, "Upon thy head shall no evil come to pass, for thou hast not taken the knowledge of God." 13 And Jesus was about thirty years old, 

Jesus at Nazareth. 14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and the fame of him went out through the whole country. 15 And he was taught in their synagogues, and was glorified by all.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and according to his custom, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. 17 And the volume of Isaiah the prophet he opened, and finding the place where it was written, 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of recompense." 19 And when he had opened the book, he closed it, and handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 20 And he said to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 21 And all those who were present in the synagogue were saying to one another, "Is not this Joseph's son? 22 And he said to them, "You will surely quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure thyself.' Whatever things I have said, I have done in Capernaum, as you have also in your own country!" 23 But he said, "Ananias I say, to you, so prophetic spirit is strong in the midst of you as in the prophets who were before us, in Capernaum as in their country. 24 In truth I say to you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elias, when heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land; 25 and to none of them was Elias sent, but rather to a widow woman in Sarepta of Sidon. 26 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha, when he sent him back to his hand, but not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.

27 And all in the synagogue, as they heard these things, were filled with wrath. 28 And rising up, they thrust him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. 29 But he passing through their midst, went his way.
cured of their sicknesses. 16 But he himself was in retirement in the desert, and in prayer.

17 And it came to pass on one of the days, that he sat teaching. And there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, who had come out of every village of Galilee and Judea, and of Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

A Paralytic at Capharnaum. 18 And behold, some men were carrying upon a pallet a man who was paralyzed, and they were trying to bring him in and to lay him before him. 19 And as they found no way of bringing him in, because of the crowd, they went up onto the roof, and lifted him down into the midst before Jesus. 20 And seeing their faith, he said, "Man, thy sins are forgiven thee."

21 And the scribes and Pharisees began to argue, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Can one forgive sins, but God only?" 22 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, answered and said to them, "Why are you arguing in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, 'Thy sins are forgiven thee,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? 24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins,"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to thee, arise, take up thy pallet and go to thy house.

25 And immediately he arose before them and took up what he was lying on, and went away to his house, glorifying God. 26 And astonishment seized upon them all, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen wonderful things today."

The Call of Levi. 27 And after this he went forth; and he saw a publican, named Levi, sitting in the tax-collector's place, and he said to him, "Follow me." 28 So he left everything, and rose and followed him. 29 And Levi gave a great feast for him at his house; and there was a great gathering of publicans and of others, who were at the table with them. 30 And the Pharisees and their scribes were watching him, saying to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with publicans and sinners?" 31 And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not the healthiest who need a physician, but they who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the just, but sinners, to repentance."

The QuesIon of Taxation. 33 And they said to him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make supplications, and do likewise also the Pharisees, 34 whereas thy disciples eat and drink?" 35 He said to them, "Can you make the wedding guests fast, while the bridegroom is with them? 36 But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. 37 And he spoke a parable also to them, saying, "No one puts a patch on a new garment, for fear it will become worn out, and the new part will wrinkle and the patch will stand out. 38 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if it is, the new will burst the skins, and be spilled, and the skins will be ruined. 39 But new wine must be put into fresh skins, and both will be saved. 40 And no man after drinking old wine immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.'"

CHAPTER 6.

The Disciples Pluck Grain on the Sabbath. 41 Now it came to pass on the second Sabbath, that he was going through standing grain, and his disciples were plucking and eating the ears of grain, rubbing them with their hands. 2 But some of the Pharisees said to him, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" 3 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you not read that what the Deity did in the days of creation? How he created on the seventh day and rested? 4 But he who rests and he who is hungry must work, lest he be cursed, and have no part with God. 5 And the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath. 6 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the sabbath."

A Man With a Withered Hand. 7 And it came to pass on another Sabbath, that he entered the synagogue and taught. 8 And a man was there and his right hand was withered. 9 And the Pharisees were watching him to see if he cured him on the Sabbath, that they might find something to accuse him. 10 But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Arise and stand forth in the midst." 11 And he arose and stood forth. 12 But Jesus said to him, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to do evil? to save a life, or to destroy it?" 13 And having looked around upon them all, he said to the man, "Stretch forth thy hand." And he stretched it forth, and his hand was restored. 14 But they were filled with fury, and began to discuss among themselves what they should do to Jesus.

The Choice of the Twelve. 15 Now it came to pass in those days, that he went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 16 And when day broke, he summoned his disciples from these he chose twelve (who also named apostles): 17 Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew; 18 Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who called the Zealos; 19 Jude the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, who turned traitor.

The Sermon on the Mount: The Theme. 20 And coming down, he took his stand on a level stretch, with a crowd of his disciples, and a great multitude of people from all Judea and from Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, 21 who came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. 22 And they were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 23 All and the crowd were trying to touch him for power went forth from him and healed all.

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The Centurion's Servant

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6. And I say to myself, 'He is a righteous man, and despises not his servant.'

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8. And he said to the centurion, "Go and do as you have believed; and it shall be done for you.

9. And the centurion answered and said, "Yes, Lord; for so I receive orders, a thousand and fifty men.

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The Sower and the Seed

Now when he landed, there met him a certain man who for a long time was possessed by a devil, and wore no clothes, and lived in a house, not in a house. 28 And when he saw Jesus, he fell down before him, and crying out with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with thee, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I pray thee, do not torment me." 29 For he was charging the unclean spirit to go back into the mankind; and many times it had laid hold of him; and he was bound with chains and fetters, and kept under guard; but he would break the bonds and fetters, and be driven by the devil into the deserts. 30 And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is thy name?" And he said, "Legion," because many devils had entered into him. 31 And they entreated him not to command them to depart into the abyss. 32 Now a herd of many swine was there, feeding on the mountain-side. And they kept entreating him to give them leave to enter into them. And he gave them leave. 33 And the devils came out from the man and entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and were drowned. 34 And when the swineherds saw what had happened, they fled and reported it in the town and in the country: 35 and people came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whose devils they had gone out sitting at his feet, clothed, and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 And those also who had seen it reported it them how he had been saved from Legion. 37 And all the people of the Gerasene district besought him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear. 38 And he got into a boat and went back. 39 But the man on whom the devils had not been able to remain, because they did not believe and be saved. 40 Now those upon the rock are they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, but believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. 41 And that which fell among thorns are they who, hearing the word, the thorns springing up have choked the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things enter in, and choke the word, and rending the root of life.
The Mission of the Apostles. Then he summoned the twelve, gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to cure diseases. And he sent them forth journeys forth to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, neither staff, nor wallet, neither bread, money, neither have you two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there, and do not leave the place. And whoever does not receive you—go forth from that town, and shake off even the dust from your feet for a witness against them.

Now he heard thetetrad heard of all that was being done by him, and was much perplexed, because it was said by some, "John has risen from the dead!" and by some, "Elias has appeared!" and by some, "One of the prophets of old has risen again!" But Herod said, "John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he endeavored to see him.

And the apostles on their return reported to him all that they had done. And those who remained with him, withdrew apart to a desert place, which belonged to Bethsaida. But the crowds on learning it followed him. And he welcomed them, and spoke to them of the kingdom of God, and those in need of cure he healed.

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand. Now all the day began to decline; and the twelve came up and said to him, "Send the crowds away, so that they may go into the villages and farms roundabout and find lodging and provisions, for we are in a desert place here." But he said to them, "You give them something." And they said, "We have here only five loaves and two fishes, unless we are to go and buy food for all this crowd." For there were about five thousand men present.

Then he said to his disciples, "Make them recline in groups of fifties." And they did so, and made them all recline. And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, blessed them, and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the crowds. And all ate and were satisfied; and what was left over to them was gathered up, twelve baskets of fragments.

Jesus Transfigured. Now it came to pass about eight days after these words, that he took Peter, James, and John, and went up the mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the appearance of his countenance was changed, and he became a radiant white, and behold, two men were talking with him. And these were Moses and Elias, who, appearing in glory, spoke of his death, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep. But when they were fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men were standing with him. And it came as they were parted from him, they said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. And let us set up three tents, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias." Not knowing what he said. But as he was speaking, there came a cloud and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son; hear him." And after the voice had passed, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one at that time any of these things that they had seen.

A Possessed Boy. Now it came to pass on the following day, when they came down from the mountain, that a large crowd met him. And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, saying, "Master, I pray you, look at my son; for he is my only child; and behold, a spirit seizes him and he suddenly cries out, and it throws him down and convulses him so that he foams and bruises him sorely, and it scarcely leaves him. And I prayed to thy disciples to cast it out, but they could not." But Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? Bring thy son here to me." And as he was yet coming near, the devil cast him down and threw him into convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and restored him to his father. And all were assembled at the majesty of God.

The Second Prediction of the Passion. But while all marveled at all the things that he was doing, some said to his disciples, "Store up these words in your minds: the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men." But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them, that they might not perceive it, and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Against Ambition and Envy. Now a discussion arised among them, which of them was the greatest. And knowing the reasoning of their heart, took a little child and set him at his side, and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives him who sent me. For he who is the least among you, he is the greatest.

But John answered and said, "Master, we saw a man casting out devils in thy name, and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us." And Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him; for he who is not against you is for you.

The Unfriendly Samaritans. Now it came to pass, when the days had come for him to be taken up, that he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem. And one sent messengers before him. And they went and entered a Samaritan town to make ready for him, and they did not receive him, because his face was set for Jerusalem.

But when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, wilt thou that we bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them, saying, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

Sacrifice to Follow Christ. And it came to pass that they told him of the journey, that a man said to him, "I will follow thee wherever thou goest." And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.

And he said to another, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their dead, but go thou and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow thee, Lord; but let me first bid adieu to those at home." Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the
CHAPTER 10.

The Seventy-two Disciples. 1 Now after this the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and sent them two by two before him into every town and place where he himself was about to come. 2 And he said to them, 3 "The harvest is indeed great, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest."

3 Go, 4 Behold, I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves. 5 Carry neither purse, nor wallet, nor sandals, and greet no one on the way; whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6 And if a son of peace is there, your word will be received; 7 but if not, you shall say, 'Peace be upon this house.' 8 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they have, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house.

9 And whatever town you enter, and they receive you, eat what is set before you, and cure the sick among them, and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand.' 10 'Even the dust from your town that claves to us we shake off against you: yet know this, that the kingdom of God is at hand.' 11 I will say to you, that it will be more tolerable for Sodom in that day than for that town.

The Impenitent Towers. 12 "Woe to thee, Chorazin! Woe to thee, Bethsaida! For if Tyre and Sidon had been condemned as Sodom were, it would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 13 But you, even you, shall be exalted to heaven: Thoul shalt be thrust down to hell."

14 "He who hears you, hears me; and he who rejects you, rejects me; and he who rejects me, rejects him who sent me.

Return of the Disciples. 17 Now the seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 18 'Even the devils are subject to us in thy name.' 19 But he said to them, 'I was watching Satan fall as lightning from heaven. 20 Behold, I have given you power to tread upon serpents and cobras, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 21 But do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; rejoice rather in this, that your names are written in heaven. 22 In that very hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I praise thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to little ones. 23 Yes, Father, for such was thy good pleasure. 24 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

25 And turning to his disciples he said, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! 26 For I say to you, many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and they have not seen it; and to hear what you hear, and they have not heard it."

The Great Commandment: The Good Samaritan. 27 And he said, 'a certain lawyer got up to test him, saying, Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?' 28 But he said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How dost thou read?' 29 He answered and said, 'You shall love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole strength, and with thy whole mind: and thy neighbor as thyself.' 30 And he said to him, 'Thou hast answered rightly; do this and thou shalt live.' 31 But he, wishing to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'

32 Jesus answered, 'A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell in with robbers, who after stripping him of their clothing, beat him, and went away. 33 And when he came to a certain place, behold, a priest was going down on that way, and seeing him, passed by. 34 And likewise a Levite, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. 35 But a certain Samaritan, when he saw him, was moved with compassion. 36 And he went up to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. 37 And setting him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. 38 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatsoever thou shalt spend, I, on my way back, will repay thee.' 39 'Which of these three, in thy opinion, proved himself neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?' 40 And he said, 'He who took pity on him.' And Jesus said to him, 'Go and do thou also in like manner.'

Martha and Mary. 41 Now it came to pass as they were on their journey, that he entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha welcomed him to her house. 42 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet, and hearkened to his word. 43 But Martha was busy about much serving; and she came up and said, 'Lord, is it no concern of thee that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her therefore to help me.' 44 But the Lord answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things; 45 and yet only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the best part, and it will not be taken away from her.'

CHAPTER 11.

Lessons on Prayer. 1 And it came to pass as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, 2 'Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples.' 3 And he said to them, 4 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come! 5 Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.' 6 And he said to them, 7 'Which of you has a friend and shall go to him at midnight, and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves, 8 (for a friend of mine has just come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him); 9 and he from within shall answer and say, Do not disturb me; the door is now shut, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give to thee?' 10 I say to you, although he will not get up and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him all he needs. 11 And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. 12 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks it shall be opened. 13 But if one of you asks his father for a loaf, will he give him a stone? 14 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? 15 Therefore, if you, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Good Spirit to those who ask him!' 16 Blasphemy of the Pharisees. 17 And he was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb; and when he had cast out the devil, the dumb man spoke. And the crowds marveled. 18 And some of them said, 'By Beelzebub, the prince of devils, he casts out devils.' 19 And others, to test him, asked of him signs from heaven. 20 But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, 21 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and house will fall upon house. 22 If, then, Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say that I cast out devils by Beelzebub. 23 Now, if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Then for they shall be your judges. 24 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.' 25 And they were consented to him no longer, for they were divided among themselves.
cast out devils by the finger of God, when the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 When the strong man, fully armed, guards his hold, his property is undisturbed. But when a stronger man attacks him and overcomes him, he will take away all his weapons and plunder his spoils. 22 He who is not with me is against me; and he who does not gather with me scatters.

23 And when the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, it roams through waterless places in search of rest; and finding none, it says, 'I will return to my house which I left.' 24 And when he has come to it, he finds the place swept, 25 Then he goes and takes seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first.

The Praise of Mary. 26 Now it came to pass as he was saying these things, that a certain woman from the crowd lifted up her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore thee, and the breasts that nursed thee.' 27 But he said, 'Rather, blessed be the one who hears the word of God and keeps it.'

The Sin of Judas. 28 And as the crowds were gathering together, he began to say, 'This generation is an evil generation: it demands a sign, and no sign shall be given it but the sign of Jonas. 29 For even as Jonas was a sign to the Ninevites, so will also the Son of Man be to this generation. 30 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, a greater than Solomon is here. 31 The men of Nineve will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn them; for they repented at the preaching of Jonas, and behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

A Lesson from a Lamp. 32 No one puts a lamp under a basket, but puts it on a stand or on a lamp; lest it become dim. 33 For there is no one who light the lamp with intent to cast it under a basket, but to set it on a stand, so that those who enter will see the light. 34 The lamp of thy body is an eye: if thy eye be sound, thy whole body will be full of light. But if thy eye be evil, thy whole body will be full of darkness. 35 Take care, therefore, that the light which is in thee be not darkness. 36 If, then, thy whole body be full of light, having no part in darkness, it will all be illumined, as when a bright lamp illuminates thee.'

Denunciation of the Pharisees. 37 Now after he had spoken, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him. And he entered and reclined at table, 38 But the Pharisee began to wonder and ask himself why he had not washed before dinner, 39 And reclined at table. 40 But the Lord said to him, 'Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and the platter; 41 But within you are full of robbery and wickedness. 42 Foolish ones! did not he who made the outside make the inside too? 43 Nevertheless, give that which remains as alms; and behold, all things are clean to you.

44 But woe to you Pharisees! because you pay tithes of mint and rue and every herb; and pay tithe of the tithes of all things; and you 45 Love the seat of honor at the synagogues; and greetings in the market place. 46 Woe to you! because you are like hidden tombs, of which men walk unaware.

47 As a Rejection of the Lawyers. 48 But one of the lawyers said to him, saying: 'Master, in saying these things, thou insultest us also.' 49 But he said, 'Woe to you lawyers also! because you burden men with oppressive burdens and are yourselves with one of your fingers do not touch the burdens. 50 Woe to you! for you build the tombs of the prophets, whereas your fathers killed them. 51 So when you are witnesses and approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, you build their tombs. 52 For this reason the wisdom of God has said: I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them you will kill and persecute, that the blood of all the prophets which has been shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation; 53 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, who was slain in the temple; and between him and the temple, 54 For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you have not entered yourselves and those who were entering you have hindered; 55 After he had said these things to them, the Pharisees and the lawyers began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak on many things, 56 But setting traps for him and plotting to seize upon something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.

CHAPTER 12. The Leaven of the Pharisees. 1 Now when innumerable crowds had gathered together; so that they were treading on one another, he began to say to his disciples, 2 Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 3 But there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, and hidden that will not be made known. 4 For what you have said in darkness will be made known in the light; and what you have whispered in the inner chambers will be preached on the housetops.

Encouragement in Persecution. 4 But I say to you, everyone: Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but after that have nothing more that they can do. 5 But I will show you who you shall be afraid of; fear of him who, after he has killed, has power to cast into hell. 6 Yes, I say to you, be afraid of him. 7 Are not five sparrows sold for two pence? And not one of them is forgotten before God. 8 Yes, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore, even not one of you will be afraid, you are of more value than many sparrows.

9 Do not fear them to you, 10 For everyone who acknowledges me before men, him will the Son of Man also acknowledge before the angels of God. 11 But whoever discloses me before men will be disowned before the angels of God. 12 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man shall be forgiven; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit it will not be forgiven.

A Warning against Avarice. 13 Now one out of the crowd said to him, 'Master, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' 14 But he said to him, 'Man, who has appointed me a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15 And he said to them, 'Take heed and guard yourselves from all covetousness, for a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.'

16 But he spoke a parable to them, saying: 'The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundantly; 17 And he thought within himself, saying: What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops? 18 And he said this: I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, thou hast many goods laid up for many years; take thy ease, eat, drink, and be merry.'

20 But God said to him: Thou fool, this night do they demand thy soul of thee, and the things that thou hast provided, whose will they be? 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich as regards God.

Treaty in God. 22 But he said to his disciples: 'Therefore I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. 23 For life is a greater thing than food, and the body than the clothing. 24 Consider the ravens; they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn; yet God feeds them. 25 How much more value are you than they? 26 But which of you of by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit? 27 Therefore if you are not able to do even a very little thing, why are you anxious concerning the rest?
Exhortation to Vigilance

27 "Consider how the lilies grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself with greater splendor than one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass which is today in the field and tomorrow is cast into the furnace, will he not much more clothe you? O you of little faith!

29 And as for you, do not seek what you shall eat, or what you shall drink, or be occupiable.

30 For the Gentile nations of all the world seek after these things: but your Father knows that you need these things.

31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be given you besides.

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell what you have and give alms. Make for yourselves purses that do not grow old, a treasure unaliens in heaven, where neither thief draws near nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

The Watchful Servants.

34 "Let your loins be girt about and your lamps burning.

35 And you yourselves like men waiting for their master's return from the wedding, so that when he comes and knocks, they may open to him quickly.

36 Blessed are those servants whom the master, on his return, shall find watching. Amen I say to you, you shall be made to sit in judgment, and to receive your master's reward.

37 "I came to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wished it were already kindled!

38 Moreover, I came to call sinners to repentance. Amen I say to you, I shall be required of the righteous to explain the blood of all the prophets, and of all those who have been slain, since the beginning of the world, from Abel to Elijah and all the prophets, because they testified to the righteous. 39 For if I had done the things which they did, they would have put them to death long ago. 40 But I tell you, I shall not presently be put to death, but I shall be raised up on the third day.

41 "Therefore, when you shall see the Raging Fig Tree, you shall know that the time is come. 42 For the Raging Fig Tree shall be torn down, and its branches burned with fire.

43 "The time of the Raging Fig Tree is thirty years, or forty, or fifty. If anyone says to a tree, 'You are old!' and throws it into the fire, it shall be burned; 44 If anyone says to a tree, 'You are young!' and decides to cut it down, it will not be cut down.

45 "When you shall therefore see the signs of the Raging Fig Tree, you shall say, 'It is near at hand, it is near at hand!'

46 But I tell you, it shall not be so. 47 No sign will be given to it, but the Son of man, but the Son of man will come in the glory of his Father with the angels of heaven, and shall be recognized in the glory of the Father. 48 And I tell you, it is not when you shall say, 'Lord, Lord,' that will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

The Narrow Gate.

49 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain man who sowed good seed in his field; 50 But the enemy mingled tares among the wheat; and the harvest was the time of reaping. 51 Therefore, the reapers began to say to the master of the house, 'Look! Men have come with tares among the wheat, and with violence.' 52 But he said to them, 'No, do not destroy it, but let it be burned in the fire; for in gathering the wheat, it is necessary to gather with the tares, and to burn them in the fire. 53 "Let the one who has ears to hear, hear.

54 "Therefore, if any man becomes a disciple of mine, let him no longer love his father or mother, or wife, or children, or brothers, or sisters, or himself, or life, whatever he shall own. 55 And whoever is not willing to bear his cross and follow after me shall not be my disciple. 56 And whoever shall have made for himself a lord, is not my servant, but my enemy. 57 And whoever shall be willing to bear the cross, and be followed, is not my servant, but my lord. 58 And whoever shall not have despised his kin, is not my disciple. 59 And whoever shall not despise his father, or mother, or wife, or children, or brothers, or sisters, or goods, for my sake, 60 He is not my disciple. 61 And whoever does not bear his cross and follow me, cannot be my disciple. 62 And whoever will be a household of destruction to himself; and whoever will be a persecutor of me, will be a household of glory. 63 And whoever shall be willing to bear his cross, and be followed, is not my disciple, but my lord.
CHAPTER 14.

A Man with Dropsey. 1 And it came to pass, when he entered the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on the Sabbath, that they watched him. 2 And behold, there was a certain man before him who had the dropsey. 3 And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful for a man to heal on the Sabbath?” 4 But they remained silent. And he took and healed him and let him go. 5 Then addressing them, he said, “Which of you shall have a son or an ox fall into a pit and will not immediately draw him up on the Sabbath?” 6 And they could give him no answer to these things.

The Lost Sheep. 7 But he also spoke a parable to those invited, observing how they were choosing the first places at table, and he said to them, 8 “When thou art invited to a wedding feast, do not recline in the first place; lest perhaps one more distinguished than thou has been invited by him, and he who invited thee and him come and say to thee, ‘Make room for this man;’ and then thou begin with shame to take the last place. 9 But when thou art invited, go and recline in the last place; and they will say to thee, ‘Friend, go up higher!’ Then thou wilt be filled with joy, and he who invited thee will come and say to thee, ‘Make room for this man;’ and he will fill his joy.”

The Prodigal Son. 24 “For which of you, wishing to build a tower, does not sit down first and calculate the cost, whether he has enough money to finish it? 25 And if he does not begin to build, all who pass see him that he has begun to build but is not able to finish. 26 Or what king going out to wage war against another, will not sit down first and calculate the cost, whether he has enough to finish it. 27 And if he does not begin to gather an army, he will be ashamed of those who have come against him, who have despised him. 28 So is the lord of the house. 29 Who, then, is a faithful and wise servant, whom the lord has set over his household to give them food in their hours? 30 Blessed is that servant whom his lord when he comes will find doing so. 31 For truly I say to you, that he will set him over all his goods. 32 But if he is not watching, and if he comes, having his own in his own hour, he will punish him and divide his property among them.”

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The Prodigal Son. 33 “And it came to pass after many days, a certain young man divided all his property among his servants, and took his journey into a far country, 34 and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. 35 And after he had spent all, there came a grievous famine over that country, and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. 36 And he longed to fill himself with the pods that the swine were eating, but no one offered to give them to him. 37 But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many hired men in my father’s house have food in abundance, while I perish here with hunger!’ 38 And he arose and came to his father. 39 And the father said to his servants, ‘Call his son, for he is come who is lost; and let him take his seat in the place of honor.’ 40 And they were filled with joy. 41 Then his father said to the servants, ‘Bring the best robe, and put it on him; and put the ring on his hand, and the shoes on his feet. 42 And bring the fatted calf, kill it; and let us eat and make merry. 43 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry.

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Parable of a Great Supper. 38 Now when one of those who were at table with him asked him this question, 39 ‘Blessed is he who shall feast in the kingdom of God.’ 40 But he said to him, ‘A certain man gave a great supper and invited many. 41 And he sent his servant at supper time to call those invited to come in, for every thing is now ready. 42 And they all with one accord began to excuse themselves. 43 The first said to him, ‘I have bought a farm, and I must go and see it; pray thee hold me excused.’ 44 And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to till my five yoke of oxen.’ 45 And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ 46 And the servant returned, and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house was angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ 47 And the servant said, ‘Sir, thy order has been carried out, and there is still room.’ 48 Then the master of the house said to his servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and make them come in, so that my house may be filled. 49 For I tell you that none of those who have been invited shall taste of my supper.’

Following of Christ. 25 Now great crowds were going along with him. 26 And he turned and said to them, ‘If any one comes to me, and despises his father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, for my sake and the gospel, 27 he is not my disciple. 28 And he who does not carry his cross to come after me is not my disciple. 29 But whoever does not despise all his kinsfolk for my sake, cannot be my disciple.’

The Lost Coin. 28 ‘What woman, having ten silver drachmas, if she loses one drachma, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 29 And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma that I lost.” 30 Even so, I say to you, there will be joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

The Prodigal Son. 31 And he said, “A certain man had two sons. 32 And the younger of them said to his father. “Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.” And he divided his means between them. 33 And not many days later, the younger son gathered all his wealth, and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. 34 And after he had spent all, there came a grievous famine over that country, and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. 35 And he longed to fill himself with the pods that the swine were eating, but no one offered to give them to him. 36 But when he came to himself, he said, “How many hired men in my father’s house have food in abundance, while I perish here with hunger!” 37 And he arose and came to his father. 38 And the father said to his servants, “Call his son, for he is come who is lost; and let him take his seat in the place of honor.” 39 And they were filled with joy. 40 And the father said to the servants, “Bring the best robe, and put it on him; and put the ring on his hand, and the shoes on his feet.” 41 And he called his servants, and said to them, “Call the friends and neighbors, and say to them, “Rejoice with me, because I have found my son who was lost.”’
CHAPTER 16.

The Unjust Steward. 1 And he said also to his disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, who was reported to him as squandering his possessions. 2 And he called and said to him, 'What is that which I hear of thee? Make an accounting of thy stewardship, for thou shalt not be steward no longer.' 3 And the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do, seeing that when I am removed from my stewardship they may receive me into their houses? 4 And he summoned each of his master's debtors and said to the first, 'How much dost thou owe my master?' 5 And he said, 'A hundredjars of oil.' He said to him, 'Take thy bond and sit down at once and write fifty.' 6 Then he said to another, 'How much dost thou owe my master?' He said, 'A hundredkobs of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take thy bond and write eighty.' 7 And the master commended the unjust steward, because he had acted prudently; for the children of this world, in relation to their own generation, are more prudent than the children of light. 8 And I say to you, make friends for yourselves with the mammon of wickedness, so that when you fail* you may receive you into the everlasting dwellings. 9 He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in a very little thing is unjust also in much. 10 Therefore, if in the case of the wicked mammon you have not proved faithful, who will entrust to you what is true? 11 And if in the case of what belongs to another you have not proved faithful, who will entrust to you what is your own? 12 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. 13 Pretenses of the Pharisees. 14 Now the Pharisees, who were fond of money, were listening to all these things, and they began to sneer at him. 15 And he said to them, 'You are they who declare yourselves just in the sight of men, but God knows your heart; for that which is exalted in the sight of men is abomination before God. 16 Until John came, there were the Law and the Prophets; since then the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forsaking his way into it. 17 Yet it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for a single word of the Law to fail. 18 For when Moses had finished instructing his wife away his wife, and marries another commits adultery: and he who marries a woman who has been put away from her husband commits adultery. 19 The Rich Men and Lazarus. 20 There was a certain rich man who used to clothe himself in purple and fine linen, and feasted every day in splendour. 21 And there was a certain poor man, named Lazarus, who lay at his gate, covered with sores, 22 and longs to be filled with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs came and licked his sores. 23 And it came to pass that the poor man died and was borne away by the angels into Abraham's bosom, but the rich man also died and was buried in hell. 24 And lifting up his eyes he saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. 25 And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me. 26 And the Unprofitable Servant. 27 And which of you, if you had one hundred denarii, when you departed went you not first to borrow from your friend, and borrow something, that when you came home they should say to you, Reckon with me the money you borrowed? 28 And he said to them, 'To you who have been awarded much, much shall be required; and of men who have been trusted, much more service will be required of them. 29 Then it came to pass, when the servant came, he said to his lord, Lord, you gave me five talents, and I have gained five talents more. 30 And his lord said to him, Well done, good servant; because you did what was right in my absence. A certain kingdom was divided among ten brothers; and he who had five talents came and said, Lord, you delivered to me five talents. The kingdom of heaven is like this."
CHAPTER 18

The Godless Judge. 1 And he also told them a parable—"that they must always pray and not lose heart." 2 "There was a judge in a certain city who did not fear God and did not respect people. 3 Now there was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him and saying, 4 'Judge me justly, for the unjust judge does not fear God or respect people.' 5 So the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unjust judge says: 6 and will not God avenge his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 7 I tell you that he will judge them quickly. Yet when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’" 8 —The Pharisees and the Publicans. 9 But he spoke this parable also to some who were self-righteous and were confidence in their own righteousness." 10 "Two men went to the temple to pray; one a Pharisee and another a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus: ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, robbers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift his eyes to heaven, but said to himself, ‘God have mercy on me, a sinner.’ 14 I tell you, this man went home justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

Jesus Blesses the Children. 15 Now they were bringing the babies to him to let him bless them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called the children to himself and said, ‘Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 17 I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’

The Danger of Riches. 18 And I tell you, there is an ax among those who live among you, which will divide mother from child, mother-in-law from daughter-in-law. 19 Therefore be careful and watch out for one another— 20 for if your brother sins against you, go to him and tell him his fault. 21 And if he listens to you, you have won your brother back. 22 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be decided by the testimony of two or three witnesses. 23 If they still refuse to believe, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. 24 "I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable to the land of Sodom than to this people, 25 because they did not repent when they heard the kind of repentance the prophet Ezekiel preached. 26 And if the grains of sand on the sea were numbered, I tell you, it would be more tolerable in judgment for this generation than for that generation. 27 O generation, how very wicked you are! How very evil your ways are! 28 Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that produces the fruit it deserves. 29 And whoever falls on their face will not lose the kingdom of God; and whoever is not humbled will be humbled, and whoever is humbled will be exalted.”

The Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee. 30 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and another a tax collector. 31 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus: ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like other people— thieves, robbers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 32 I fast twice a week and give tithes of all I get.’ 33 But the tax collector stood far off and would not even lift his eyes to heaven, but said to himself, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 34 I tell you, this man went home justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Blind Man at Jericho. 35 "And Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. 36 When he saw a crowd, he said to his disciples, ‘The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the good news is preached to the poor. 37 And blessed is the one who receives no offense by me.’ 38 "Now as they were listening to him, someone brought a blind man to him. 39 And Jesus said to them, ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ They said, ‘Yes, Lord.’ 40 Then Jesus touched his eyes and said to him, ‘Go, your faith has made you well.’ 41 And immediately he received his sight and followed him along the road, glorifying God. And all the people seeing it praised God." —Zacchaeus the Publican. 1 And he entered and was passing through Jericho. 2 And behold there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a rich man and was a tax collector, and he was rich. 3 And he was trying to see Jesus, who was passing by, but because he was a short man he could not see the crowd, because he was small of stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was going to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at thy house today.’ 6 And he made haste and came down and welcomed him joyfully. 7 And when Jesus had come to the house, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at thy house today.’ 8 And he made haste and came down and welcomed him joyfully. 9 And when Jesus had come to the house, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at thy house today.’

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Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. 20 And it came to pass, as he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, that he sent two of his disciples, 21 saying, "Go into the village opposite; on entering it you will find a colt tied, upon which no man ever has set foot; loose it and bring it. 22 And if anyone asks you, "Why are you loosing the colt?" you shall answer them thus, "Because the Lord has need of it." 23 And they went and found the colt tied, upon which no man ever had sat. 24 And they loosed it. 25 And some of them who stood there said to him, "Master, why do you trouble the owner by loosing the colt?" 26 And he said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, that unless even the Messiah will go ahead of them, not one of the stones of this house will be left standing; for it is written, 'They shall destroy the Temple and throw it down to the ground.' 27 So then, when the chief priests and the scribes of the Pharisees saw him, they said to him, "Are you also going to make yourself out to be a king?" 28 And Jesus answered them, "Do you ask this among yourselves? I shall tell you by what authority I do these things, or who is that gave me this authority? 29 But they answered and said to him, "Tell us, what authority do you have to do these things?" He said to them, "Who is it then that has a authority to do these things?" 30 But they answered and said to him, "Tell us, what authority do you have to do these things?" He said to them, "Tell me, who is it that has authority to do these things?" 31 But they answered and said to him, "Tell us, what authority do you have to do these things?" He said to them, "Tell me, who is it that has authority to do these things?" 32 But they answered and said to him, "Tell us, what authority do you have to do these things?" He said to them, "Tell me, who is it that has authority to do these things?" 33 But they answered and said to him, "Tell us, what authority do you have to do these things?" 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And certain of the Scribes answered and said, “Master, thou hast said well. 46 And they did not dare to question him any further.”

CHAPTER 21.

The Last Supper.

1 Now it was the custom to prepare with bread, since the Passover was near.

2 And he sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.”

3 But they said, “Where dost thou want us to prepare it?”

4 And he said unto them, “Behold, when ye enter into the city, there shall meet you a man carrying a pitcher of water: follow him into the house into which he goes. 5 And ye shall say unto the master of the house, ‘The Master saith to thee, “Where is the great chamber, where the guests are to be made ready?”’ 6 And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready.”

7 And they went, and found just as he had told them; and they prepared the passover.

The Holy Eucharist.

8 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the twelve apostles with him. 9 And he said to them, “I have greatly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; 10 for I say to you that I will not eat of this fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God comes.”

11 And when he had taken bread, he gave thanks and said, “This is my body, which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.”

12 And when he had taken the cup, he gave thanks, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which shall be shed for you.”

The Betrayer.

13 But behold, he that hath betrayed me is with me on the table. 14 For the Son of Man indeed goes his way, as he has been determined; yet woe to that man by whom he will be betrayed.”

15 And they began to inquire among themselves which of them it might be that should speak thus. 16 And he said to them, “It is one of the twelve, he that dips his hand with me in the dish.”

17 Then they began to inquire one by one, which of them it should be. 18 And he answered, “It is one of the twelve, who dipper with me in the dish. 19 The Son of man indeed goes his way, as it is determined; yet woe to that man by whom he will be betrayed.”

The Centurion among the Apostles.

20 Then there also arose another dispute among them, which of them it was that should be greatest. 21 But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and they who exercise authority over
them are called Benefactors. But not so with you. On the contrary, let him who is greatest among you come as the servant of all. And he who is to be chosen as the servant of the people, let him be the servant of all; and they who are appointed to be the leaders among you, they shall be as servants.

Peter's Denial Predicted. And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou wast turned, strengthen thy brethren." But he said to him, "Lord, with thee I am ready to go both to prison and to death." But he said, "I tell thee, Peter, to-day thou wilt not be drawn out with me to death. But after three days I shall be risen again." And he said to him, "Lord, why should I not follow thee to death?" And the Lord answered and said, "Wilt thou leave me also? But I tell thee, the cock shall not crow to-day, till thou hast denied me thrice." And Peter said to him, "Even though I should die with thee, yet I will not deny thee. And the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word which the Lord had said to him, How couldst thou not keep me from betraying thee? But then Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

Jesus before the Sanhedrin. And the men who had him in custody began to mocking him and beating him. And they spread their hands and mocked him, saying, "Prophet, who is it that struck thee?" And many other things they kept saying against him, reviling him.

And as soon as day broke, the elders of the people and the chief priests and Scribes gathered together; and they led him away to the Sanhedrin, saying, "If thou art the Christ, tell us." And he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe me; and if I ask you, you will not answer me, or let me go. But henceforth, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." And they all said, "Art thou then, the Son of God?" He answered, "You yourselves say that I am." And they said, "What shall we do with him? For we have heard it of ourselves from our own mouth."

CHAPTER 23.

Jesus before Pilate. And the whole assembly rose, and took him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he is Christ a king." So Pilate asked him, saying, "Art thou the king of the Jews?" And he answered him and said, "Thou sayest it." And Pilate said to the chief priests and to the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."

But they persisted, saying, "He is stirring up the people, teaching throughout all Judæa, and beginning from Galilee even to this place." But Pilate, hearing

Galilee, asked whether the man was a Galilean. And learning that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him back to Herod. But he was long desiring to see him about some matters done by him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by him.

Now the chief priests and Scribes were standing by, vehemently accusing him. But Herod, with his officers, treated him with contempt and mocked him, arraying him in a bright robe, and sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends that very day: whereas previously they had been at enmity with each other.

Jesus Again before Pilate. And Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You have brought this man before me as one who perverts the nation. And behold, I, after examining him in your presence have found no guilt in this man as touching those things of which you accuse him. Neither has Herod, for I sent you back to him, and behold, nothing deserving of death has been committed by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him."

Now at festival time it was necessary for him to release to them one prisoner. But the whole mob cried out together, saying, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas!"— one who had been thrown into prison for a certain riot that had occurred in the city, and for murder. But Pilate spoke again, wishing to release Jesus. But they kept shouting, saying, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" And he said to them a third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I find no crime deserving of death in him. I will therefore chastise him and release him."

But they persisted with loud cries, demanding that he should be crucified; and their cries prevailed. And Pilate pronounced sentence that what they asked was to be done. So Pilate gave him up to them who for murder and riot had been put in prison, for whom they
were asking; but Jesus he delivered to their will.

The Way of the Cross. 24 And as they led him away, they laid hold of certain Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and upon him they laid the cross to bear it after Jesus. 27 Now there was following him a great crowd of the people, and of women, who were bewailing and lamenting him. 28 But Jesus turning to them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For, behold, days are coming in which men will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall upon us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ 31 For if in the case of green wood they do these things, what is to happen in the case of the dry?”

Now there were also two other malefactors led to execution with him.

The Crucifixion. 31 And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, they crucified him there; and the robbers, one on his right hand and the other on his left. 33 And they said, “Save yourself, if you be the King of the Jews.” 34 And the people stood looking on; and the rulers with them kept seeing him, as they saw his face. 35 He saved others; let him save himself, if he be the Christ, the chosen one of God.” 36 And the soldiers mocked him, coming to him and offering him vinegar, 37 and saying, “If thou art the King of the Jews, save thyself!”

And there was also an inscription written over him in Greek and Latin and Hebrew letters, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Now on one of the robbers who were hanged was rebuking him, saying, “If thou art the Christ, save thyself and us.” 40 But the other answered rebuking him, saying, “Dost thou not even fear God, seeing that thou art under the same sentence? 41 And we indeed have sinned against him; but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 And he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”

And Jesus said to him, “Amen I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with me in paradise.”

The Death of Jesus. 45 He was crucified between the two thieves; and the people standing beheld the things that were done. 46 And the chief priests also mocked him together with the scribes; and they said, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he be the Christ, the chosen one of God.””

And the sun was darkened, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 48 Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Truly this was a just man.” And all the crowd that came together to see what was done, began to return beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances, and the women who had followed him from Galilee, were standing at a distance looking on.

The Burial. 50 And behold, there was a man named Joseph, a councillor, a good and just man; 51 who had not consented to their plan of action—of Arimathea, a town of Judea, who was himself looking forward to the kingdom of God. 52 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 And he took him up, and wrapped him in a linen cloth, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever yet been laid. 54 And it came to pass, as preparation day, and the Sabbath was drawing on, 55 and the women who had come with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the tomb, and how his body was laid. 56 And they went back and prepared spices and ointments. And on the Sabbath they rested, in accordance with the commandment.

3. The Resurrection of Jesus

CHAPTER 24.

The Women at the Grave. 1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared, 2 and they found the stone rolled back from the tomb. 3 But on entertaining, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it came to pass, while they were wondering what to make of this, that behold, two men stood by them in their garments. 5 And when they saw him, they were filled with fear.

And he said to them, “Why are you disturbed, and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? 9 See my hands and feet, that it is I myself. Feel me and see; for a

should redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, today is the third day since these things came to pass. 22 And moreover, certain women of our company who were at the tomb before it was light, astounded us, 23 and not finding his body, 24 saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he is alive. 24 So some of our company went to the tomb, and found it even as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

But he said to them, “O foolish ones and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken.” 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things before entering into his glory? 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things referring to himself. 28 And they drew near to the village to which they were going; and he acted as though he was going on.

And they urged him, saying, “Stay with us; for it is getting towards evening, and the day is now far spent.” And he went in with them. 33 And it came to pass, as they sat at table with him, that he took the bread and blessed and broke and began handing it to them. 34 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. 35 And they said to each other, “Was not our heart burning within us, while he was speaking on the road and explaining to us the Scriptures?”

And rising up that very hour, they returned to Jerusalem, where they found the Eleven gathered together and those who were with them, 38 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon.” 39 And they themselves began to relate what had happened there on the journey, and how they recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus Appears to the Eleven. 40 Now while they were talking of these things, Jesus stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be to you! Is it I, or do you fear me? 41 But they were startled and terror-stricken, and thought that they saw a spirit.

And he said to them, “Why are you disturbed, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and feet, that it is I myself. Feel me and see; for a
spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see me have. 46 And having said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 47 But as they still disbelieved and marveled, he said, "Have you anything here to eat?" 48 And they offered him a piece of broiled fish and a honeycomb. 49 And when he had eaten in their presence, he showed them what remained and gave thanks to God. The Lost Instructions of Jesus 46 And he said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you, while I was with you, that all things must be fulfilled that are written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning me." 50 Then he opened their minds, that they might understand the Scriptures. 46 And he said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus the Christ should suffer, and should rise again from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 And you yourselves are witnesses of these things. 49 And now, 50 send forth upon the promise of my Father. But wait, in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high, into prophesying." 4. The Ascension of Jesus 50 Now he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass as he blessed them, that he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

St. John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved," was the last to write his Gospel. He was a young man when first called to the apostolate and lived to an advanced old age. At Ephesus, where he lived till about the year 100 A.D., he wrote the Gospel at the request of the Elders. John and James were the sons of Zebedee, of the town of Bethsaida. They were fishermen by trade. They had attached themselves as disciples to John the Baptist, and from him learned that Jesus was the Messiah. They were among the first whom Jesus invited to follow him, and later were called to be with him personally. They were among the chosen Twelve. With Peter, they were permitted to share some of the more hidden experiences of their Master.

John was particularly intimate with Jesus. As his title of "beloved disciple" and his position at the Last Supper clearly show. To him Lord entrusted the care of the Blessed Virgin. We do not wonder, therefore, that he was able to reach such spiritual heights in his Gospel, or that tradition has assigned to him the symbol of the eagle.

The purpose of the Gospel is stated in 20:31: "... that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." To establish this truth, the evangelist recounts certain of our Lord's miracles, and the world's judgments that his readers know the Synoptic Gospels, and in some points completes their narrative. But all other possible motives of the Gospel are subordinate to his main theme, which he unjoins with convincing force.

The Word Incarnate. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we saw his glory—glory as of the Father—full of grace and truth. 15 John bore witness, concerning him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, he who is to come after me, has preceded me." 16 And of his fullness we all have received, grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has at any time seen God. The only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has revealed him. I. THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF JESUS 1. The Witness of John the Baptist. 19 And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent him to Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, "Who art thou?" 20 And he acknowledged and did not deny, and he acknowledged, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Art thou Elias?" He said, "I am not." "Art thou the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 They therefore said to him, "Who art thou then? That we may give an answer to those who sent us. What hast thou to say of thyself?" 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as said Isaiah the prophet.

24 And they who had been sent were from among the Pharisees. 25 And John answered them, saying, "I am baptizing with water, but there stands one among you whom you do not know. 26 He it is who is to come after me, whom I announced before his coming to me. 27 He was known before as Jesus the Nazarene. 28 The Pharisees therefore sent to him another group of priests and Levites. 29 And John answered them, saying, "I know that I speak as a public preacher, but I baptize with water, and one among you whom you do not know, 30 baptizes with the Holy Spirit, and with fire." 31 And John the Baptist noted that this "beyond the Jordan," and is not to be confused with Bethany near Jerusalem, the home of Martha and Mary.