

The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ.

1 2 Just as it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I will send my messenger, who will prepare your road, ahead of you.” 3 “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the Lord’s road, make his beaten path straight’.” 4 John appeared baptizing in the wilderness and announcing a conversion baptism unto remission of sins. 5 And all the Judea region and all of Jerusalem were coming to him and being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they were confessing all their sins. 6 John was clothed (as was his custom) in a camel’s hair garment with a leather girdle around his waist, and customarily ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, “After me comes the One who is stronger than I; the strap of his sandal I, stooping down, am not worthy to untie. 8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

9 It happened in those days that Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee came and was baptized in the Jordan by John. 10 And coming up out of the water he immediately saw the heavens being rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descended into him. 11 And a voice came out of the heavens, “You are my beloved son; in you I am wellpleased.”

12 And immediately the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days with the wild beasts, being constantly tempted by Satan, and the angels constantly ministered to him.

14 After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing the good news from God 15 and saying, “The time has been fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is upon you; convert and believe the good news.”

16 Walking along the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting about a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Come follow me, and I will make you become fishers of people.” 18 And immediately, having thrown down their nets, they went with him. 19 And going along a little further he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were in their boat mending their nets, 20 and immediately summoned them. And leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants they went after him.

21 And they went into Capernaum, and as soon as it was the sabbath, he entered the synagogue and began to teach. 22 And the people were flabbergasted at his teaching; for he was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Right then, there was a man in their synagogue who had a spirit that makes one unclean, which cried out 24 saying, “Why are you meddling with us, Jesus of Nazareth? You came to destroy us. I know who you are: the Holy One of God.” 25 But Jesus rebuked it, saying, “Be muzzled and come out of him.” 26 And convulsing the man and crying out with a loud voice, the spirit that makes one unclean came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, so that they kept asking among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority; he commands even the spirits which make one unclean, and they obey him.” 28 And immediately the report about him went out everywhere into the whole region of Galilee.

29 And immediately, leaving the synagogue with James and John, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew. 30 Now Simon’s mother-in-law had been lying down for some time because she was burning up with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 Coming in and taking her by the hand, he raised her up; then the

fever went away from her, and she went to ministering to them. 32 When it became evening (after the sun had set), some began to bring to him all that were sick and the ones that had demons, 33 and the whole city was gathered together about the door. 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons, and kept on not allowing the demons to speak because they knew him.

35 And very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus rose, went out and off into a lonely place and was there praying. 36 Simon, and those who were with him, tracked him down, 37 and they found him and say to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” 38 And he says to them, “Let us be going elsewhere into the neighboring villages in order that I may also preach there, for this is why I came out.” 39 And he continued preaching in their synagogues throughout Galilee and casting out demons.

40 And a leper, begging and falling to his knees, comes to Jesus saying, “If you are willing, you are able to cleanse me.” 41 And being moved with anger he stretches forth his hand, touches and says to him, “I am willing; be clean.” 42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. 43 And immediately Jesus drove him out, after growling, 44 “See to it that you say nothing to no one, but go show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as evidence to them.” 45 But, going out, he began to proclaim it all and spread around the news so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, and although Jesus was out in a secluded place, people kept coming to him from all directions.

2 1 And having again entered into Capernaum after some days, it was heard that he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room for them, not even around the door, and he was conversing with them about the Word. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic, who was being carried by four men. 4 And not being able to bring him near Jesus, on account of the crowd, they unroofed the roof where he was, and having dug through it, they let down the pallet where the paralytic laid. 5 And having seen their faith, Jesus says to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are remitted.” 6 There were some of the scribes sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 “Why does this person say this? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but One (God)?” 8 Immediately, Jesus, realizing in his spirit that they questioned within themselves, says to them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? 9 Which is easier to say to the paralytic: ‘Your sins are remitted,’ or to say, ‘Rise, and take your pallet and start walking around?’ 10 But in order that you may know that the son of man has authority to remit sins on earth”— he says to the paralytic, 11 “I say to *you*: rise, take up your pallet and go to your house.” 12 And he arose, and immediately having picked up his pallet went out before all them, so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this.”

13 And he went out again along the sea, and the crowd kept coming around him, and he kept teaching them. 14 And passing by he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office and says to him, “Follow me,” and he, having stood up, followed him. 15 And it comes to pass as Jesus was reclining at a table in his house that many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who were following him. 16 And the scribes of the Pharisees, having seen that he was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, kept saying to his disciples, “Why is he eating with the tax collectors and sinners?” 17 And having heard this, Jesus says to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but the sick do; I came not to call righteous ones, but sinners.”

18 Once, John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And some people come and say to him, "Why are John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fasting, but your disciples are not fasting?" 19 And Jesus says to them, "The sons of the bridegroom are not able to fast while the bridegroom is with them, are they? For as long as they have the bridegroom with them they are unable to fast. 20 But days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then, in that day, they will fast.

21 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth onto a wornout garment; but if they do, the patch takes away some of it, the new from the wornout, and the tear becomes worse. 22 No one pours newly-made wine into wornout wineskins; but if they do, the wine will burst the wineskins, and the wine is destroyed, and so are the wineskins, but newly-made wine is poured into fresh skins."

23 And it came to pass on the Sabbath that he was going through the wheat fields, and his disciples began as they went to pluck the heads of wheat. 24 And the Pharisees kept saying to him, "Look, why are they doing on the Sabbath what is not permitted?" 25 And he says to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: 26 how he entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful to eat, except for the Priests, and gave it also to those who were with him?"

27 And he kept saying to them, "The sabbath came into being for humans, and not humans for the sabbath. 28 Therefore the Son of Man is lord, even of the Sabbath."

3 1 And again he entered the synagogue, and there was a man there whose hand had withered. 2 And the Pharisees kept watching him closely to see if Jesus would heal him on the Sabbath, in order that they might bring charges against him. 3 And Jesus says to the man with the withered hand, "Stand up where everybody can see you." 4 Then he says to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. 5 And having looked around at them with anger, grieving at the blindness of their heart he says to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6 And the Pharisees, having gone out, immediately were giving council with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

7 Jesus with his disciples withdrew around the Sea of Galilee, and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and also from Judea, 8 Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and from around Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, hearing how many things he was doing, came to him. 9 And he told his disciples that they should always kept a small boat ready for him, because of the crowd, in order that they might not crush him; 10 for he healed many, so that as many as had diseases were falling upon him in order that they might touch him. 11 And whenever the spirits that make one unclean saw him, they would fall down and cry out, saying, "You are the Son of God." 12 And he strongly ordered them that they should not make him known.

13 And he goes up into the mountain and calls to him who he willed, and they left the crowd and came to him. 14 And he appointed twelve (whom he also called apostles in order that they might be with him, in order that he might send them away to preach, 15 and to have authority to cast out demons): 16 Simon (to whom he added the name Peter), 17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to these he added the name Boanerges, which is "sons of thunder"), 18 and Andrew,

Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, 19 and Judas Iscariot (who then betrayed him). 20 And he returns home; and the crowd gathers together again, with the result that they were unable to eat. 21 And having heard about it, his relatives went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." 22 And the scribes coming down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Bezebul," and, "By the ruler of demons he casts out demons." 23 And having called to them, he was saying to them in parables, "How is Satan able to cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom should be divided against itself, that kingdom is unable able to stand; 25 and if a house should be divided against itself, that house is unable to stand. 26 And if Satan is standing against himself and is divided, he is not able to stand, and that is the end of him. 27 But no one is able, entering the house of the strong man, to ransack his goods, unless he first should bind the strong man; then he will ransack his house. 28 Truly I say to you, all sins will be forgiven of the sons of men, and their blasphemes, however much they should blaspheme; 29 but whoever should blaspheme against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— 30 for they had been saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

31 Then his mother and brothers come, and, standing outside, they sent to him calling him. 32 And a crowd was sitting around him, and they say to him, "Look, your mother and brothers are outside asking for you." 33 And answering them he says, "Who is my mother and my brothers?" 34 And having looked around at those seated in a circle around him says, "Look, my mother and my brothers. 35 For if anyone would do the will of God, this one is my brother and my sister and my mother."

4 1 And again he began to be teaching around the sea. And a very large crowd gathers around him, so that he boarded a boat and sat in it on the sea, and all the crowd was around the sea on the shore. 2 And he was teaching them many things in parables, and as he was teaching he was saying to them, 3 "Listen! The sower went out to sow. 4 And, as he began to sow, some of the seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 And other seed fell on the rocky ground (where there was not much soil), and immediately it sprouted because the soil had no depth; 6 and when the sun rose it was scorched, and because it had no root, it shriveled up. 7 And other seed fell into thorn plants, and the thorns grew up and utterly choked it, and it yielded no fruit. 8 And other seeds fell in the good ground and growing up and increasing kept yielding fruit, and they kept on bringing forth some thirtyfold, and some sixtyfold, and some hundredfold." 9 And he was saying, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

10 And as soon as he was alone, the Twelve and those around him with them were asking about the parables. 11 And he was saying to them, "To you the secret of the kingdom of God has been given; but to those on the outside everything comes in parables 12 in order that 'seeing they might see yet not perceive, and they might hear yet not comprehend, lest they should turn again and it be forgiven them.'"

13 And he says to them, "Do you not understand this parable, how will you understand all the parables? 14 The sower sows the Word. 15 These are the ones along the path where the Word is sown and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the Word which is being sown in their hearts. 16 And these are the ones that are being sown upon the rocky places, who when they hear the Word they receive it with gladness 17 but do not have root in themselves and are temporary;

when distress or persecution comes on account of the Word, immediately they stumble. 18 And others are the ones being sown among the thorns: these are hearers of the Word, 19 and the worries of this age, the deception of riches, and the desire for other things, entering in, all utterly choke the Word, and it becomes unfruitful. 20 But the ones that are sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the message and accept it and bear fruit some thirtyfold, some sixtyfold and some hundredfold.”

21 And he was saying to them, “A lamp is not brought in order that it should be put under a basket or under a reclining chair, is it? Is it not brought in order that it should be placed on a lamp stand? 22 For there is nothing hidden except in order that it should be made clear; nothing has become secret, but that it should be made known. 23 Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.” 24 And he was saying to them, “Consider what you hear. In whatever measure you are measuring with, it shall be measured to you and even more will be added to you. 25 For to him who has, more shall be given; and he who does not have, even what he has shall be taken from him.”

26 And he was saying, “The Kingdom of God is like this: it is as if a man should throw seed on the ground 27 and should be sleeping and rising night and day, and the seed should be sprouting and growing, how he knows not. 28 The earth brings forth fruit by herself: first the shoot, then the head of grain, and then the full grown head in the head of grain. 29 And when the fruit permits, immediately he sends forth the sickle because the harvest is ready.”

30 And he was saying to them, “With what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or in what parable shall we place it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, though when sown on the ground is the smallest of all the seeds which are upon the earth; 32 yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greatest of all the garden plants and makes large branches so that the birds can nest under its shadow.”

33 And with many parables similar to this one he was speaking the Word to them, as they were able to hear; 34 he was not speaking without parables, but when he was alone with his own disciples he explained everything.

35 And on that day, evening having come, he says to them, “Let us go to the other side.” 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him as he was in the boat, and other boats were with it. 37 And a great wind storm arises, and waves kept on splashing into the boat so that the boat was now full, 38 and Jesus was in the stern, upon a cushion, sleeping, and they wake him and say to him, “Teacher, is it no concern to you that we are perishing?” 39 And having risen, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Calm down, be silent and remain so.” And the wind ceased raging, and there was a great calm. 40 And he said to them, “Why are you so cowardly? Do you not yet have faith?” 41 And they feared a great fear and were saying to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

5 1 And they came to the other side of the sea in the country of the Gerasenes. 2 And having come out of the boat, immediately out of the tombs a man who had an unclean spirit met him, 3 who had settled down among the tombs. And no longer could anyone bind him, even with chains 4 because he had often been securely bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been shattered by him, and the fetters had been smashed, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Continually, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains he was constantly shrieking and continually cutting himself with stones. 6 And, having seen Jesus from far off, he ran and fell down in front of him, 7 and having cried with a loud voice, says, “What have you to do with

me, Jesus, son of the most high God? I beg you in the name of God, stop tormenting me.” 8 For Jesus had been saying, “Come out of this man now, unclean spirit.” 9 And Jesus kept asking him, “What is your name?” And he says to him, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” 10 And he repeatedly begged him earnestly that he not send them out of the country.

11 Now there was a large herd of swine feeding there on the mountain; 12 and the unclean spirits begged him, saying, “Send us at once into the swine, in order that we may enter them.” 13 And Jesus let them. And having come out the spirits that had made the man unclean went into the swine, and the herd, supposedly about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and were choked, one after another, in the sea. 14 And their herdsmen fled and announced what had happened, in the city and in the hamlets, and people came to see what had happened. 15 And they come to Jesus and see the one who had Legion sitting, clothed, and self-controlled, and they were afraid. 16 Those who saw what had happened to the man who had had the demons and the swine related fully to them. 17 And they began to beg Jesus to leave from their regions. 18 And, as he was stepping in the boat, the one who had had demons was begging him that he might be with him. 19 But Jesus would not allow him, but says to him, “Go away into your house and to your own family and tell them how much the Lord has just done for you, and showed mercy on you.” 20 And the man went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and all were marveling.

21 And Jesus having crossed over in the boat again to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was beside the sea. 22 And there come one of the rulers of the synagogue (Jairus by name), and having seen Jesus, falls at his feet, 23 and pleads with him urgently saying, “My little girl is at the point of death. Please come in order that you might place your hands on her, that she may be healed and live.” 24 And he went with him.

And the great crowd kept following him and pressing on him. 25 And there was a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years 26 and had suffered much from many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not improving, but rather grew worse. 27 Having heard the things concerning Jesus, having come from behind in the crowd, she touched his garment; 28 for she had been saying, “If I touch at least his garment, I will be made well.” 29 And immediately the fountain of her flow was dried up, and she knew in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 Immediately, Jesus, having clearly perceived in himself that power had gone from him, having turned around in the crowd was saying, “Who touched my garments?” 31 And his disciples kept saying to him, “You see the crowd pressing upon you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” 32 And he kept looking around to see who had done this. 33 The woman, afraid and trembling, knowing what he had done to her, came and fell before him and told the whole truth. 34 And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you, go in peace and be continually healed from your disease.”

35 While he was speaking, there come some from the ruler’s house saying, “Your daughter died. Why are you still bothering the teacher?” 36 But Jesus, having ignored the news they were giving, says to the ruler, “Stop fearing, only be believing.” 37 And Jesus allowed no one to accompany him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 And they come into the ruler’s house, he sees a turmoil, and many were crying and weeping loudly, 39 and having come in he says to them, “Why do you

make a turmoil and weep? The child has not died, but is sleeping.” 40 And they began ridiculing him. But he threw them all outside; then he took the girl’s father, mother and those who were with him and went where the girl was. 41 And having taken the child’s hand he says to her, “Talitha cum” (which is translated, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”) 42 And immediately the girl stood up and was walking around (for she was twelve years old). And they were overcome with amazement. 43 And he strongly ordered them that no one should know this and said she should be given something to eat.

6 1 And he went out from there and comes to his own town, and his disciples follow him. 2 And when sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many hearing were completely flabbergasted, saying, “From where does *this person* get these things, and what sort of wisdom has been given to *this one*, and the mighty works such as these being done through *his* hands? 3 Is this not the housebuilder, the son of Mary and brother of James, Joses, Judas and Simon? Are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offence at him. 4 And Jesus was saying to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his relatives, and in his own house.” 5 And he was not able to do not even one mighty work there, except by laying his hands on a few sick ones, he healed them. 6 And he marvelled on account of their lack of belief.

And he went around to the surrounding villages teaching. 7 Then he calls to him the Twelve, and began to send them out, two by two, and was giving them authority over the unclean spirits 8 and commanded them to take nothing for the journey, except a staff only: no bread, no begging bag, no money in their belts, 9 but to wear sandals and do not put on two tunics. 10 And he was saying to them, “Wherever you enter a house, remain there until you leave from there. 11 And whatever place does not accept you nor hear you, leaving from there shake the dust off from under your feet as a testimony to them.” 12 And having gone out they proclaimed that their hearers should convert; and they were casting out many demons, anointing with oil the heads of many who were sick and healing them.

14 And King Herod heard, for Jesus’ name had become known, that people were saying, “John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead, and it is because of this that these powers are at work in him.” 15 But others were saying, “He is Elijah;” and others were saying, “He is a prophet, just like any of the Prophets.” 16 But when Herod heard he was saying, “John, whom I beheaded, he has been raised.” 17 For, Herod having sent out seized John and bound him in prison because Herod had married Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip; 18 for John kept saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have the wife of your brother.” 19 And Herodias had a grudge against John and was wanting to kill him, but could not; 20 for Herod respected John, because he knew him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe, and having heard him was much perplexed, yet kept hearing him gladly. 21 But an opportune day came, when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for the nobles and his high-ranking officers and the aristocracy of Galilee, 22 and his daughter Herodias came in the room, and by dancing pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me now for what you wish, and I will give it to you.” 23 Then he swore to her, “Whatever you should ask me, I will give it you— even half of my kingdom.” 24 And, having went out, she asked her mother, “What should I ask for myself?” And her mother said, “The head of John the Baptizer.” 25 Then she, having come in

immediately with haste to the King, she asked him, saying, "I want you to immediately give me, on a dish, the head of John the Baptist." 26 And the King became very distressed, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to refuse her; 27 and immediately the King sent away an executioner and commanded him to bring back the head. And having gone away, beheaded John in prison. 28 And he brought John's head on a dish and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. 29 When John's disciples heard of it, they came and took his corpse and put it in a tomb.

30 The missionaries came together with Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. 31 And he says to them, "Come, you yourselves, in private, to an isolated place and rest for a little while." For there were many coming and going, and they had no good opportunity to eat. 32 And they went away in a boat to an isolated place by themselves. 33 But people saw them going, and many recognized them, and from all the towns they ran there on foot and arrived ahead of them. 34 When he landed he saw a large crowd and had compassion on them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. 35 And it was already a late hour, and his disciples approaching him were saying, "This is an isolated place, and the hour is already late; 36 send them away, that they might go into the surrounding hamlets and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But Jesus, answering, said to them, "*You* give them something to eat." And they say to him, "Should we go off and buy two-hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 And he says to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go, see!" And having found out they say, "Five, and two fishes." 39 And he ordered them all to recline in groups on the green grass. 40 And they sat down in groups by hundreds or by fifties. 41 And having taken the five loaves and two fishes, having looked up toward heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves and kept giving bread to his disciples in order that they might place it in front of the crowd, and he divided the two fish among all. 42 And all ate and were satisfied. 43 And they took up twelve basketfuls of broken bread and of the fish. 44 And those who ate [the loaves] were five-thousand men.

45 And immediately he forced his disciples to get in the boat and go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismisses the crowd. 46 And having taken leave of them, he went into the hills in order to pray. 47 And when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the ground. 48 And seeing them straining at the rowing, for the wind was against them, around the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea, and he was going to pass by them. 49 But having seen him walking on the sea, they thought he was a phantasm, and screamed, 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke with them and says to them, "Cheer up! I am; quit being afraid." 51 And he got in the boat with them and the wind ceased, and they were within themselves astonished without measure; 52 for they did not understand about the loaves, but their heart was blinded.

53 And having crossed over they came to the region of Gennesaret and moored. 54 And having got out of the boat, immediately having recognized Jesus the people 55 ran around that whole region and began to bring the sick, on their beds, to where they heard he was. 56 And whenever he came into villages, cities, or hamlets, they placed the sick in the market places and begged that they might touch at least the fringe of his garment, and, as many touched it were being made well.

7 1 Now the Pharisees and some of the scribes who came from Jerusalem gathered

around him. 2 And having seen some of his disciples eating the loaves with unclean hands (that is not washed according to ritual law— 3 For, because they keep the tradition of the elders, all the Jews, and especially the Pharisees, if they have not washed their hands with the fist they do not eat, 4 and when they come back from the market place, unless they baptize themselves, they do not eat, and there are many other traditions which they hold on to: washing cups, pitchers, copper vessels)— 5 And the Pharisees and the scribes kept asking him, “Why do your disciples not live in accordance with the tradition of the elders, but eat the bread with unclean hands?” 6 And Jesus said to them, “Correctly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites; as it is written, ‘This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching as divine the commandments of humans.’ 8 having abandoned the commandments of God you observe the tradition of humans.”

9 And he was saying to them, “How well you reject the commandments of God in order to establish your traditions. 10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘People who speak evil of their father or mother must be put to death.’ 11 But you say, ‘If a person should tell their father or mother, “That of mine which might have been of benefit to you is Qorban (that is, given to God)”’— 12 you no longer permit them to do anything for their father or mother, 13 canceling the word of God because of the traditions which you hand down; and you do many things like this.”

14 And having called the crowd to him was again saying to them, “Everyone hear me and understand. 15 There is nothing outside a man which, going in, is able to defile him, but the things going out of a man are what defiles him.” 17 And when he went into the house, away from the crowd, his disciples began asking about the parable. 18 And he says to them, “Are you also without understanding? Do you not understand that everything from the outside going into a man cannot defile him, 19 because it does not enter into his heart, but into his belly, and goes out into the toilet” (in this way declaring all foods clean). 20 And he was saying, “That which is coming out of a man is what defiles him. 21 For, from within, out of the heart of a man come evil thoughts, sexual vices, thefts, murders, 22 adulteries, greed, wantonness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, and reckless folly; 23 and all these evil things come out from within and defile a man.”

24 But, from there having rose he went into the regions of Tyre. And having entered a house did not want anybody to know where he was (yet he was unable to hide); 25 but immediately a woman having heard about him, whose little daughter had a spirit making her unclean, came and fell at his feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by race; and she was begging him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 And he was saying to her, “Let the children first be satisfied, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” 28 But she answered and says to him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s small crumbs.” 29 And he said to her, “On account of what you have said, go, the demon has already gone out of your daughter.” 30 And having gone away into her house, she saw her child lying on the couch and the demon already gone.

31 And again having gone out of the regions of Tyre, Jesus went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the regions of the Decapolis. 32 And they bring to him a man who was deaf and had difficulty speaking, and beg Jesus to place his hand on the man. 33 And Jesus having taken him from the crowd, when alone put his fingers into the man’s ears, and having spat touched his tongue, 34 and, having looked up toward

heaven, sighed and says to the man, “Ephphatha” (which is, “Be opened.”). 35 And his ears were opened, and immediately the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak clearly. 36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one; but however much he charged them, they were proclaiming it all the more. 37 And they were completely flabbergasted, saying, “He has done all things well; he makes both the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

8 1 Again in those days, there being a great crowd, and not having what they should eat, he having called the disciples says to them, 2 “I have compassion on the crowd because they have remained with me now for three days, and do not have what they should eat; 3 and if I should send them away hungry to their homes, they would faint on the way, for some of them have come from a distance.” 4 And his disciples answered him, “Where can anyone here in the desert get food to satisfy these people?” 5 And he went to asking them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.” 6 And he commands the crowd to sit on the grass, and having taken the seven loaves, having given thanks and having broke them was giving them to his disciples to set before the people, and they sat them before the crowd. 7 And they had a few small fish, and having blessed them, said to place these before them also. 8 And they ate and were satisfied, and they took up what was left over; seven baskets of broken pieces. 9 And there were about four–thousand people. And he sent them away. 10 And immediately having embarked into the boat, with his disciples, came into the district of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees come and began to argue with him, asking for an indicative sign from heaven, testing him. 12 And having groaned deeply in his spirit, he said to them, “Why does this generation seek an indicative sign? Truly I say to you, no indicative sign shall be given to this generation.” 13 And having left them and embarked, he came again to the other side.

14 And the disciples had totally forgotten to bring bread, and except for one loaf they did not have anything with them in the boat. 15 And he repeatedly ordered them saying, “Beware, look out for the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” 16 And they were discussing with one another that they have no bread. 17 And becoming aware of their conversation he says to them, “Why do you discuss that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Do you have your heart blinded? 18 Having eyes are you not able to see, having ears are you not able to hear? And do you not remember 19 when I broke the five loaves for the fivethousand, how many baskets of broken pieces did you pick up?” They say to him, “Twelve.” 20 When the seven the four–thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” And they say, “Seven.” 21 And he kept saying to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

22 And Jesus and the disciples came to Bethsaida. And the people bring him a blind man and beg him to touch him. 23 And having grabbed the hand of the blind man he led him out of the village, and having spit into his eyes, and having placed his hands on him kept asking him, “Do you see anything?” 24 And having looked up says, “I see people that I see as trees walking around.” 25 Then Jesus again placed his hands on the man’s eyes, and having looked intently was restored and was seeing all things clearly. 26 And Jesus sent him away into his house saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

27 Jesus and his disciples went out into the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and while on the way he was asking his disciples, “What person do people say that I am?” 28

And they told him, "Some say you are John the Baptist, and others say, Elijah, but others say you are one of the Prophets." 29 And he kept asking them, "*You*, who do you say that I am?" And Peter answering, says to him, "*You* are the Messiah." 30 And he commanded them that they should tell no one about him.

31 And he began to teach them that it is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things and to be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and to be killed and after three days to rise. 32 And with boldness he was speaking the Word. And Peter taking him aside began to rebuke him. 33 But Jesus, having turned around and having seen his disciples, rebuked Peter, and says, "Get out of my sight, Satan, because you are not concerned with the things of God, but the things of people." 34 And having called to the crowd with his disciples he said to them, "If anyone is wanting to follow behind me, let him renounce his claim to his self, take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever should desire to save his soul will lose it, but whoever should lose his should for my sake, and the good news' will save it. 36 For what shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what shall a person give in exchange for his life? 38 For whosoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulteress and sinful generation, the Son of Man shall also be ashamed of them when he comes in the glory of his father with the holy angels."

9 1 And he was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not experience death until they see the kingdom of God having come with power."

2 And six days later, Jesus takes with him Peter and James and John and leads them up a high mountain, to be alone by themselves. And he was transformed in front of them, 3 and his clothes became glistening, brilliantly white, such as a bleacher on earth is not able to whiten. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. 5 And answering, Peter says, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us build three booths, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6 For he did not know what he should say because they were terrified. 7 And a cloud came overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the crowd, "This is my beloved son, listen to him." 8 And suddenly, having looked around they no longer saw anyone but Jesus only with them.

9 And while they were coming down out of the mountain, he commanded them to relate to no one what they had seen, except when the Son of Man has risen from among the dead. 10 So they kept the matter among themselves, debating what it is, "to rise from among the dead." 11 And they kept asking him, "Why do the scribes say, 'It is necessary for Elijah to come first'?" 12 And he said to them, "Elijah having come first restores all things; and how it is written about the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and should be treated be with contempt. 13 But I say to you, Elijah has already come, and they did to him as much as they were wishing, just as it is written of him."

14 And coming to the other disciples they saw a large crowd around them, and scribes were arguing with them. 15 And immediately having seen him, all the crowd was greatly amazed and ran to greet him. 16 And he asked them, "What are you asking them?" 17 And a certain one of the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought my son to you because he has a spirit making him unable to speak, 18 and whenever it should gain possession of him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes stiff; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they were not

strong enough.” 19 But answering them he says, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to endure you? Bring him to me.” 20 And they brought the boy to him. And the spirit having seen him immediately convulsed the boy, and having fallen upon the ground, he was rolling around foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked the father, “How long has he had this?” And the father said, “From childhood. 22 And often it has also cast him into both fire and water, in order that it might destroy him, but if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 And Jesus said to him, “‘*If you can?*,’ all things are possible to them that believe.” 24 And immediately having cried out, the father of the boy was saying, “I believe, help me get rid of my unbelief!” 25 And Jesus, having seen that a mob was forming, rebuked the spirit making the boy unclean saying, “Mute and deaf making spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” 26 After crying out and convulsing the boy many times, the spirit came out, and the boy became as a corpse, so that many said, “He is dead.” 27 But Jesus, having taken his hand, lifted him and he stood up. 28 And when Jesus entered the house, his disciples kept asking him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” 29 And he said to them, “This kind can in no way be driven out, except by prayer.”

30 And going out from there they walked through Galilee, and Jesus did not want anybody to know, 31 because he was teaching his disciples and saying to them that, “the Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of the people, and they will kill him, and having been killed, after three days will rise.” 32 But they were not understanding what he meant and were afraid to ask him.

33 And they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he was asking them, “What were you discussing along the way?” 34 But they remained silent, for along the way they had been arguing with one another about who was the greatest. 35 And having sat down he called the Twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, they must be the last and servant to all.” 36 And taking a child he stood him in the middle of them, and having put his arms around him he said, 37 “Whoever should accept one of these children in my name, accepts me; and whoever accepts me, does not accept me but the one who sent me.”

38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons while calling out your name, and we kept trying to stop him because he did not follow us.” 39 But Jesus said, “Stop hindering him, for no one who does a mighty work using my name will be able, soon after, to speak evil of me. 40 For those that are not against us, are for us. 41 For if anyone should give you a cup of water to drink because you are of the Messiah, truly I say to you, they shall not, in any way, lose their reward.

42 “And it would have been better for whoever should cause one of these little ones who believe to stumble, if one of the millstones that is so big it takes a donkey to turn it, had been placed around their neck and they had been thrown into the sea. 43 And if your hand should cause you to stumble, cut it off, for it is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two hands and be cast into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot should cause you to stumble, cut it off, for it is better to enter into life lame than having two feet to be cast into Gehenna. 47 And if your eye should cause you to stumble, pluck it out, for it is better to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye rather than having two eyes to be cast into Gehenna, where the worm does not die and the fire is not extinguished. 49 For everyone will be seasoned with fire. 50 Salt is good; but if the salt becomes saltless, with what will you restore its

flavor? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.”

10 1 And, having risen from there, he comes into the regions of Jerusalem and beyond the Jordan, and again the crowds gather together around him, and again, as was his custom, he was teaching them. 2 And, having come, some were asking him whether it is lawful for a man to divorce his wife, testing him. 3 And answering them he said, “What did Moses command you?” 4 And they said, “Moses allowed the man to write her a bill of divorcement and to divorce her.” 5 But Jesus said, “On account of the hardness of your heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6 But from the beginning of creation, ‘He made them: male and female;’ 7 ‘for this reason shall a man forsake his father and mother [and he shall be joined permanently to his wife], 8 and the two shall become one flesh,’ so that they are no longer two but one flesh. 9 Therefore, what God has joined together let no person rip apart.” 10 And in the house the disciples again were asking about this. 11 And he says to them, “Whoever shall divorce his wife and marry another, commits adultery against her; 12 and if she, having divorced her husband, should marry another, she commits adultery.”

13 And people kept bringing children to him, so that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, “Allow the children to come to me; stop forbidding them, for of such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly I say to you, whoever should not accept the kingdom of God as would a child will never enter into it.” 16 And having taken them into his arms, he kept fervently blessing them by laying his hands on them.

17 And as he was setting out for his journey, a certain one came running towards him, and having knelt before him, was asking him, “Good Teacher, what must I do in order that I may inherit eternal life?” 18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but One (God). 19 You know the commandments: you shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud; and honor your father and mother.” 20 And the man said, “Teacher, I have observed all these from my youth.” 21 And Jesus, having looked on him, fell in love with him and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell whatever you have, and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven; and come follow me.” 22 But being shocked at the saying, the man went off, grieving, for he was one that had a great many possessions.

23 And, having looked around, Jesus says to his disciples, “How with difficulty shall those having possessions enter the kingdom of God.” 24 And the disciples were flabbergasted at his words. But Jesus again says to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God; 25 it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, saying to one another, “Who is able to be saved?” 27 And looking on them, Jesus says, “With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.” 28 Peter began to say to him, “Look, *we* abandoned everything and have followed you.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who abandoned houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, children, or lands for my sake or the good news’ 30 except he shall receive now in this age a hundredfold: houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, children, lands, with persecutions; and in the age to come they will receive eternal life. 31 But many that are first will be last; and last, first.”

32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before

them, and they were amazed, and the ones who followed were afraid. And taking the Twelve again, he began to tell them what was about to happen to him, 33 saying, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the high priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him to the pagans, 34 who will ridicule him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him; but after three days he will rise."

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come up saying to him, "Teacher, We wish that you should do for us whatever we ask you." 36 And he said, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said, "Grant that we may sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 And Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask for yourselves. Can you drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized by the baptism by which I am baptized?" 39 And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said, "The cup which I drink you will drink, and the baptism by which I am baptized you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right or my left is not mine to give; it is for the ones for whom it has been prepared." 41 And the ten having heard began to be indignant with James and John. 42 And, having called them to him, Jesus says, "You know that the ones who are supposed to rule over the pagans lord over them and their great ones rule over them, 43 but it is not like this among you; whoever should want to become the greatest among you shall be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be a slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life for the redemption of many."

46 And they come to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus (the son of Timaeus) was sitting along the road. 47 And having heard that it is Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and to say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me at once!" 48 And many were rebuking him that he should become quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 And Jesus, stopping, said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage! Arise, he calls you." 50 And throwing off his cloak, having jumped up, he came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus said to him, "What do you wish that I do?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabboni, let me recover my sight." 52 And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus on the way.

11 1 And as they approach Jerusalem, Bethphage, and Bethany by the Mount of Olives, he sends away two of his disciples 2 and says to them, "Go into the village opposite of you, and immediately upon going in you will find a tied colt, on which no person has ever sat; untie and bring it. 3 And if anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?,' say, 'Its owner has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" 4 And they went away and found the colt tied at a door out in the street, and they untie it. 5 And some of the people standing there were saying to them, "What are you doing untying the colt?" 6 And they told them just what Jesus had said, and they let them go. 7 And they bring the colt to Jesus, and put their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 And many spread their garments into the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields. 9 And the ones going before and the ones following repeatedly cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed be the one coming in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed be the coming kingdom of our Father David! Hosanna in the highest!" 11 And he came into Jerusalem, and having looked around at everything in the Temple,

since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

12 And the next day when they had come out from Bethany he became hungry. 13 And, having seen a fig tree with leaves in the distance he came to see if perchance he could find anything on it, but coming to it he found nothing except leaves (for it was not yet the season for figs). 14 And responding, said to it, “No longer, for eternity, will anyone eat fruit out of you!” And his disciples heard it.

15 And they come to Jerusalem. And coming into the Temple, he began to throw out the ones who sold or bought in the Temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those who sold pigeons, 16 and would not allow anyone to carry anything through the Temple. 17 And he was teaching and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a hideout for bandits.” 18 And the chief-priests and the scribes heard and went to seeking how they might destroy him, for they feared him because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. 19 And whenever evening came, they went out of the city.

20 And passing by early in the morning they saw the fig tree completely withered from the roots. 21 And Peter remembering, says to him, “Rabbi, look, the fig tree you cursed is withered.” 22 And answering, Jesus says to them, “Have faith in God. 23 Truly I say to you, whoever would say to this mountain, ‘Take and throw yourself into the sea,’ and should not waver in his heart but should believe that what he says will come to pass, it will be his. 24 On account of this I say to you, believe that you have received all that you ask for in prayer, and it shall be yours. 25 And whenever you stand praying, forgive: if you have anything against anyone forgive it in order that your Father (who is in the heavens) may forgive you also of your transgressions.”

27 And they come again into Jerusalem. And as Jesus was walking in the Temple, the chief priests, scribes, and elders come up 28 and repeatedly say to him, “By what authority do you do these things? Or, who gave you the authority that you should do these things?” 29 And Jesus said to them, “I will ask you just one question; answer me and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. 30 Was the baptism of John from heaven or from people? *Answer me!*” 31 And they were discussing among themselves saying, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ 32 But if we say, ‘From people’”—they were fearing the crowd, for all were holding that John was really a prophet. 33 And answering Jesus they say, “We don’t know.” And Jesus says to them, “Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

12 1 And he began to speak to them in parables: “A person planted a vineyard and placed a stone wall around it, dug a hole for the wine press, and built a tower; then he rented it to the vinedressers and went away on a journey. 2 And he sent a servant to the vinedressers at the time, in order that he should get from the vinedressers some of the fruit of the vineyard. 3 And taking the servant, they severely beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 And again he sent to them another servant, and they beat that one over the head and dishonored him. 5 And he sent another, and they killed him; and so with many others, some on the one hand beating, on the other hand killing others. 6 He still had, a beloved son, who he finally sent to them saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 7 But these vinedressers said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let’s kill him and the inheritance will be ours.’ 8 And having taken him, they killed him and threw his body out of the vineyard. 9 What will the lord of the

vineyard do? He will come and kill the tenants and give the vineyard to others. 10 Have you not read this scripture: ‘The stone which the builders rejected this one became the chief cornerstone; 11 this came from the Lord and is wonderful in our eyes?’” 12 And they were seeking to arrest him, but were fearing the crowd, for they perceived that he spoke the parable against them. And having left him, they went off.

13 And they send him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians in order that they should snare him in his talk. 14 And having come, they say to him, “Teacher, we know that you are honest and have no concern for the opinions of anyone. For you do not look at a person’s appearance but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay the tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or not?” 15 But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why do you test me? Bring me a denarii, that I may see it.” 16 And they brought one. And he says to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” And they said to him, “Caesar’s” 17 And Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, to God the things that are God’s.” And they were greatly amazed at him.

18 Some of the Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) come to him and began asking him, saying, 19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that ‘If a brother of a man should die and should leave behind a wife but should not leave a child, his brother must take the woman as a wife and should raise up seed for his brother.’ 20 There were seven brothers; the first married a woman, and dying left no children; 21 and the second took her, and died leaving no children; and the third did likewise; 22 and the seven left no children. Last of all even the woman died. 23 In the resurrection, when they arise, whose wife shall she be? For the seven had her as a wife.” 24 And Jesus said to them, “Is it not on account of this, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God, that you are deceived? 25 For when they rise from the dead they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as angels in heaven. 26 But concerning the dead that are raised, have you not read in the passage concerning the bush in the book of Moses how God said to Moses, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? 27 He is not the God of the dead, but the living; you are very deceived.”

28 And one of the scribes coming up, having heard them arguing with one another, seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “What is the first commandment of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; 30 and you shall love the Lord your God out of all your heart, and out of all your soul, and out of all your mind, and out of all your strength.’ 31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” 32 And the scribe said to him, “That is right. Teacher, you spoke truthfully, ‘He is one and there is no other except him’ 33 and ‘to love him out of all your heart, and out of all your understanding, and out of all your strength,’ and to ‘love one’s neighbor as oneself’ is much more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 And Jesus, seeing that the man answered wisely, said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And no one any longer dared to ask him any questions.

35 And answering, Jesus was saying as he was teaching in the Temple, “How can the Scribes say, ‘The Messiah is the son of David’? 36 David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand till I put your enemies under your feet.”’ 37 David himself calls him Lord, how then is he his son?” And the large crowd was hearing him gladly.

38 And in his teaching he was saying, “Beware of those scribes who want to walk

around in long robes and want respectful greetings in the market-places, 39 and places of honor in the synagogues and places of honor at feasts, 40 who devour the widows' houses and excuse themselves by their long prayers; these will receive the greatest condemnation."

41 And having sat down across from the Temple treasury, he was watching how the crowd throws money into the offering box. And many rich people were throwing a lot. 42 And there come a poverty stricken widow who threw in two lepton (which is a quadrans). 43 And calling his disciples to him said, "Truly I say to you that this poverty-stricken widow threw in more than all the others together threw in the treasury. 44 For the rich threw out of their excess, but she, out of her poverty, has thrown in everything, her whole means of living."

13 1 And while he was coming out of the Temple one of his disciples says to him, "Teacher, look, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings." 2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There shall not be one stone here upon another which shall not be torn down."

3 And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the Temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew were asking him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will this be and what will be the indicative sign when all these things are about to be completed?"

5 And Jesus began to say to them, "Beware, lest anyone should deceive you. 6 Many will come in my name saying, 'I am!,' and they will deceive many. 7 And when you hear of wars and reports of wars, stop being alarmed. It is necessary for these things to happen, but the end is not yet. 8 For nation will rise up against nation and kingdom against kingdom, there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines; these are a beginning of the birth-pangs.

9 "But beware for yourselves; they shall deliver you up to the councils, and in synagogues you shall be beaten, and you shall stand before governors and kings because of me, for a witness to them. 10 And into all nations first it is necessary to announce the good news. 11 And whenever they should be arresting you and bringing you to trial stop worrying ahead of time about what you will say, but whatever should be given you in that hour, say that; for you will not be the one speaking but the Holy Spirit. 12 And brother will hand over brother for death, and the father his child, and children will rise up against parents and kill them; 13 and you will be hated by all on account of my name. But whoever stands firm to the end, this one shall be saved.

14 "But when you see the detested thing causing desolation standing where he should not be (let the reader understand), then the ones in Judea should flee into the mountains: 15 the one on the housetop should not go down and enter his house to take anything away, 16 and the one in the field should not turn around and go back for his cloak. 17 But how horrible it will be for those who are pregnant and those who are nursing in those days! 18 You must pray that it may not happen in winter. 19 For in those days shall be an affliction, the like of which has not happened since the beginning of God's creation until now, and never will be. 20 If the Lord had not shortened the days, no flesh would have been saved, but on account of the chosen ones which he chose, he shortened the days.

21 "And if anyone at that time should say to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!,' or, 'Look, there he is!,' do not believe it. 22 False Christs and false prophets will arise and will give signs and wonders to mislead, if possible, the chosen ones. 23 But *you* beware, I have foretold all things.

24 “But in those days after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, 25 the stars will be falling out of heaven, and the powers which are in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then he will send his angels and gather together the chosen ones out of the four winds, from the end of earth, and from the end of heaven.

28 “Learn the parable of the fig tree: when already its branches become tender and is putting forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 And just like this, you, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, even at the doors. 30 Truly I say to you that in no way shall this generation pass away until all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 “But concerning that day or hour, no one knows, not the angels in heaven nor the son; only the father knows. 33 Beware, look out; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man having gone on a journey who, having left his home gave authority to his servants, each one to his work, and commanded the doorkeeper that he should watch. 35 Therefore watch; for you do not know when the master of the house comes, either at night, or in the middle of the night, or at the cock crow, or early in the morning— 36 lest coming suddenly he should find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

14 1 It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him with subtlety and kill him; 2 for they were saying, “Not during the Feast, lest there be a turmoil of the people.”

3 And while Jesus was reclining at the table, in the house of Simon the Leper in Bethany, a woman came in with a jar of very expensive genuine nard perfume and, having broken the jar, she poured the perfume over his head. 4 But some were indignant in themselves, “For what reason has this ointment been wasted? 5 For it would be possible for this ointment to be sold for more than three-hundred denarii and given to the poor;” and they bristled with indignation against her. 6 But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you bother her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7 For you will always have the poor among you, and whenever you want to you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. 8 What she was able to do, she did; she anointed my body ahead of time for burying. 9 Truly I say to you, wherever in the whole world the good news is proclaimed, what she did will also be told, in memory of her.”

10 And Judas Iscariot (the one of the Twelve) came to the high-priests in order to betray Jesus to them. 11 And hearing this they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought how to betray him opportunely.

12 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread (when it is customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb), his disciples say to him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” 13 And he sends away two of his disciples and says to them, “Go into town, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him 14 and say to the master of whatever house he enters, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’”’ 15 And he will reveal to you a large upstairs room prepared and ready; there make ready for us.” 16 And the disciples went out and came into town and found it just as he had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

17 And when it was evening he came with the Twelve. 18 And as they were reclining at the table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that one of you whoeats with me will betray me." 19 They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after the other, "Surely it is not I?!" 20 And he said to them, "One of the Twelve, the one dipping bread into the bowl with me. 21 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but how horrible it will be for that person by whom the Son of Man is betrayed; it would have been better for that person if they had not been born."

22 And while they were eating he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, this is my body." 23 And taking a cup, and having given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant which will be poured out for many. 25 Truly I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of God."

26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 27 And Jesus says to them, "You will all stumble; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.' 28 But after I am raised up I will go before you to Galilee." 29 But Peter said to him, "Even though they will all stumble, certainly not me." 30 And Jesus says to him, "Truly I say to you that *even you* today, this very night, before the cock crows twice, three times shall disown me." 31 But Peter kept saying vehemently, "If it is necessary for me to die together with you, I will not deny you!" And they all were saying the same.

32 And when they come to the place which was called Gethsemane, he says to his disciples, "Sit here until I finish praying." 33 And he takes with him Peter, James, and John and begins to be extremely distressed and agitated, 34 and says to them, "My soul is very sad to the point of death; remain here and watch." 35 And going a little further he repeatedly fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 And he said, "Abba (Father) all things are possible for you, remove this cup from me; but not what I want but what you want." 37 And he comes back and finds them sleeping and says to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Do you not have the strength to watch for one hour? 38 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak." 39 And having gone away again he prayed, saying the same prayer. 40 And coming again he found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what they should answer him. 41 And he comes a third time and says to them, "Do you intend to sleep on and on and to rest? The account is settled, the hour is here; look, the Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise, let us go; look, my betrayer arrives."

43 And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas (one of the Twelve) came and with him was a crowd, from the chief priests, scribes, and elders, with swords and clubs. 44 Now the betrayer had given them a signal saying, "The one I shall kiss is him; seize him and lead him away securely guarded." 45 And having come, immediately going up to Jesus says, "Rabbi", and they put hands on him and seized him. 47 But [a certain] one of the ones standing by drawing his sword struck the slave of the high priest and took off his ear. 48 And answering, Jesus said to them, "You came out as against a bandit, with swords and clubs to arrest me. 49 Day after day I was with you, teaching in the Temple, and you did not seize me. But this is happening so that the scripture can be fulfilled." 50 And having left him, they all

fled.

51 And a certain young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth around his naked body, and they seized him; 52 but having left the linen cloth he fled naked.

53 And they led Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, elders, and scribes gathered together. 54 And Peter followed him from a distance until he came into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the servants and warming himself at the blaze. 55 Now the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin repeatedly sought testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. 56 For many repeatedly gave false testimony against him, but their testimonies were not consistent. 57 And some standing up falsely testified against him, saying, 58 “We heard him saying, ‘I will destroy this sanctuary that is made with hands, and after three days I will build another that is not made with hands.’” 59 But even in this their testimony was inconsistent. 60 And standing up in the middle the high priest repeatedly asked Jesus, saying, “Do you have nothing to answer? What is it that these testify against you?” 61 But he remained silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asks him and says to him, “Are *you* the Messiah, the son of the Blessed?” 62 And Jesus said, “*I* am, and ‘you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’” 63 Then the high priest, having ripped his tunics, says, “Why do we still need witnesses? 64 You heard his blaspheme. What is your decision?” And they all judged him to be deserving of death. 65 And some began to spit on him and cover his face and beat him and say, “Prophecy!” And the servants repeatedly received him with blows.

66 And while Peter was down in the courtyard, one of the maids of the high priest comes, 67 and, having seen Peter warming himself, having looked closely at him says, “You too were with that Nazarene, Jesus.” 68 But he disowned him saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the forecourt. And a cock crowed. 69 And the maid having seen him began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” 70 But again he repeatedly disowned him. And after a little while the bystanders again were saying to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are also a Galilean.” 71 But he began to invoke a curse on himself and swear, “I do not know this person who you are talking about!” 72 And immediately a cock crowed a second time. And Peter remembered when Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice three times you will deny me.” And covering his face, wept.

15 1 And as soon as it was early morning, the chief priests, with the elders, scribes, and the entire Sanhedrin, held a council, bound Jesus, led him away, and delivered him to Pilate. 2 And Pilate repeatedly asked him, “Are *you* the King of the Jews?” And answering him he says, “*You* say!” 3 And the chief priests keep on bringing many charges against him. 4 And Pilate kept asking him, “Do you have no answer? Look how many charges they bring against you!” 5 But Jesus did not answer anymore, so that Pilate marveled.

6 Now at every feast, Pilate released to them any prisoner whom they requested. 7 Now the one called Barabbas was bound with the insurrectionists, the ones who had committed murder in the insurrection. 8 And the crowd came up to Pilate and began to ask Pilate to do as he always did for them. 9 And Pilate answered them saying, “Do you wish that I release for you the King of the Jews?” 10 For Pilate perceived it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him over. 11 But the chief priests

incited the crowd in order that he should release Barabbas to them. 12 And Pilate, again answering was saying to them, "Then what shall I do with him you call 'The King of the Jews?'" 13 And again they cried, "Crucify him!" 14 And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil thing has he done?" But they cried even louder, "Crucify him!" 15 And Pilate, wanting to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and, having Jesus scourged, delivered him to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led Jesus away inside the courtyard (that is, the praetorium); and called together the whole cohort. 17 And clothing him in a purple garment, and, having woven a crown of thorns, they put it on his head; 18 and they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 And they kept on beating his head with a reed, spitting on him, and bowing down they were worshiping him. 20 And when they had ridiculed him they stripped him of the purple garment and put his own clothes on him. And led him out in order that they should crucify him.

21 And they impress a passerby, a certain Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus) who was coming in from the country, that he should carry Jesus' cross. 22 And they carry him to the place called Golgotha (which is translated: "the place of the skull"). 23 And they repeatedly offered him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. 24 And they crucify him and divide his garments among themselves, casting a lot over it, [to decide] who should take what. 25 It was the third hour when they crucified him. 26 And the inscription of the accusation against him read, "The King of the Jews." 27 And with him they crucified two robbers, one on the right and one on the left. 29 And the ones passing by repeatedly blasphemed him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! The one who tears down the sanctuary and builds it again in three days— 30 Save yourself, come down from the cross!" 31 In the same way the chief priests, with the scribes, mocking him to one another, repeatedly said, "He saved others but he cannot save himself; 32 Messiah, King of Israel, come down now from the cross so that we may see and believe!" And those who were being crucified with him insulted him.

33 And when the sixth hour came there was darkness over the land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which translated is, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?") 35 And some of the bystanders hearing it were saying, "Look! He is calling for Elijah." 36 But a certain one running, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, Let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." 37 And Jesus, letting out a loud cry, expired. 38 And the curtain` of the sanctuary was ripped in two, from top to bottom. 39 And the centurion who stood facing him, seeing that he expired, said, "Truly, this person was a son of God." 40 There were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary (the mother of James the younger and Joses) 41 who, when Jesus was in Galilee, followed and ministered to him, and also many other women who accompanied him on the way up to Jerusalem.

42 And when the evening had already come, since it was the day of Preparation (that is, the day before the Sabbath), 43 Joseph of Arimathea (a respected member of the Sanhedrin who was also looking for the Kingdom of God), being bold, went upto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 But Pilate marveled that he was already dead, so, calling the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had died long ago. 45 And finding this out from the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph. 46 And he,

having bought a linen shroud, having taken him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and placed him in a tomb which had been hewn out of rock, and rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. 47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where he had been placed.

16 1 And when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary the mother of James brought spice in order that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early in the morning on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they kept saying to one another, “Who will roll the stone away out of the entrance of the tomb for us?” 4 And, looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away; for it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. 6 But he says to them, “Do not be so utterly amazed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the Crucified One; he has just been raised, he is not here. Look! —the place where they placed him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he said to you.” 8 And, going out, they fled from the tomb, for trembling and amazement had taken a hold of them, and said nothing to no one, for they were afraid.