**The Good News According to Luke**

**Luke Chapter 1**

EVENTS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH (1:1-1:80)  
Introduction

1Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an orderly account about the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word passed them on to us, 3it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write to you in order, most excellent Theophilus, 4so that you can come to fully know the certainty of the things about which you have been told.

Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

5In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zechariah of the *priestly* division of Abijah, and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6And they were both righteous before God, walking without blame in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. 7But they had no child because Elizabeth was barren, and they both were advanced in their days.

8Now it came to pass, while he was serving as a priest in his division’s turn before God, 9he went into the sanctuary of the Lord, having been chosen by lot (according to the custom of the priesthood) to burn the incense offering, 10and the whole multitude of the People[[1]](#footnote-28251) were praying outside at the hour of incense. 11And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12And Zechariah was startled when he saw *him*, and fear fell on him. 13But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will call his name John. 14And there will be joy and jubilation for you, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. And he must not ever drink wine or beer, and he will be filled with holy spirit, even from his mother’s womb. 16And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, 17and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers to their children,[[2]](#footnote-21968) and *turn* the disobedient to the good sense of the righteous, to make ready a people who are entirely prepared for the Lord.”

18And Zechariah said to the angel, “By what *sign* will I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife *is* advanced in her days.”

19And the angel, answering, said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. 20And Look! You will be silent and not able to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”

21And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the sanctuary. 22And when he came out, he was not able to speak to them. And they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary; and he kept making signs to them, and remained unable to speak. 23And it came to pass when the days of his priestly service were completed, he departed to his house. 24And after these days Elizabeth his wife conceived, and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying, 25“The Lord has done this for me. He has looked with favor in these days to take away my disgrace among people.”

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

26Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27to a virgin who was betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, *a descendent* of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. 28And going in to where she was, he said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you!” 29But she was greatly perplexed at the saying and began to deliberate what kind of greeting this might be. 30And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31And look, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you will call his name Jesus. 32He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David 33and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end.” 34And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, seeing I do not know[[3]](#footnote-19797) a man *sexually*?” 35And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you, and for that reason the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36And look, your relative Elizabeth, even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38And Mary said, “Behold, *I am* the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39In those days Mary got up and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, 40and went into the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41And it came to pass when Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with holy spirit 42and cried out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43And how is this *happening* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44For look, when the voice of your greeting came into my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45And blessed is she who believed, because there will be a fulfillment of the things that have been spoken to her from the Lord.”

Mary’s Song (The Magnificat)

46And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, 47and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior 48because he has looked upon the low status of his servant. For look, from now on all generations will call me blessed, 49because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. 51He has done a mighty deed with his arm; he has scattered *those who are* proud in the thoughts of their heart. 52He has pulled down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the humble. 53He has filled the hungry with good things, and he has sent the rich away empty. 54He helped his servant Israel, remembering *his* mercy 55to Abraham and his seed forever, just as he said to our fathers.”

56And Mary stayed with her about three months and *then* returned to her *own* house.

The Birth of John the Baptist

57Now Elizabeth’s time was fulfilled for her to give birth, and she bore a son. 58And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they were rejoicing with her. 59And it came to pass on the eighth day that they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zechariah, after the name of the father. 60And his mother answered and said, “No! He will be called John.” 61And they said to her, “None of your relatives are called by that name.” 62And they nodded to his father, *as to* what he wanted him called. 63And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” And they all were amazed. 64And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue, and he spoke, praising God. 65And fear came on all who lived around them, and all these things were talked about throughout all the hill country of Judea. 66And everyone who heard laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child become?” For indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Zechariah’s Prophecy (Benedictus)

67And his father Zechariah was filled with holy spirit and prophesied, saying, 68“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, because he has visited *us* and brought about redemption for his people, 69and he has raised a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, 70just as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from ancient times; 71salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, 72to show mercy to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant, 73the oath that he swore to Abraham our father, 74to grant to us that we, having been rescued out of the hand of our enemies, can serve him without fear, 75in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. 76And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way for him, 77to give *the* knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins 78because of the compassionate mercy[[4]](#footnote-24225) of our God, by which the Rising Sun from on high will visit us, 79to shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

80And the child grew and became strong in spirit and was in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

**Luke Chapter 2**

THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH (2:1-2:52)  
Jesus Born in Bethlehem

1Now it came to pass in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus to register all the inhabited world *for taxation*. 2This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3And everyone went to be registered, each to his own city. 4And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, 5to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant.

6Now it came to pass while they were there *that* the days were fulfilled for her to give birth. 7And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no space for them in the guest room.

Shepherds Testify to Birth of Christ

8And there were shepherds in the same area, living out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. 9And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were frightened with great fear. 10And the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for listen, I bring you good news that will cause great joy, which will be for all the people. 11For to you was born this day in the city of David the Savior, who is the Messiah *and* Lord. 12And this *will be* the sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying, 14“Glory in the highest *heavens* to God, and on earth peace among people with whom he is well pleased.”

15And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. 17And after they saw it, they made it known about the message that had been spoken to them about this child. 18And all who heard it were amazed at the things that were told to them by the shepherds. 19But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen; *everything was* just as it had been spoken to them.

Jesus Presented in the Temple

21And when eight days were completed for him to be circumcised, his name was called Jesus, the *name* he was called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. 22And when the days of their *ceremonial* cleansing according to the Law of Moses were completed, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, 23(just as it is written in the law of the Lord: Every male that *first* opens the womb will be called holy to the Lord),[[5]](#footnote-17094) 24and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.[[6]](#footnote-20715)

25And Look! There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and *deeply* religious, waiting for the comforting of Israel, and holy spirit was upon him. 26And it had been revealed to him by the holy spirit, that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 27And he came by the spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, 28then he took him into his arms and blessed God and said, 29“Now Master, you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word, 30since my eyes have seen your salvation, 31which you have prepared before the face of all people, 32a light for revelation to the Gentiles,[[7]](#footnote-11497) and for glory to your people, Israel.”

33And his father and his mother were amazed at the things that were being said about him. 34And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Look! This *child* is appointed to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign *that will be* continually opposed, 35(yes, and a broadsword will pierce through your own soul), so that the reasoning of many hearts will be revealed.”

36And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37and then as a widow until the age of 84),[[8]](#footnote-17393) who did not depart from the Temple, serving with fasting and prayers night and day. 38And in that moment she came up and began to give thanks to God and to speak about him to all those who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

39And when they had completed everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. 40And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Jesus in the Temple at 12 Years Old

41And every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. 42And when he was 12 years old, they went up according to the custom. 43And when they had completed the days of the feast, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem and his parents did not know it, 44but assuming him to be in the caravan, they went a day’s journey. And they were diligently searching for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, diligently searching for him. 46And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48And when they saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Child, why did you do this to us? Look here! Your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” 49And he said to them, “Why is it that you were searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” 50And they did not understand the statement that he spoke to them. 51And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and he submitted to them. And his mother was keeping all these things in her heart. 52And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.

**Luke Chapter 3**

PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF JESUS (3:1-4:13)  
John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, 2during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the desert. 3And he went into the whole region around the Jordan, preaching baptism *as a sign* of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4as it is written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling out in the desert, ‘Make the road ready for the Lord! Make the paths straight for him!’ 5Every valley will be filled and every mountain and hill will be made low, and the crooked will become straight, and the rough ways smooth, 6and all flesh will see the salvation of God.”[[9]](#footnote-27362)

7So he *began* saying to the multitudes that went out to be baptized by him, “You offspring of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Come now, produce fruit *that is* consistent with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ because I say to you that God is able to produce children of Abraham from these stones. 9The axe is already laid down at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10And the crowd was asking him, saying, “So then, what should we do?” 11And he answered them and said, “The one who has two tunics,[[10]](#footnote-28183) let him give *one* to him who has none, and the one who has food, let him do the same.” 12And tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13And he said to them, “Collect no more than what you have been ordered to.” 14And soldiers also asked him, saying, “And we, what should we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats, and do not accuse *any one* wrongfully, and be content with your wages.”

15And while the people were filled with expectation, and everyone was questioning in their hearts concerning John, if he was the Christ,[[11]](#footnote-24557) 16John answered, saying to them all, “I baptize you in water, but one who is mightier than I *am* is coming—I am not *even* worthy to untie the strap of his sandals! He will baptize you with holy spirit or *with* fire. 17His winnowing fork[[12]](#footnote-27646) is in his hand, to thoroughly clean out his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.”

18So then indeed, exhorting regarding many and various *subjects*, he proclaimed good news to the people. 19But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him on account of Herodias (his brother’s wife), and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 20added this also to them all—he locked up John in prison.

The Baptism of Jesus

21Now it came to pass when all the people were baptized that Jesus also was baptized, and as he was praying, the heavens were opened 22and the holy spirit descended onto him in a bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, “You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.”

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

23And Jesus himself, when he began *his ministry*, was about 30 years *of age*, being

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|  | the son (as it was assumed) of Joseph,  the *son* of Heli, |
| 24 | the *son* of Matthat,  the *son* of Levi,  the *son* of Melchi,  the *son* of Jannai,  the *son* of Joseph, |
| 25 | the *son* of Mattathias,  the *son* of Amos,  the *son* of Nahum,  the *son* of Esli,  the *son* of Naggai, |
| 26 | the *son* of Maath,  the *son* of Mattathias,  the *son* of Semein,  the *son* of Josech,  the *son* of Joda, |
| 27 | the *son* of Joanan,  the *son* of Rhesa,  the *son* of Zerubbabel,  the *son* of Shealtiel,  the *son* of Neri, |
| 28 | the *son* of Melchi,  the *son* of Addi,  the *son* of Cosam,  the *son* of Elmadam,  the *son* of Er, |
| 29 | the *son* of Jesus,  the *son* of Eliezer,  the *son* of Jorim,  the *son* of Matthat,  the *son* of Levi, |
| 30 | the *son* of Symeon,  the *son* of Judas,  the *son* of Joseph,  the *son* of Jonam,  the *son* of Eliakim, |
| 31 | the *son* of Melea,  the *son* of Menna,  the *son* of Mattatha,  the *son* of Nathan,  the *son* of David, |
| 32 | the *son* of Jesse,  the *son* of Obed,  the *son* of Boaz,  the *son* of Salmon,  the *son* of Nahshon, |
| 33 | the *son* of Amminadab,  the *son* of Arni,  the *son* of Hezron,  the *son* of Perez,  the *son* of Judah, |
| 34 | the *son* of Jacob,  the *son* of Isaac,  the *son* of Abraham,  the *son* of Terah,  the *son* of Nahor, |
| 35 | the *son* of Serug,  the *son* of Reu,  the *son* of Peleg,  the *son* of Eber,  the *son* of Shelah |
| 36 | the *son* of Cainan,  the *son* of Arphaxad,  the *son* of Shem,  the *son* of Noah,  the *son* of Lamech, |
| 37 | the *son* of Methuselah,  the *son* of Enoch,  the *son* of Jared,  the *son* of Mahalaleel,  the *son* of Cainan, |
| 38 | the *son* of Enos,  the *son* of Seth,  the *son* of Adam,  the *son* of God. |

**Luke Chapter 4**

The Temptation in the Desert

1And Jesus, full of holy spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led around in the desert by the spirit 2for 40 days, being tempted by the Devil.[[13]](#footnote-26371) And he ate nothing in those days, and when they were completed, he was hungry. 3And the Devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” 4And Jesus answered him, “It is written: Man[[14]](#footnote-23052) cannot live on bread alone.”[[15]](#footnote-22618) 5And he led him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the inhabited world in a moment of time. 6And the Devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority, and their glory, for it has been handed over to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7Therefore, if you will bow down in worship before me, it will all be yours.” 8And Jesus answered and said to him, “It is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”[[16]](#footnote-22325) 9And he brought him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, 11and, They will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.[[17]](#footnote-11882) 12And Jesus answered and said to him, “It is said: Do not test the Lord your God.”[[18]](#footnote-21342) 13And when the Devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him for a season.

MINISTRY OF JESUS IN GALILEE (4:14-6:16)  
Jesus Begins to Preach

14And Jesus returned in the power of the spirit into Galilee, and news about him went out through all the surrounding area. 15And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

Jesus Announces His Ministry

16And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and as his custom was he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17And he was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. And he unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 18The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor, he has sent me to declare liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, 19to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.[[19]](#footnote-27356)

20And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down, and the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your ears.” 22And they all were giving a *good* testimony about him, and were amazed at the words of grace that proceeded out of his mouth, and they said, “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” 23And he said to them, “Doubtless you will speak this parable to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done at Capernaum, do also here in your hometown.’” 24And he said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25But truly I say to you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land, 26and *yet* to none of them was Elijah sent, but only to Zarephath *in the land* of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27And there were many people with skin diseases[[20]](#footnote-18903) in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

28And when they heard these things, everyone in the synagogue was filled with rage, 29and they got up and threw him out of the city. And they brought him to the brow of the hill that their city was built on in order to throw him down the cliff. 30But he, passing through the midst of them, went his way.

Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit

31And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath day, 32and they were astonished at his teaching, because his word had authority. 33And in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit, (that is to say an unclean demon), and he cried out with a loud voice, 34“Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know you, who you are—the Holy One of God.” 35And Jesus subdued him, saying, “Be bound!” and “Come out of him!” And after the demon had thrown him down in the midst *of the people*, he came out of him, having done him no harm. 36And they were all amazed, and continued talking together to each other, saying, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits and they come out.” 37And news concerning him went out into every place in the surrounding area.

Many Healed in Capernaum

38And he got up *and went* out of the synagogue and went into the house of Simon. And Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him on her behalf. 39And he stood over her and subdued the fever, and it left her, and immediately she got up and began to serve them.

40And when the sun was setting, all those who had any *who were* sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41And demons also came out from many, crying out and saying, “You are the Son of God.” And he, subduing them, did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.[[21]](#footnote-22947)

42And when it was day, he came out and went into a solitary place. And the multitudes were searching for him and came to him, and were trying to keep him from going away from them. 43But he said to them, “I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God in the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.” 44And he was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

**Luke Chapter 5**

The Calling of Disciples

1Now it came to pass, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret.[[22]](#footnote-16332) 2And he saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3And he got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the crowd out of the boat. 4And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch.” 5And Simon answered and said, “Master, we worked hard all night and took nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets.” 6And when they had done this, they enclosed a great multitude of fish, indeed, their nets were being torn. 7And they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats so that they began to sink. 8But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” 9For he and all those who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching people.” 11And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Jesus Heals a Man With a Skin Disease

12And it came to pass while he was in one of the cities, look, a man covered with a skin disease *was there*. And when he saw Jesus, he fell facedown and begged him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you are able to make me clean” 13And he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be clean!” And immediately the skin disease left him. 14And he instructed him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” 15But the word about him was spreading even more, and great multitudes came together to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16But he withdrew himself into the solitary places and prayed.

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

17And it came to pass on one of those days that he was teaching, and there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by who had come out of every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. 18And Look! Men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and to lay him before him. 19And finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down on a small bed through the roof tiles into the midst *of the crowd* before Jesus. 20And when he saw their trust, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.”

21And the experts in the law and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who is speaking blasphemy? Who can forgive sins except God alone?” 22But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning *these things* in your hearts? 23Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? 24But so that you know the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralyzed man—“I say to you, get up and pick up your bed and go home.” 25And immediately he got up in front of them, and picked up *the pallet* that he had been lying on, and went to his house, glorifying God. 26And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God, and they were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen incredible things today.”

Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew)

27And after these things he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax collector’s booth, and said to him, “Follow me.” 28And he left everything, and got up and followed him. 29And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and of others who were reclining *and eating* with them. 30And the Pharisees and their experts in the law grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?” 31And Jesus answering said to them, “Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but those who are sick *do*. 32I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

33And they said to him, “The disciples of John fast often, and offer prayers, and so do the *disciples* of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.” 34And Jesus said to them, “Can you make the wedding guests[[23]](#footnote-32319) fast while the groom is *still* with them? 35But the days will come; and when the groom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.”

36And he also spoke a parable to them: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment, otherwise he will tear the new, and also the piece from the new will not match with the old. 37And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the new wine will burst the wineskins and it will be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. 38But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39And no one after drinking old *wine* wants new, for he says, ‘The old is better.’”

**Luke Chapter 6**

Lord of the Sabbath

1Now it came to pass that he was passing through the grainfields on a Sabbath. And his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing *off the husks* in their hands, and were eating them. 2But some of the Pharisees said, “Why do all of you do what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?” 3And Jesus, answering them, said, “Have you not read that which David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him, 4how he went into the house of God and took and ate the Bread of the Presence, and also gave some to those with him, which it is not lawful to eat except for the priests alone?” 5And he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

Healing a Hand on the Sabbath

6And it came to pass on another Sabbath, that he went into the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there, and his right hand was shriveled up. 7Now the experts in the law and the Pharisees were watching him closely—*to see* if he would heal on the Sabbath—so that they could accuse him. 8But he knew their thoughts and said to the man who had his hand withered, “Get up and stand in the midst *of the people*.” And after rising up he stood there. 9And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to kill?” 10And looking around at them all, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” And he did, and his hand was restored. 11But they were filled with irrational *anger* and discussed with one another what they could do to Jesus.

Jesus Chooses the Twelve Apostles

12And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into the mountain to pray, and he continued all night in prayer to God. 13And when it was day, he called his disciples, and he chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: 14Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip and Bartholomew, 15and Matthew, and Thomas, and James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, 16and Judas *the son* of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

THE SERMON ON THE PLAIN (6:17-6:49)  
The Sermon on the Plain

17And he came down with them and stood on a level place. And a great multitude of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, 18who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits, were healed. 19And the whole crowd was trying to touch him because power was coming from him, and he was healing *them* all.

Beatitudes (Blessings) and Warnings

20And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said,

“Blessed are you who are poor, because the Kingdom of God is yours.

21“Blessed are you who hunger now, because you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who cry now, because you will laugh.

22“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and insult you, and denounce your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

23“Rejoice in that day and leap *for joy*, because[[24]](#footnote-18502) your reward in heaven is great, for their fathers did the same things to the prophets.

24“But how terrible it will be for you who are rich, because you are receiving your comfort *now*.

25“How terrible it will be for you who are satisfied now, because you will hunger.

“How terrible it will be for you who are laughing now, because you will mourn and cry.

26“How terrible it will be for you, when all people speak well of you, for their fathers did the same thing to the false prophets.

Love Your Enemies

27“But I say to you who are listening: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29*To* whoever strikes you on the cheek, offer the other *cheek* also, and from him who takes away your outer garment do not withhold your tunic[[25]](#footnote-27512) also. 30Give to everyone who asks you, and from the one who takes away your things do not demand them back. 31And just as you want people to treat you, treat them the same way.

32“And if you love those who love you, what credit is *that* for you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is *that* for you? For even sinners do the same. 34And if you lend to those of whom you hope to receive, what credit is *that* for you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive the same *amount*. 35But love your enemies, and do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil. 36Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Hypocritical Judging

37“And do not judge and you will absolutely not be judged, and do not condemn and you will absolutely not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38Give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over, they will give into your lap. For by the standard with which you measure, it will be measured to you in return.”

39And he also spoke a parable to them, “Are the blind able to guide the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? 40A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

41“Why do you see the splinter that is in your neighbor’s[[26]](#footnote-20620) eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 42Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Neighbor, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the splinter that is in your neighbor’s eye.

Know Them by Their Fruit

43“For there is no good tree that produces rotten fruit, nor on the other hand, a rotten tree that produces good fruit. 44For each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. 45The good man brings out good things from the good treasure of his heart, and the evil man brings out evil things from the evil *treasure of his heart*, for his mouth speaks things that overflow from his heart.

The Wise and Foolish Builders

46“And why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things that I say? 47Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you whom he is like. 48He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the river crashed against that house but was not strong enough to shake it, because it had been well built. 49But whoever hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation. When the river crashed against it, immediately it fell down, and the ruin of that house was great.”

**Luke Chapter 7**

MINISTRY OF JESUS IN GALILEE CONTINUED (7:1-14:35)  
The Trust of a Centurion

1After he had ended all his sayings in the ears of the people, he entered Capernaum. 2Now a certain centurion’s servant, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and at the point of death. 3Now when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and cure his servant. 4And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy that you should do this for him, 5for he loves our nation, and he built the synagogue for us.” 6And Jesus went with them. Now when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying to him, “Lord, do not trouble *yourself*, because I am not worthy for you to come under my roof. 7That is why I did not consider myself worthy to come to you, but say the word, and my boy *will* be healed. 8For I also am a man placed under authority *and* I have soldiers under 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.” 9And when Jesus heard these things, he was amazed at him, and turned and said to the crowd who followed him, “I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great trust.” 10And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant in good health.

Jesus Raises a Widow’s Son

11And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went to a city called Nain. And his disciples were going along with him, and a large crowd. 12Now when he drew near to the gate of the city, Look! One who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. 13And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not cry.” 14And he went near and touched the bier, and those carrying *it* stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, get up.” 15And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. 16And fear seized them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” And, “God has visited his people!” 17And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Jesus and John the Baptist

18And the disciples of John told him of all these things. 19And John having called near a certain two of his disciples, sent *them* to the Lord, saying, “Are you the Coming One, or should we expect someone else?” 20And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the Coming One, or should we expect someone else?’” 21At that time he cured many *people* of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and he freely gave sight to many who were blind. 22And he answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things that you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, people with skin diseases[[27]](#footnote-27206) are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised, *and* the poor have good news proclaimed to them. 23And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

24And when the messengers of John had departed, he began to speak to the crowd about John, “What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swaying in the wind? 25*Of course not*! Then what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? *Of course not*! Look, those who are gloriously clothed and live in luxury are in kings’ palaces. 26Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and *you saw* much more than a prophet. 27This is he about whom it is written, Look! I am sending my messenger ahead of you,[[28]](#footnote-29712) who will prepare the road before you.[[29]](#footnote-23058) 28I say to you, among those who are born of women there is none greater than John, yet the least *important* person in the Kingdom of God is greater than he.”

29(And all the people when they heard, even the tax collectors, declared God righteous, because they had been baptized with the baptism of John. 30But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not being baptized by him).

31“To what then should I compare the people of this generation, and to what are they like? 32They are like children in the marketplace, sitting and calling out to one another, saying, ‘We played the flute for you but you did not dance, we sang a song of lament but you did not mourn.’ 33For John the Baptist has come neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ 34The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘See! A gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ 35But wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

Jesus Forgives a Sinful Woman

36Now one of the Pharisees was asking him to eat with him. And having gone into the Pharisee’s house, he reclined *to eat*. 37And behold, a woman who was in the city, a sinner—and when she knew that he was reclining *to eat* in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of perfume, 38and standing behind *him* at his feet, crying, she began to wet his feet with her tears. And she kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing his feet, and anointing *them* with the perfume.

39Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw *this*, he spoke within himself, saying, “This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what sort of woman *this is* who is touching him—that she is a sinner.” 40And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he said, “Say it, teacher.” 41“Two men were debtors to a certain lender. One owed 500 denarii, and the other 50.[[30]](#footnote-15786) 42When they did not have *the means* to pay, he freely forgave them both. Therefore, which of them will love him more?” 43Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave the most.” And he said to him, “You have rightly judged.” 44And turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house, *yet* you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45You gave me no kiss, but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss my feet. 46You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. 47For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little.” 48And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” 49And those who were reclining *and eating* with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” 50And he said to the woman, “Your trust has saved you. Go in peace.”

**Luke Chapter 8**

Women Following Jesus

1And it came to pass soon afterwards that he traveled through cities and villages, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God, and the Twelve were with him, 2and *also* certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod’s household, and Susanna, and many others, who were providing for them out of their resources.

The Parable of the Sower

4Now when a large crowd was gathering, and those of every city were making their way to him, he spoke by way of a parable: 5“The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some *seed* fell beside the path and was trampled on, and the birds of heaven devoured it. 6And other *seed* fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew it withered away because it had no moisture. 7And other *seed* fell in *the* midst of thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. 8And other *seed* fell on the good soil, and grew up and bore fruit a hundredfold.” As he said these things he cried out, “Anyone who has ears to hear had better listen!”

The Parable of the Sower Explained

9And his disciples *began* asking him what this parable meant. 10And he said, “To you it is given to know the sacred secrets of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest *I speak* in parables, so that seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not understand.[[31]](#footnote-13106)

11“Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. 12Now those beside the path are those who, when they have heard, then the Devil[[32]](#footnote-13802) comes and takes away the word from their heart so that they cannot believe and be saved. 13Now those on the rock *are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; but these have no root, who for a while believe, but in a time of temptation they depart. 14Now the part that fell into the thorns, these are the ones who heard and, while going along *through life* are choked by worries, and wealth, and *the* pleasures of life, and so they do not bring fruit to maturity. 15Now the part in the good soil, these are those who with an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold onto it firmly, and by enduring, produce fruit.

What is Hidden Will Be Revealed

16“And no one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but *instead* puts it on a lampstand so that those who enter can see the light. 17For what is hidden will be revealed and what is hidden away will absolutely become known and come into the open. 18Take care, therefore, how you hear, for whoever has, to him *more* will be given, and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken away from him.”

Jesus’ True Mother and Brothers

19And his mother and brothers came to him, and they were not able to get near to him because of the crowd. 20And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.” 21But he answered and said to them, “My mother and my brothers are these—the ones hearing the word of God, and doing *it*.”

Jesus Calms a Storm

22Now it came to pass on one of those days that he got into a boat, he and his disciples, and he said to them, “Let’s go over to the other side of the lake,”[[33]](#footnote-17379) and they launched out. 23Now as they sailed he fell asleep, and a storm of wind came down on the lake and they were filling *with water*, and were in danger. 24And they came to him and awoke him, saying, “Master, master, we are about to die!” And having been awakened, he subdued the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and it became calm. 25And he said to them, “Where is your trust?” And they were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, “Who is this, that he commands even the winds and the water and they obey him?”

Jesus Casts Out Demons Into Pigs

26And they sailed down to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across *the lake* from Galilee. 27And when he had gone out onto the land, he was met by a certain man from the city, who had demons, and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he was not living in a house, but in the tombs. 28And when he saw Jesus he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore you, do not torment me!”

29For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For many times it had seized him, and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and *yet* he would break apart the bonds and be driven by the demon into the solitary places.

30And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had gone into him. 31And they were begging him, lest he command them to go away into the Abyss.

32Now a herd of many pigs was there, feeding on the mountainside, and they begged him that he would allow them to enter into them. And he allowed them. 33And the demons, having come out from the man, went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

34And when the men who were looking after them saw what had happened they fled and reported it in the city and in the countryside. 35And the people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 36And those who had seen it told the people how the man who had been afflicted by the demon was healed. 37And all the people of the region around the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, because they were gripped with great fear; and he got into a boat, and returned. 38But the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging him to go with him, but he sent him away, saying, 39“Return to your house and tell all that God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

A Woman Healed and the Dead Raised

40Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. 41And look, a man named Jairus, who was a leader of the synagogue, came and he fell down at Jesus’ feet, and earnestly begged him to come into his house, 42for he had an only daughter, about 12 years old, and she was dying. Now as he went, the crowd was pressing in around him. 43And there was a woman who had a discharge of blood for 12 years, who had spent all her living on physicians and could not be healed by anyone. 44She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her bleeding stopped. 45And Jesus said, “Who is the one who touched me?” And while they all were denying it, Peter said, “Master, the crowd is surrounding you and pressing in against you.” 46But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceived that power had gone out from me.” 47And when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she touched him, and how she was immediately healed. 48And he said to her, “Daughter, your trust has healed you. Go in peace.” 49While he was still speaking, someone came from *the house of* the leader of the synagogue, saying, “*Jairus*, your daughter is dead, do not bother the teacher any longer.” 50But Jesus, overhearing it, answered him, “Do not be afraid; just believe and she will be healed.” 51And when he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him except Peter, and John, and James, and the father of the child and her mother. 52Now they were all crying and mourning for her, but he said, “Do not cry, for she has not died, but is asleep.” 53And they began to laugh at him, knowing that she was dead. 54But he, taking her by the hand, called, saying, “Child, arise.” 55And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately, and he commanded them to give her *something* to eat. 56And her parents were amazed, but he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

**Luke Chapter 9**

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

1And he called the Twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases. 2And he sent them out to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3And he said to them, “Do not take anything for your journey; no staff, nor traveler’s bag, nor bread, nor silver; and do not have two tunics.[[34]](#footnote-25846) 4And into whatever house you enter, stay there, and *when it is time,* depart from that area. 5And *as for* all who do not receive you, when you depart from that city, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” 6And they departed and went throughout the villages proclaiming good news and healing *people* everywhere.

Herod Perplexed About Jesus

7Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening. And he was greatly perplexed because it was said by some that John had been raised from among the dead, 8by some that Elijah had appeared, *and* yet by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. 9And Herod said, “John I beheaded. Who, then, is this about whom I hear such things?” And he kept trying to see him.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

10And when the apostles returned, they told him all that they had done. And taking them, he withdrew by himself to a city called Bethsaida. 11But the multitudes, having learned *this*, followed him. And having welcomed them, he was speaking to them about the Kingdom of God, and those who had need of treatment he was healing.

12Now the day began to draw to a close, and the Twelve came and said to him, “Send the multitude away so they can go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and somewhere to stay *for the night*, for we are here in a remote place.” 13But he said to them, “You give them *something* to eat.” But they said, “We do not have more than five loaves and two fish unless we go buy food for all these people.” 14(For there were about 5,000 men). But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down *to eat* in groups, about 50 each.” 15And they did so, and made them all sit down. 16And he took the five loaves and the two fish, *and* looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and broke *them*, and kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before the multitude. 17And they ate, and were all filled, and what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Peter’s Confession of Christ

18And it came to pass, as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, saying, “Who do the multitudes say that I am?” 19And answering, they said, “John the Baptist; and others *say* Elijah; and others *say* that one of the prophets of old has risen.” 20And he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered and said, “The Christ[[35]](#footnote-21947) of God.” 21Now he warned them and instructed *them* to tell this to no one, 22saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and experts in the law, and be killed, and the third day be raised *from the dead*.”

Cost of Discipleship

23And he said to *them* all, “If anyone wants to follow after me, he must deny himself and must take up his cross daily, and *then* follow me. 24For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me, he is the one who will save it. 25For what does it profit a person if he gains the whole world and *yet* loses or forfeits himself? 26For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he comes in his glory and *the glory* of the Father and of the holy angels. 27But I tell you truly, there are some of those who stand here who will absolutely not taste of death until they see the Kingdom of God.”

The Transfiguration

28And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, that he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up onto the mountain to pray. 29And as he was praying, the appearance of his face became different, and his clothing *became* white *and* dazzling. 30And Look! Two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure that he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33And it came to pass as they were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah,” not knowing what he said. 34And while he said these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him!” 36And when the voice came, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and told no one in those days any of the things that they had seen.

Healing A Boy Afflicted by a Demon

37And it came to pass on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. 38And Look! A man from the crowd shouted out, saying, “Teacher, I implore you to look at my son, for he is my only child, 39and Look! A spirit takes hold of him and he suddenly cries out, and it throws him into convulsions with foaming *at the mouth*, bruising him, and it scarcely ever leaves him. 40And I implored your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able to.” 41And Jesus answered and said, “O unbelieving and twisted generation, how much longer will I be with you and *have to* put up with you? Bring your son here.” 42And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and made him have convulsions. But Jesus subdued the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while *they* all were marveling at all the things that he did, he said to his disciples, 44“Let these words sink into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be handed over into the hands of men.” 45But they did not understand this saying and it remained hidden from them so they did not grasp its *meaning* and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Who is the Greatest?

46And an argument arose among them *as to* which of them was the greatest. 47But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a little child and set him by his side 48and said to them, “Whoever receives this little child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Indeed, the one who is least among you all, that same *one* is great.”

Whoever is Not Against You is For You

49And John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he is not following *you* along with us.” 50But Jesus said to him, “Do not stop *him*, for whoever is not against you is for you.”

Jesus in Samaria

51And it came to pass, when the days were approaching for him to be taken up, that he firmly resolved[[36]](#footnote-17312) to go to Jerusalem. 52And he sent messengers ahead of him,[[37]](#footnote-17792) and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make things ready for him. 53But they did not receive him, because he was intent on[[38]](#footnote-21666) going to Jerusalem. 54And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, “Lord, do you want us to call fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” 55But he turned and rebuked them. 56And they went to another village.

Priorities

57And as they were going along the road, a certain man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have dens, and the birds of heaven *have* nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” 59And he said to another, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 60But he said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim everywhere the Kingdom of God.” 61And another also said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say goodbye to those who are at my house.” 62But Jesus said to him, “No one who has put his hand to the plow and *yet* continues to look behind *him*, is well suited for the Kingdom of God.”

**Luke Chapter 10**

Jesus Sends Out the 72

1Now after these things the Lord appointed 72 others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every city and place where he himself was about to go. 2And he said to them, “Indeed, the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest. 3Go! Pay attention! I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4Carry no purse, no traveling bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5And into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace *be* to this house.’ 6And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on him, but if not, it will return to you again. 7And stay in that same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the worker is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8And into whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you, 9and heal the sick that are in it, and say to them, ‘The Kingdom of God has drawn near to you.’ 10But into whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into the streets of it and say, 11‘Even the dust from your city that clings to our feet we are wiping off *as a witness* against you. Nevertheless know this, that the Kingdom of God has drawn near.’ 12I say to you, it will be more bearable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

13“How terrible it will be for you, Chorazin! How terrible it will be for you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had been done in Tyre and Sidon that were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the Judgment, than for you. 15And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? *No*, you will go down to the grave.

16“Whoever hears you hears me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

The 72 Return

17And the 72 returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!” 18And he said to them, “I saw the Adversary[[39]](#footnote-12983) falling like lightning from heaven. 19Look! I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and absolutely nothing will harm you. 20Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

21In that same hour he was full of joy in the holy spirit, and said, “I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you hid these things from the wise and understanding, and have revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, because this was well-pleasing in your sight. 22All things have been handed over 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 anyone to whom the Son decides to reveal *him.*”

23And turning to the disciples, he said privately, “Blessed *are* the eyes that see the things that you see, 24for I say to you, that many prophets and kings desired to see the things that you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things that you hear, and did not hear them.”

Obtaining Everlasting Life

25And Look! A certain lawyer stood up, testing him, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit life in the age *to come*?” 26And Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read *it*?” 27And he, answering, said, Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind;[[40]](#footnote-27797) and your neighbor as yourself.[[41]](#footnote-10113) 28And he said to him, “You have answered rightly. Do this and you will live.”

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

29But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30Jesus answered and said, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31And by chance a certain priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32And likewise also a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. 34And he went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35And on the next day he took out two denarii,[[42]](#footnote-16828) and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back again.’ 36Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers? 37And he said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go, and do likewise.”

Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

38Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and heard his word. 40But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she came to him, and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister left me to serve alone? Speak to her, then, so that she will help me.” 41But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42but one thing is necessary; indeed, Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

**Luke Chapter 11**

Teaching on Prayer (Lord’s Prayer)

1And it came to pass as he was praying in a certain place, that when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.”

2And he said to them, “When you pray, say,

‘Father, may your name be treated as holy.

May your kingdom come.

3Give us each day our daily bread, 4and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not bring us into temptation.’”

The Parable of the Friend at Midnight

5And he said to them, “Which of you has a friend, and will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves *of bread*, 6for a friend of mine has just come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him.’ 7And he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me. The door has already been locked and my children are with me in bed. I am not able to get up and give you *anything*.’

8“I say to you, though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his *friend’s* shameless persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9“And I say to you, keep asking, and it will be given to you; keep seeking, and you will find; keep knocking, and *the door* will be opened to you. 10For everyone who keeps asking receives, and the one who keeps seeking finds, and to the one who keeps knocking *the door* will be opened.

11“And what father *is there* among you, *if* his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish? 12Or *if* he asks for an egg, he will give him a scorpion? 13If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more *certainly* will *your* heavenly Father give holy spirit to those who ask him?”

A Divided Kingdom Will Fall

14And he was casting out a demon that made people unable to speak. And it came to pass when the demon had gone out the mute man spoke, and the crowd was amazed. 15But some of them said, “He casts out demons by *the power of* Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.” 16And others, testing *him*, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. 17But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house *divided* against itself[[43]](#footnote-12636) falls. 18And also, if the Adversary[[44]](#footnote-10433) is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? *I say this* because you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.

21“When the strong *man*, fully armed, guards his own court, his possessions are in peace. 22But when a stronger *man* than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him his armor in which he had trusted and distributes his plunder.

23“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me, scatters.

Return of an Unclean Spirit

24“When an unclean spirit goes out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking a resting place, and *yet* does not find one. Then it says, ‘I will go back to my house from which I left.’ 25And when it comes, it finds *the house* swept and put in order. 26Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter in and live there; and the last *condition* of that man becomes worse than the first.”

True Blessedness

27And it came to pass as he said these things, a certain woman in the crowd lifted up her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that carried you, and the breasts that you sucked.” 28But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”

The Sign of Jonah

29And when the multitudes were gathering together to him, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation, it seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. 30For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation. 31The queen of the south will rise up at the Judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, *someone* greater than Solomon is here. 32The men of Nineveh will stand up at the Judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, *someone* greater than Jonah is here.

Do Not Let Your “Light” Be Darkness

33“No one, when he has lighted a lamp, puts it in a covered place, nor under a peck basket,[[45]](#footnote-20426) but on the lampstand, so that those who enter can see the light. 34The lamp of your body is your eye. When your eye is single,[[46]](#footnote-23696) your whole body is also full of light; but when it is evil,[[47]](#footnote-16715) your body also is full of darkness. 35Watch out, then, that the light that is in you is not darkness. 36So if your whole body is full of light, with no dark part *in it*, it will be full of light like when a lamp with its radiance gives you light.”

Clean What is Within

37Now as he spoke, a Pharisee asked him to eat a meal with him, and he went in and reclined *to eat*. 38And when the Pharisee saw it, he was amazed that he had not first washed himself before the meal. 39And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but inside of you, you are full of greed and wickedness. 40You senseless people! Didn’t the one who made the outside make the inside also? 41But give those things that are within as charitable gifts, and look, all things will be clean for you.

Terrible Times Ahead For the Pharisees

42“But how terrible it will be for you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every garden plant, and pass over justice and the love of God. But *it is* necessary to do those things, and not leave the other undone.

43“How terrible it will be for you Pharisees! For you love the most important seats in the synagogues and the greetings *you get* in the marketplaces.

44“How terrible it will be for you! For you are like unmarked graves, and the people who walk over *them* do not know it.”

45And one of the lawyers answering said to him, “Teacher, in saying this you reproach us also.” 46And he said, “How terrible it will be for you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens *that are* hard to carry, and *yet* you yourselves do not touch the loads with one of your fingers.

47“How terrible it will be for you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48So you are witnesses and fully approve of the works of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build *their tombs*. 49Because of this, the wisdom of God also said, I will send to them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they will kill and persecute 50with the result that the blood of all the prophets that was shed from the foundation of the world will be required of this generation, 51from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I say to you, it will be required of this generation.

52“How terrible it will be for you lawyers! For you took away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.”

53And when he had come out from there, the experts in the law and the Pharisees began to press upon *him* vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things, 54laying in wait for him in order to catch something that he might say.

**Luke Chapter 12**

Hypocrisy

1In these circumstances, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered together, so *many* that they were stepping on one another, he began to speak first to his disciples, saying, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and *nothing* hidden that will not be made known. 3Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light; and what you have whispered in someone’s ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the rooftops.

Fear God Not Men

4“And I say to you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. 5But I will show you who to fear: fear him who after killing *you* has the authority to throw *you* into Gehenna. Yes, I say to you, fear him. 6Aren’t five little sparrows sold for two assaria?[[48]](#footnote-29950) And *yet* not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God. 7But even all the hairs of your head have been counted. Do not be afraid, you are of more value than many little sparrows.

Acknowledge Jesus Before Others

8“And I say to you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God, 9but whoever denies me in the presence of people will be denied in the presence of the angels of God. 10And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him, but the one who blasphemes the Holy Spirit it will not be forgiven.

11“And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you will defend yourself, or what you will say, 12for the holy spirit will teach you at that time what you need to say.”

The Parable of the Rich Fool

13And someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14But he said to him, “Sir, who made me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” 15And he said to them, “Watch out and be on guard against every *form of* greediness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things that he possesses.”

16And he spoke a parable to them, saying, “The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully. 17And he reasoned within himself, saying, ‘What should I do, because I have no place to store my crops?’ 18And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones; and I will store all my grain and my goods there. 19And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have much goods laid up for many years. Relax, eat, drink, *and* be merry.”’ 20But God said to him, ‘You senseless one, this night your soul is being demanded of you. And the things that you have prepared—whose will they be?’ 21So is the one who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Do Not Be Anxious

22And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not be anxious for *your* life, what you will eat, nor for your body, what you will put on. 23For life is more than food, and the body than clothing. 24Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn, and yet God feeds them. How much more are you worth than the birds! 25And which of you by being anxious is able to add an hour to his life? 26So if you are not able to do even that which is least, why are you anxious concerning the rest?

27“Consider the lilies, how they grow: they do not labor or spin, yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. 28But if God clothes the grass in this way, which is in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more *certainly* *will he provide* for you, O you of little trust? 29And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and stop worrying. 30For all the nations of the world keep striving after these things, but your Father knows that you need these things. 31Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

32“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33Sell what you have, and give to the needy. Make for yourselves purses that do not become worn out, a treasure in heaven that will not fail, where no thief comes near, and moths do not destroy. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Remain Watchful

35“Your belts must be around your waist, and your lamps burning, 36and you *must be* like people waiting for their lord, when he returns from the marriage feast, so that when he comes and knocks, they immediately open *the door* for him.

37“Blessed are those servants whom the lord finds watching when he comes. Truly I say to you, that he will gird himself *to serve*,[[49]](#footnote-29747) and make them recline *at the table*, and will come and serve them. 38And if in the second or if in the third watch he comes,[[50]](#footnote-24521) and finds *it* so—blessed are those *servants*. 39But know this, that if the head of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not have left his house to be broken into. 40You also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”

41And Peter said, “Lord, do you speak this parable to us, or to everyone *else* as well?” 42And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager whom his lord will set over his household to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43Blessed is that servant whom his lord will find doing that when he comes. 44Truly I say to you that he will set him over all that he has. 45But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My lord will be a long time in coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink, and to be drunk, 46the lord of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect, and in an hour when he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unfaithful.

47“And that servant who knew his lord’s will but did not get ready, nor do according to his will, will be beaten with many *stripes*, 48but the one who did not know, but did things worthy of stripes, will be beaten with few *stripes*. Everyone to whom much was given, from that one much will be required, and from the one to whom much was committed, even more will be demanded.

Not Peace but Division

49“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and what stress I am under until it is accomplished. 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace on the earth? I tell you, no, but rather division, 52for from now on there will be five in one house, divided three against two, and two against three. 53They will be divided father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

Interpreting the Times

54And he also said to the crowd, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘There comes a shower,’ and so it comes to pass. 55And when *you see* a south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be a scorching heat,’ and it comes to pass. 56You hypocrites, you know how to interpret the face of the earth and the heavens, but how is it that you do not know how to interpret this time?

Settle With Your Accuser

57“Moreover, why do you not also judge for yourselves what is right? 58For *example,* when you are going with your accuser to the magistrate, make an effort to be released by him on the way, otherwise he may drag you to the judge, and the judge will deliver you to the officer, and the officer will throw you into prison. 59I say to you, you will absolutely not come out from there until you have paid the very last cent.”[[51]](#footnote-20038)

**Luke Chapter 13**

Repent or Perish

1Now there were some present at that very season who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2And he answered and said to them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the Galileans, because they suffered these things? 3I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all perish as well. 4Or those 18 on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the people who live in Jerusalem? 5I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all perish as well.”

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

6And he spoke this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it, and found none. 7And he said to the vineyard keeper, ‘See, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, without finding any. Cut it down. Why even *let it* use up the soil?’ 8And he answering said to him, ‘Lord, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. 9And if indeed it bears fruit soon after, *fine*, but if not, then cut it down.’”

A Woman with a Spirit of Infirmity

10And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath, 11and look, *there was* a woman who had a spirit of infirmity 18 years, and she was being bent double and was not able to straighten herself at all. 12And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” 13And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight and glorified God.

14And the ruler of the synagogue who was angry that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, answered and said to the crowd, “There are six days in which work ought to be done. Therefore, come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” 15But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites, doesn’t each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to watering? 16And shouldn’t this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom the Adversary[[52]](#footnote-28669) has bound for 18 years, be released from this bond on this Sabbath day?” 17And as he said these things, all those who were opposing him were put to shame, and the whole crowd rejoiced because of all the glorious things he was doing.

The Kingdom is Like a Mustard Seed

18He said therefore, “What is the Kingdom of God like? And to what can I compare it? 19It is like a mustard seed that a man took and threw into his own garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of heaven nested in its branches.”

The Kingdom is Like Leaven

20And again he said, “To what can I compare the Kingdom of God? 21It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in 50 pounds of flour, until it was all leavened.”

The Narrow Door

22And he passed through cities and villages, teaching, and journeying on to Jerusalem. 23And one said to him, “Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?” And he said to them, 24“Exert yourself intensely to enter in by the narrow door, for I say to you, that many will seek to enter in and will not succeed. 25When once the head of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock *on* the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us.’ Then he, answering, will say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from.’ 26Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets,’ 27and he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you who practice unrighteousness.’

28“There will be sobbing and gnashing of teeth, when you will see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the Kingdom of God, but yourselves cast out. 29And they will come from the east and west, and from the north and south, and will recline *to eat* *at the feast* in the Kingdom of God. 30And take note, *some* are last who will be first, and *some* are first who will be last.”

Lament over Jerusalem

31At that time certain Pharisees came, saying to him, “Go off and get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” 32And he said to them, “Go and say to that fox, ‘Look! I will keep on casting out demons and performing healings today and tomorrow, and on the third *day* I will be finished.’ 33Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the *day* following, for it cannot be that a prophet perish outside of Jerusalem.

34“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often would I have gathered your children together, just as a hen *gathers* her own brood under her wings, and you would not *have it*! 35Look! Your house is left to you *desolate*. And I say to you, you will absolutely not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”[[53]](#footnote-12995)

**Luke Chapter 14**

Healing on the Sabbath

1And it came to pass when he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching him closely. 2And Look! There was before him a certain man whose body was swollen. 3And Jesus answering spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” 4But they held their peace. And he took hold of him, and healed him, and let him go. 5And he said to them, “Which of you having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well, will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?” 6And they could not reply to these things.

Do Not Exalt Yourself

7And he *began* speaking a parable to those who were invited, when he observed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, 8“When you are called by someone to a marriage feast, do not sit down in the places of honor, lest a more honorable man than you is called by him, 9and the one who called *both* you and him, after having come, will say to you, ‘Give this man *your* place,’ and then with shame you will proceed to take the lowest place. 10But when you are called, go and recline *to eat* in the lowest place so that when he who has called you comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then will you have glory in the presence of all *those* who are reclining *to eat* with you. 11For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

You Will Be Repaid at the Resurrection

12And he also said to him who had called him, “When you make a dinner or a banquet, do not call your friends, nor your brothers, nor your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also call you in return, and *then* you would be repaid. 13But when you make a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, 14and you will be blessed, because they do not have *the means* to repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” 15And when one of those who reclined *to eat* with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread *at the feast* in the Kingdom of God!”

The Parable of the Great Banquet

16But he said to him, “A certain man was giving a great banquet, and called many. 17And at the time of the banquet he sent out his servant to say to those who were called, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ 18And they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. I ask you, have me excused.’ 19And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am on my way to try them out. I ask you, have me excused.’ 20And another said, ‘I have married a wife and therefore I am not able to come.’ 21And the servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the head of the house, being enraged, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ 22And the servant said, ‘Lord, what you commanded is done, and there is still room.’ 23And the lord said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, so that my house will be filled. 24For I say to you, that none of those men who were called will taste of my banquet.’”

Consider the Cost of Discipleship

25Now large crowds went with him, and he turned and said to them, 26“If anyone comes to me, and does not hate his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he is not able to be my disciple. 27Whoever does not carry his cross and come follow after me is not able to be my disciple.

28“For which of you, wanting to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost *and see* if he has *enough* to complete it? 29Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30saying, ‘This man began to build, and could not finish.’ 31Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not first sit down and take counsel *and see* if he is able with 10,000 to meet him who comes against him with 20,000? 32And if not, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33So therefore, any of you who does not renounce all that he has is not able to be my disciple.

34“Now salt is good, but if the salt has become unsalty, how can you make it salty *again*? 35It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown out *into the street*. Anyone who has ears to hear had better listen!”

**Luke Chapter 15**

PARABLES ABOUT REPENTANCE (15:1-15:32)  
The Parable of the Lost Sheep

1Now all the tax collectors and sinners kept drawing near to him to hear him. 2And both the Pharisees and the experts in the law kept grumbling to each other, saying, “This one welcomes sinners, and eats with them.” 3And he spoke to them this parable, saying, 4“What man among you, having 100 sheep, and having lost one of them, does not leave the 99 in the open country and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 7I tell you that in the same way there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous people who have no need of repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

8“Or what woman who has ten drachmas,[[54]](#footnote-20724) if she loses one drachma, does not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she finds it? 9And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma that I had lost.’ 10In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Parable of the Lost Son

11And he said, “A certain man had two sons, 12and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of the property that is coming to me.’ And he divided to them his living. 13And not many days after, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a far country, and there he wasted his wealth by living recklessly. 14And when he had spent everything, a severe famine came upon that country and he began to be in need. 15And he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16And he was longing to be fed with the carob pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave *anything* to him. 17But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I am perishing here with hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired servants.”’ 20And he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and he ran and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring out a long robe—the best one—and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and sandals on his feet, 23and bring the fatted calf *and* kill it, and let’s eat and celebrate, 24for this, my son, was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

25“Now his son, the older one, was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26And he called one of the servants to him and inquired what these things meant. 27And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has received him safe and sound.’ 28But he became enraged, and would not go in. And his father came out and pleaded with him. 29But he answered and said to his father, ‘Look, these many years I have been serving you, and I never transgressed a commandment of yours, and *yet* you never gave me a young goat so that I could make merry with my friends. 30But when this son of yours came—the one who has devoured your living with prostitutes—you killed the fatted calf for him.’

31And he said to him, ‘*My* child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32But it was right to make merry and be glad, for this one—your brother—was dead, and is alive, and *was* lost, and is found.’”

**Luke Chapter 16**

MINISTRY OF JESUS IN GALILEE CONTINUED (16:1-19:27)  
The Parable of the Wise Manager

1And he said also to the disciples, “There was a certain rich *man* who had a house manager, and it was reported to him that *he was* wasting his goods. 2And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give the account of your management, for you are no longer able to manage *the house*.’ 3And the house manager said within himself, ‘What should I do, seeing that my lord is taking away the management from me? I have no strength to dig, *and* I am ashamed to beg. 4I know what I will do so that when I am removed from management, people will receive me into their houses.’ 5And calling to him each one of his lord’s debtors, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe to my lord?’ 6And he said, ‘100 measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write 50.’ 7Then said he to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘100 measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and write 80.’

8“And his lord commended the unrighteous house manager because he had acted prudently. For the sons of this age are in their own generation more prudent than the sons of the light.

9“And I myself say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they will receive you into the tents in the age *to come*.

He Continues Teaching on Wealth

10“Whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is unrighteous in very little is unrighteous also in much. 11So if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? 12And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own?

13“No servant is able to serve two masters, because he will either hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and think little of the other. You are not able to serve God and Wealth.”

14And the Pharisees, who were greedy for money, were listening to all these things, and they scoffed at him. 15And he said to them, “You are the ones who make yourselves righteous in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts. For that which is highly esteemed by people is an abomination in the sight of God.

16“The law and the prophets were until John. From that time the good news of the Kingdom of God is being proclaimed, and everyone *who enters* forces his way into it. 17But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one ornamentation of the law to fall.

Teaching on Divorce

18“Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery, and he who marries a woman who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

The Parable of a Rich Man and Lazarus

19“Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, celebrating sumptuously every day. 20And a certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21and desiring to be fed with the *crumbs* that fell from the rich man’s table. Yes, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

22“And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried away by the angels into Abraham’s bosom, and the rich man also died, and was buried. 23And in the grave he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and sees Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24And he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, so that he can dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ 25But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now here he is comforted and you are in anguish. 26And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who would pass from here to you are not able, and none can cross over from there to us.’

27And he said, ‘Then I ask you father, that you would send him to my father’s house, 28for I have five brothers, so that he can warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ 29But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them.’ 30And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if one go to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31And he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded if one rise from among the dead.’”

**Luke Chapter 17**

Stumbling Blocks and Judgment

1And he said to his disciples, “It is impossible for stumbling blocks not to come, but how terrible it will be for the one through whom they come! 2It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the lake,[[55]](#footnote-26454) rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to fall away. 3Watch yourselves.

Forgiveness

“If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. 4And if he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns to you saying, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

Trust

5And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our trust.” 6And the Lord said, “If you had trust as a grain of mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be rooted up and be planted in the lake,’ and it would obey you.

Duty

7“But who is there among you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that when he has come in from the field will say to him, ‘Come immediately and recline *to eat*,’ 8and will not instead say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat, and tie *your robe* up and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you may eat and drink’?

9“Does he thank the servant because he did the things that were commanded? 10Even so you also, when you have done all the things that are commanded you, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done only what we were obligated to do.’”

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

11And it came to pass, as he was on his way to Jerusalem, that he was passing through *the border* between Samaria and Galilee. 12And as he entered a certain village he was met by ten men who had serious skin diseases,[[56]](#footnote-19038) who stood at a distance. 13And they lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” 14And when he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed. 15But one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice, 16and he fell on his face at his feet, giving him thanks (he was a Samaritan). 17And Jesus answering said, “Were not the ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?” 19And he said to him, “Get up and go on your way. Your trust has made you whole.”

The Coming of the Kingdom

20And being asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, he answered them and said, “The Kingdom of God does not come accompanied with observation, 21nor will they say, ‘Look! Here *it is*!’ or, ‘There *it is*!’ for, behold, the Kingdom of God is among you.” 22And he said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. 23And they will say to you, ‘Look! There *it is*! Look! Here *it is*!’ Do not go out *after them*, nor pursue *them*, 24for just as the lightning, flashing out of one part of the sky shines to the other part of the sky, so will be the Son of Man *in his day*. 25But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

26“And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so will it be also in the days of the Son of Man. 27They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28It was the same as happened in the days of Lot. They were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building— 29but in the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed them all. 30It will be just the same in the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

31“On that day, anyone who is on the housetop with his belongings in the house, he must not go down to take them away. And similarly, anyone who is in the field must not turn back. 32Remember Lot’s wife. 33Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses *his life* will preserve it. 34I say to you, in that night there will be two *men* on one bed; the one will be taken, and the other will be left. 35There will be two *women* grinding *grain* together; the one will be taken, and the other will be left.” 36[[Two men will be in the field; the one will be taken, and the other left.]] 37And they answered and said to him, “Where, Lord?” And he said to them, “Where the *dead* body *is*, there also the vultures will be gathered together.”

**Luke Chapter 18**

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

1And he spoke a parable to them about the necessity for them always to pray, and not become discouraged. 2He said, “In a certain city there was a certain judge who did not fear God and showed no regard for people. 3And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me justice against my opponent.’ 4And he would not for a while, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard people, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, lest she wear me out by her continual coming.’” 6And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unrighteous judge says. 7And will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8I say to you, that he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find trust on the earth?”

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

9And he also spoke this parable to certain ones who were confident in themselves that they were righteous, and treated all others with contempt: 10“Two men went up into the Temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee took a stand and went on praying these things for himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

13“But the tax collector, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes to heaven, but smote his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ 14I say to you, this man went down to his house righteous rather than the other, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Kingdom Belongs to People Like These

15And they were also bringing to him their babies so that he could lay his hands on them, but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Allow the little children to come to me and do not hinder them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to people *who are* like these *children*. 17Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will absolutely not enter it.”

The Rich Young Ruler

18And a certain ruler asked him, saying, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit life in the age *to come*?” 19And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 20You know the commandments, do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, *and* honor your father and mother.”[[57]](#footnote-19633) 21And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” 22And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute *the money* to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” 23But when he heard these *words*, he became deeply grieved because he was very rich.

Rewards in the Kingdom

24And looking at him, Jesus said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter into the Kingdom of God. 25Indeed, it is easier for a camel to enter in through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God.” 26And those who heard it said, “So who can be saved?” 27But he said, “The things that are impossible for humans are possible for God.”

28And Peter said, “Look! We have left our own *homes* and followed you.” 29And he said to them, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left *their* house or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the Kingdom of God, 30who will not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come—everlasting life.

Death and Resurrection Foretold

31And he said to them, “Pay attention! We are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. 32For he will be handed over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spat on, 33and they will flog and kill him, and the third day he will be raised *from the dead*.” 34And *yet* they understood none of these things, and this saying was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that he said.

Blind Man Healed at Jericho

35And it came to pass as he drew near to Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the road begging. 36And hearing a crowd passing by, he inquired what this meant. 37And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. 38And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.” 39And those who were leading the way rebuked him so that he would be quiet, but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me.” 40And Jesus stopped *walking* and commanded him to be brought to him, and when he came near, he asked him, 41“What do you want me to do for you?” And he said, “Lord, I want to regain my sight!” 42And Jesus said to him, “Regain your sight! Your trust has healed you.” 43And immediately he regained his sight and began to follow him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

**Luke Chapter 19**

Jesus Visits Zacchaeus

1And he entered and was passing through Jericho. 2And look, *there was* a man called by the name of Zacchaeus, and he was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3And he was trying to see who Jesus was, and was not able to because of the crowd, because he was small in stature. 4So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” 6So he hurried and came down, and received him joyfully. 7And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, “He has gone in to be a guest of a man who is a sinner.” 8And Zacchaeus stood *up*, and said to the Lord, “See, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have wrongfully exacted something from anyone, I restore it fourfold.” 9And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.”

The Parable of the Ten Minas

11And as they were listening to these things, he went on and spoke a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and *because* they supposed that the Kingdom of God was about to immediately appear. 12He said therefore, “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and *then* to return. 13And he called ten of his servants, and gave them ten minas,[[58]](#footnote-17932) and said to them, ‘Conduct business until I come.’ 14But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ 15And it came to pass that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he commanded those servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, so that he could know what they had gained by doing business. 16And the first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten more minas.’ 17And he said to him, ‘Well done, you good servant. Because you were found faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities. 18And the second came, saying, ‘Your mina, Lord, has made five minas. 19And he said to him also, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ 20And another came, saying, ‘Lord, see, *here is* your mina, which I kept stored away in a handkerchief, 21for I was afraid of you because you are a tough man *to deal with*. You take up that what you have not laid down, and reap what you did not sow.’ 22He said to him, ‘Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I am a tough man *to deal with*, taking up what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow. 23Then why did you not give my money to the bank, and I, when I came, could have collected it with interest?’ 24And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ 25And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas.’”

26“I say to you, that to everyone who has, *more* will be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 27But those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in front of me.”

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM (19:28-19:44)  
The Triumphal Entry

28And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29And it came to pass when he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain that is called Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30saying, “Go into the village in front of you, and when you enter it you will find a colt tied there on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. 31And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” 32And those who were sent went away, and found *things* just as he had said to them. 33And as they were untying the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” 35And they brought it to Jesus and threw their outer garments on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36And as he went, they spread their outer garments on the road. 37And as he was drawing near *Jerusalem*, already at the downward slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the miracles that they had seen, 38saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”[[59]](#footnote-22360) “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39And some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” 40And he answered and said, “I tell you that if these become silent, the stones will cry out.”

41And when he drew near and saw the city, he burst into tears over it, 42saying, “If you had known on this day, even you, the things that would bring peace…! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. 43For the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up a barricade around you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side, 44and will dash you to the ground, and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone *standing* on another because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

JESUS INTERACTS WITH JEWS (19:45-21:4)  
Jesus Cleanses the Temple

45And he went into the Temple and began to cast out those who were selling, 46saying to them, “It is written, And my house will be a house of prayer,[[60]](#footnote-28375) but you have made it a den of robbers.”[[61]](#footnote-30606)

47And he was teaching daily in the Temple. But the chief priests and the experts in the law and the leading men of the People[[62]](#footnote-11408) were looking for a way to destroy him, 48and *yet* they could not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging upon *what* he *said*, listening.

**Luke Chapter 20**

Jesus’ Authority Challenged

1And it came to pass on one of the days he was teaching the people in the Temple and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and the experts in the law, along with the elders, approached *him*, 2and they spoke, saying to him, “Tell us by what authority you are doing these things. Who is the one who gave you this authority?” 3And he answered and said to them, “I also will ask you a question, and you tell me: 4Was the baptism of John from heaven or of human *origin*?” 5And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ 6But if we say, ‘Of human *origin*,’ all the people will stone us because they are convinced that John was a prophet.” 7And *so* they answered that they did not know where *it was* from. 8And Jesus said to them, “Then I will not tell you by what authority I do these things.”

The Parable of the Greedy Farmers

9And he began to speak to the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to farmers and went away on a journey for a long time. 10And at the time *of* *the harvest* he sent a servant to the farmers so that they would give him *his portion* of the fruit of the vineyard. But the farmers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11And he sent yet another servant, and they also beat him, and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12And he sent yet a third, and they also wounded him and threw him out. 13And the lord of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my beloved son. It may be they will reverence him.’ 14But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.’ 15And they threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

“Now, what then will the owner[[63]](#footnote-20887) of the vineyard do to them? 16He will come and destroy those farmers, and will give the vineyard to others.” And when they heard it, they said, “May it not be!” 17But he looked at them and said, “What then does this scripture mean: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?[[64]](#footnote-19506) 18Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it falls, it will crush.” 19And the experts in the law and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him in that very hour because they knew that he spoke this parable against them (but they were afraid of the people).

The Trap About Paying Taxes

20And they watched him closely and sent spies who pretended to be righteous in order to catch him in some statement so they could deliver him up to the rule and to the authority of the governor. 21And they asked him, saying, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and you do not show favoritism,[[65]](#footnote-10997) but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. 22Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 23But he perceived their craftiness and said to them, 24“Show me a denarius.[[66]](#footnote-18323) Whose image and inscription does it have?” And they said, “Caesar’s.” 25And he said to them, “Then give back to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 26And they could not catch him in *his* words in the presence of the people; and being amazed at his answer, they became silent.

The Trap About the Resurrection

27And some of the Sadducees (those who say that there is no resurrection) came to him, 28and they asked him, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote to us, that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, *that man* must take his brother’s wife and raise up offspring for his *dead* brother.[[67]](#footnote-19695) 29Now there were seven brothers, and the first took a wife, and died without children, 30and the second, 31and the third took her, and in the same way the seven also left no children, and died. 32Afterward, the woman also died. 33So in the resurrection, the woman will become the wife of which one of them, since all seven had her *as a* wife?”

34And Jesus said to them, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage, 35but those who are counted worthy to attain to that age,[[68]](#footnote-25593) and the resurrection from among the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36Indeed, they are not able to die any more, for they are equal to the angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.[[69]](#footnote-10823) 37But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed in *the* *passage about the burning* bush, when he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.[[70]](#footnote-18453) 38Now he is not the God of the dead, but of living, for all live for him.”

39And some of the experts in the law answering said, “Teacher, you have spoken well!” 40For they did not dare to question him any more about anything.

Jesus’ Question About David’s Son

41And he said to them, “How can they say that the Christ[[71]](#footnote-18718) is David’s son? 42For David himself says in the scroll of Psalms, The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, 43until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet.’[[72]](#footnote-17425) 44David therefore calls him Lord, and *so* how is he his son?”

Warning About the Experts in the Law

45And while all the people were listening, he said to his disciples, 46“Beware of the experts in the law who like to walk around in long robes, and like *to receive* greetings in the marketplaces and *to sit in* the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at the feasts, 47who cheat widows out of their houses[[73]](#footnote-27964), and make long prayers just for show. These people will receive a harsher punishment.”

**Luke Chapter 21**

The Widow’s Offering

1And he looked up and saw the rich *people* who were putting their gifts into the offering box. 2And he saw a certain poor widow putting two leptons[[74]](#footnote-32619) into it. 3And he said, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than any of them, 4because all of these *people* put in gifts out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, put in all that she had to live on.”

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE FUTURE (21:5-21:38)  
Signs of the End of the Age

5And as some spoke of the Temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and decorative gifts, he said, 6“As for these things that you see, *the* days will come in which there will not be left one stone on top of another that will not be thrown down.” 7And they asked him, saying, “Teacher, so when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when these things are about to come to pass?” 8And he said, “Watch out, so that you are not led astray, because many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am *he,*’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Do not follow after them. 9And whenever you hear about wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, because these things must come to pass first; but the end is not immediately.” 10Then he said to them, “Group will rise against group, and kingdom against kingdom, 11and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be terrifying events and great signs from heaven.

12“But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors because of my name. 13It will turn out *as an opportunity* for you to *provide* a testimony. 14Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand how to answer, 15because I will give you a mouth and wisdom that all your opponents will not be able to withstand or deny. 16But you will even be handed over by *your* parents, and brothers and sisters, and relatives, and friends, and *some* of you they will cause to be put to death. 17And you will be hated by everyone for my name’s sake, 18and *yet* a hair of your head will never ever perish. 19By your endurance you will gain your lives.

20“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that her desolation has drawn near. 21Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of her must leave, and do not let those who are in the country enter her, 22because those are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. 23How terrible it will be for those who are pregnant and for those who are nursing *mothers* in those days! For there will be great distress upon the land, and wrath against this people. 24And they will fall by the mouth of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are completed.

25“And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress among nations, *which will be* perplexed *and anxious* because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26people *will be* fainting from fear and from *the* expectation of the things that are coming on the inhabited world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

The Coming of the Son of Man

27“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud[[75]](#footnote-13727) with power and great glory. 28But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

The Parable of the Fig Tree

29And he spoke a parable to them: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30As soon as they sprout *leaves*, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is already near. 31Likewise, you also, when you see these things coming to pass, know that the Kingdom of God is near. 32Truly I say to you, this generation will absolutely not pass away until all these things have happened.

Heaven and Earth Will Pass Away

33“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will absolutely not pass away. 34But watch yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with drunken hangovers, and drunkenness, and *the* cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly like a snare, 35for it will come on all those who live on the face of all the earth. 36But stay alert at all times, imploring *God* that you will have *the* strength to escape all these things that are about to come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

37And every day he was teaching in the Temple, and every night he went out, and spent the night on the mount that is called “Olives.” 38And all the people came to him early in the morning in the Temple, to hear him.

**Luke Chapter 22**

THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE DEATH OF JESUS (22:1-23:56)  
Judas Plots to Betray Jesus

1Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. 2And the chief priests and the experts in the law were looking for a way to put him to death, for they were afraid of the people.

3And the Adversary[[76]](#footnote-25688) entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, *who* was *one* of the number of the Twelve. 4And he went away, and discussed with the chief priests and *Temple* commanders how he could betray him to them. 5And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. 6And he consented, and began seeking an opportunity to betray him to them without a crowd present.

The Last Supper

7And the day of Unleavened Bread came, on which the Passover had to be sacrificed. 8And he sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us to eat.” 9And they said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?” 10And he said to them, “Listen! When you have entered the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. 11And you will say to the head of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover with my disciples?”’ 12And he will show you a large, furnished, upper room. Prepare *the meal* there.” 13And they left, and found *everything* just as he had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

14And when the hour had come, he reclined *to eat*, and the apostles with him. 15And he said to them, “With *great* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, 16because I say to you, I will absolutely not eat it again until it has been fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.”

The “Lord’s Supper” Instituted

17And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves, 18for I say to you, I will absolutely not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes.” 19And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 20And in the same way he took the cup after they ate, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

21“But look! The hand of the one betraying me is with me on the table. 22For indeed, the Son of Man will go *to die* as it has been determined, but how terrible it will be for that man by whom he is betrayed!” 23And they began to dispute among themselves *as to* which of them it could be who was about to do this thing.

Who is the Greatest?

24And there also arose a contention among them *as to* which of them was regarded to be greatest. 25And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles use their position over them, and those who have authority over them are called ‘Philanthropists.’ 26But you—not so! On the contrary, he who is the greatest among you, let him become as the youngest, and he who is the leader, as he who serves. 27For who is greater, the one who is reclining *to eat*, or the one who serves? Isn’t *it* the one who is reclining *to eat*? But I am in the midst of you as one who serves.

28“But you are those who have continued with me in my temptations, 29and I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred it on me, 30so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Peter’s Denial Foretold

31“Simon, Simon, Look! The Adversary demanded *permission* to have you all, so that he could sift you like wheat, 32but I have prayed for you, *Simon*, that your trust would not fail. And you, when once you have turned back *in repentance*, strengthen your brothers.” 33And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” 34And he said, “I tell you, Peter, a rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know me.”

Prepare for Dark Times Ahead

35And he said to them, “When I sent you all out without purse, and wallet, and sandals, did you lack anything?” And they said, “Nothing.” 36And he said to them, “But now, he who has a purse, let him take it, and likewise *his* provision bag; and let the one who has no sword sell his outer garment and buy one. 37For I say to you, it is necessary that this which is written is fulfilled in me, and he was counted with the lawless,[[77]](#footnote-11538) for that which refers to me is being fulfilled.” 38And they said, “Lord, see, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “Enough of that!”

Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested

39And he came out and went, as his custom was, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples also followed him. 40And when he was at the place, he said to them, “Pray that you do not enter into temptation.” 41And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw away, and he knelt down and prayed, 42saying, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let not my will, but your *will*, be done.” 43[[And an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. 44And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling down on the ground.]]

45And when he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, *being* *exhausted* from sorrow, 46and said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you do not enter into temptation.” 47While he was still speaking, look, a crowd *was coming*. And the one called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. And he drew near to Jesus to kiss him, 48but Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

49And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” 50And a certain one of them struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. 51But Jesus answered and said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear, and healed him.

52And Jesus said to the chief priests, and commanders of the Temple, and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as *if I were* a criminal, with swords and clubs? 53When I was daily with you in the Temple, you did not stretch out your hands against me. But this is your hour, and the authority of darkness.”

Peter Denies Jesus

54And they seized him and led him *away*, and brought him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. 55And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard, and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them. 56And a certain servant girl, when she noticed him as he sat in the light *of the fire*, she stared at him and said, “This man was also with him.” 57But he denied it, saying, “Ma’am, I do not know him.” 58And after a little while someone else saw him and said, “You are also *one* of them.” But Peter said, “Sir, I am not.” 59And after the space of about one hour another confidently affirmed, saying, “Truly, this man was also with him, because he is a Galilean.” 60But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the words of the Lord, how he said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” 62And he went outside *the courtyard,* and cried bitterly.

63And the men who held *Jesus* mocked him, and beat him. 64And they blindfolded him and asked him, saying, “Prophesy! Who is he who struck you?” 65And they spoke many other things against him, insulting him.

The Daybreak Trial of Jesus

66And as soon as it was day, the elders of the People[[78]](#footnote-19234) gathered together, both *the* chief priests and *the* experts in the law, and they led him away into their Sanhedrin *chamber*, saying, 67“If you are the Christ,[[79]](#footnote-29452) tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will absolutely not believe, 68and if I ask *you*, you will absolutely not answer. 69But from now on the Son of Man will be sitting at the right hand of the power of God.” 70And they all said, “Then are you the Son of God?” And he said to them, “You say *correctly* that I am.” 71And they said, “What further testimony do we need? For we ourselves have heard from his own mouth.”

**Luke Chapter 23**

Jesus Taken to Pontius Pilate

1And all of them got up and brought him before Pilate. 2And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man corrupting our nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ[[80]](#footnote-30331) a king.” 3And Pilate asked him, saying, “Are you the king of the Jews?” And he answered him and said, “*Yes, it is as* you say.” 4And Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no fault in this man.” 5But they kept on insisting, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea; beginning from Galilee *and reaching* even to this place.”

Jesus Taken to Herod

6But when Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. 7And when he knew that he was of Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him up to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem in those days. 8Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad, for he had wanted to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by him. 9And he questioned him at considerable length, but he did not answer him. 10And the chief priests and the experts in the law stood, vehemently accusing him. 11And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt, and mocked him, and dressing him in a magnificent robe, sent him back to Pilate. 12And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been hostile toward one another.

Jesus Before Pilate

13And Pilate called the chief priests and the rulers and the People[[81]](#footnote-29455) together, 14and said to them, “You brought this man to me as one who incites the people, and look, after examining him in your presence, I found no fault in this man regarding those things of which you accuse him. 15No, neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us, and See! Nothing worthy of death has been done by him. 16Therefore I will punish him and release him.” 17[[(For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)]] 18But they all cried out together, saying, “Away with this *fellow*! Release Barabbas for us” 19(one who for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder, was thrown into prison). 20Pilate spoke to them again, wanting to release Jesus, 21but they shouted, saying, “Crucify! Crucify him!” 22A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found no basis for *the* death *penalty* in him. Therefore I will punish him and release him.” 23But they were insistent, asking with loud voices for him to be crucified. And their voices prevailed, 24and Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand should be granted. 25He released the one whom they were asking for, who had been thrown into prison for rebellion and murder, but he handed Jesus over, just as they wanted.

The Crucifixion

26And as they led him away, they took hold of Simon, a man from Cyrene, who was coming from the countryside, and laid the cross on him *and* *made him* carry it behind Jesus. 27And a great multitude of the People were following him, and of women who were beating themselves on the chest and lamented him. 28But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not cry for me, but cry for yourselves, and for your children. 29For look, the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ 30Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Bury us!’ 31For if they are doing these things when the wood is green, what will they do when it is dry?”

32And there were also two others, criminals, led with him to be put to death. 33And when they came to the place that is called the “Skull,” they crucified him there, and the criminals *also*, one on his right hand and the other on his left. 34And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up his clothes *among them*. 35And the people stood by, watching. And the rulers also scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others, let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One.” 36And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, offering him wine vinegar, 37and saying, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” 38And there was also an inscription above him, *which said*: “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

39And one of the criminals who was hanged *there* kept insulting him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us.” 40But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not fear God, because you are in the same condemnation? 41And we indeed rightly so, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we did, but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” 43And he said to him, “Truly I say to you today, you will be with me in the Paradise.”

The Death of Jesus

44It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour[[82]](#footnote-16433) 45because the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the sanctuary was torn down the middle. 46And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”[[83]](#footnote-31110) And having said this, he breathed his last. 47And when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous man.” 48And all the crowds that had come together for this spectacle, when they saw what had happened, began to return *home*, beating their chests. 49And all those who knew him, and the women who accompanied him from Galilee, were standing at a distance watching these things.

Joseph Buries Jesus

50And look, *there was* a good and righteous man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council 51(*but* he had not consented to their counsel and deed. *He was* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews), who was waiting for the Kingdom of God. 52This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a tomb that was cut out of stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. 54And it was the day of the Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. 55And the women who had come with him out of Galilee, having followed after *Joseph*, saw the tomb and how his body was laid.

56Then, having returned, they prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

**Luke Chapter 24**

THE RESURRECTION (24:1-24:53)  
Women Learn Jesus Has Risen

1Now on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices that they had prepared. 2And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3And having entered in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4And it came to pass, while they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood by them in gleaming clothing. 5And they became frightened and bowed their faces to the earth. The *men* said to them, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? 6He is not here, but has been raised. Remember how he spoke to you when he was still in Galilee, 7saying that it was necessary that the Son of Man be handed over into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day to rise.” 8And they remembered his words.

9And they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest.

The Women are Not Believed

10Now they were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the *mother* of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. 11And these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. And stooping down and looking in, he sees the linen cloths by themselves. And he departed to his home, wondering within himself at the things that had happened.

On the Road to Emmaus

13And look, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles[[84]](#footnote-13112) from Jerusalem. 14And they were talking with each other about all the things that had happened. 15And it came to pass while they were talking and discussing with one another, that Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16But their eyes were being prevented from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, “What *are* these words that you are exchanging with one another as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18And one of them, named Cleopas, answering, said to him, “Are you only a visitor in Jerusalem, and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how the chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we were hoping that he was the one who was about to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things came to pass. 22Furthermore, some women among us also amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning 23and when they did not find his body, they came *back*, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24And some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

25And he said to them, “O *you* senseless people and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26Was it not necessary for the Christ[[85]](#footnote-24626) to suffer these things, and *after that* to enter into his glory?” 27And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28And they drew near to the village where they were going, and he acted as if he was going to go further. 29And they constrained him, saying, “Stay with us, because it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent.” And he went in to stay with them. 30And it came to pass, when he had reclined *to eat* with them, he took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, he began giving *it* to them. 31And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished out of their sight. 32And they said to one another, “Did not our hearts burn within us as he was speaking to us on the road, as he was opening the scriptures to us?”

33And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34saying, “The Lord was really raised, and has appeared to Simon!” 35And *then* they related the things *that happened* on the road, and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

36And as they spoke these things, he himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace *be* to you.” 37But they were terrified and frightened, and thought they were seeing a spirit. 38And he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Look at my hands and my feet, *and see* that it is I myself. Touch[[86]](#footnote-31451) me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you can see that I have.” 40And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41And while they still did not believe for joy, and were amazed, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish. 43And he took it and ate it in their presence.

44And he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you; that all things must be fulfilled that are written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms, concerning me.” 45Then he opened up their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer, and rise from among the dead the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins were to be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49And look! I am going to send the promise of my Father upon you. As for you, stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension

50And he led them out until *they were* opposite Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was separated from them and was carried up into heaven. 52And after paying homage[[87]](#footnote-31770) to him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53and were continually in the Temple, blessing God.

1. The People refers to the nation of Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-28251)
2. From Mal. 4:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-21968)
3. The word “knowing” is an idiom referring to having a sexual relationship with. [↑](#footnote-ref-19797)
4. Lit. “bowels of mercy” [↑](#footnote-ref-24225)
5. From Exod. 13:2, 12 [↑](#footnote-ref-17094)
6. From Lev. 12:8 [↑](#footnote-ref-20715)
7. From Isa. 42:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-11497)
8. Or “she lived 84 years as a widow” [↑](#footnote-ref-17393)
9. From Isa. 40:3-5 [↑](#footnote-ref-27362)
10. Greek is *chitōn*, a long garment worn next to the skin usually under outer clothing. [↑](#footnote-ref-28183)
11. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-24557)
12. A winnowing fork is used to separate the chaff from the grain; it is like a pitchfork but with wide wooden blades. [↑](#footnote-ref-27646)
13. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word, *diabolos*, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-26371)
14. “Man” refers to humankind. [↑](#footnote-ref-23052)
15. From Deut. 8:3 [↑](#footnote-ref-22618)
16. From Deut. 6:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-22325)
17. From Ps. 91:11-12 [↑](#footnote-ref-11882)
18. From Deut. 6:16 [↑](#footnote-ref-21342)
19. From Isa. 61:1-2 [↑](#footnote-ref-27356)
20. Traditionally “leper,” but the Greek *lepros* can refer to many skin diseases. [↑](#footnote-ref-18903)
21. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-22947)
22. Another name for the Sea of Galilee; which is actually a lake. [↑](#footnote-ref-16332)
23. Lit. “sons of the bridechamber” [↑](#footnote-ref-32319)
24. Lit. “because behold” [↑](#footnote-ref-18502)
25. Greek is *chitōn*, a long garment worn next to the skin usually under outer clothing. [↑](#footnote-ref-27512)
26. Lit. “brother’s,” also in vv. 42-43 [↑](#footnote-ref-20620)
27. Traditionally “lepers,” but the Greek *lepros* can refer to many skin diseases. [↑](#footnote-ref-27206)
28. Lit. “before your face” [↑](#footnote-ref-29712)
29. From Mal. 3:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-23058)
30. A denarius coin was worth about a day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-15786)
31. From Isa. 6:9 [↑](#footnote-ref-13106)
32. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word, *diabolos*, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-13802)
33. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-17379)
34. Greek is *chitōn*, a long garment worn next to the skin usually under outer clothing. [↑](#footnote-ref-25846)
35. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-21947)
36. Lit. “set his face” [↑](#footnote-ref-17312)
37. Lit. “before his face” [↑](#footnote-ref-17792)
38. Lit. “his face was” [↑](#footnote-ref-21666)
39. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek *satanas*. [↑](#footnote-ref-12983)
40. From Deut. 6:5 [↑](#footnote-ref-27797)
41. From Lev. 19:18 [↑](#footnote-ref-10113)
42. A denarius coin was worth about a day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-16828)
43. Lit. “a house against a house” [↑](#footnote-ref-12636)
44. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek *satanas*. [↑](#footnote-ref-10433)
45. Greek is *modios*, a peck is about 2.4 gallons (9 liters). [↑](#footnote-ref-20426)
46. Here means “generous,” unmixed with worldly desires. [↑](#footnote-ref-23696)
47. The “evil eye” is a covetous, envious eye, not, as popularly taught, an eye that brings evil. [↑](#footnote-ref-16715)
48. An assarion was a coin worth about a half hour of work at minimum wage. [↑](#footnote-ref-29950)
49. “Gird” himself by tying up his long robes so he can serve easily. [↑](#footnote-ref-29747)
50. In NT times, the day was divided into 12 hours (John 11:9) and the night into 4 watches: 1st: 6-9 p.m.; 2nd: 9 p.m.-midnight; 3rd: midnight-3 a.m.; 4th: 3-6 a.m. (Mark 13:35). [↑](#footnote-ref-24521)
51. The Greek reads “lepton,” which was the smallest and least valuable coin in circulation, thus the translation “cent.” A lepton was worth about 50 cents (cf. Mark 12:42). [↑](#footnote-ref-20038)
52. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek *satanas*. [↑](#footnote-ref-28669)
53. From Ps. 118:26 [↑](#footnote-ref-12995)
54. A drachma was a Greek silver coin equal to a Roman denarius (a day’s wage for a laborer). [↑](#footnote-ref-20724)
55. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-26454)
56. Traditionally “lepers,” but the Greek *lepros* can refer to many skin diseases. [↑](#footnote-ref-19038)
57. From Exod. 20:12-16; Deut. 5:16-20 [↑](#footnote-ref-19633)
58. The Greek mina was worth 100 denarii, or 100 days of work at minimum wage. [↑](#footnote-ref-17932)
59. From Ps. 118:26 [↑](#footnote-ref-22360)
60. From Isa. 56:7 [↑](#footnote-ref-28375)
61. From Jer. 7:11 [↑](#footnote-ref-30606)
62. The nation of Israel was called “the People,” so it is appropriate to capitalize it when it refers to Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-11408)
63. Lit. “lord” [↑](#footnote-ref-20887)
64. From Ps. 118:22 [↑](#footnote-ref-19506)
65. Lit. “does not accept a face,” an idiom for showing favoritism. [↑](#footnote-ref-10997)
66. A denarius was a coin that was one day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-18323)
67. From Deut. 25:5 [↑](#footnote-ref-19695)
68. That is, the future Messianic Kingdom. [↑](#footnote-ref-25593)
69. “Sons of the resurrection” is a Semitic idiom for resurrected ones. [↑](#footnote-ref-10823)
70. From Exod. 3:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-18453)
71. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-18718)
72. From Ps. 110:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-17425)
73. lit. “devour widows’ houses” [↑](#footnote-ref-27964)
74. A lepton was a Jewish coin worth about 1/128 of a day’s wage today. [↑](#footnote-ref-32619)
75. From Dan. 7:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-13727)
76. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek *satanas*. [↑](#footnote-ref-25688)
77. From Isa. 53:12 [↑](#footnote-ref-11538)
78. The nation of Israel was called “the People,” so it is appropriate to capitalize it when it refers to Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-19234)
79. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-29452)
80. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-30331)
81. The nation of Israel was called “the People,” so it is appropriate to capitalize it when it refers to Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-29455)
82. The day had 12 hours, starting about 6 a.m. The sixth hour was about noon, the ninth hour about 3 p.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-16433)
83. From Ps. 31:5 [↑](#footnote-ref-31110)
84. The Greek reads “60 stadia,” and a stadion was about 607 feet, thus 60 stadia is about 7 miles (11 kilometers). [↑](#footnote-ref-13112)
85. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-24626)
86. Lit. “to feel and handle” [↑](#footnote-ref-31451)
87. “Homage” refers to bowing down before someone to show great respect and high regard for the superiority of the individual. [↑](#footnote-ref-31770)