**The Good News According to Matthew**

**Matthew Chapter 1**

THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH (1:1-2:23)  
The Genealogy of Jesus

1A record[[1]](#footnote-10823) of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,[[2]](#footnote-13387) the son of David, the son of Abraham.

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| 2 | Abraham fathered Isaac,  and Isaac fathered Jacob,  and Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers, |
| 3 | and Judah fathered Perez and Zerah of Tamar,  and Perez fathered Hezron,  and Hezron fathered Ram, |
| 4 | and Ram fathered Amminadab,  and Amminadab fathered Nahshon,  and Nahshon fathered Salmon, |
| 5 | and Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab,  and Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth,  and Obed fathered Jesse, |
| 6 | and Jesse fathered David the king.  And David fathered Solomon (by the *wife* of Uriah), |
| 7 | and Solomon fathered Rehoboam,  and Rehoboam fathered Abijah,  and Abijah fathered Asa, |
| 8 | and Asa fathered Jehoshaphat,  and Jehoshaphat fathered Joram,  and Joram fathered Uzziah, |
| 9 | and Uzziah fathered Jotham,  and Jotham fathered Ahaz,  and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah, |
| 10 | and Hezekiah fathered Manasseh,  and Manasseh fathered Amon,  and Amon fathered Josiah, |
| 11 | and Josiah fathered Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the exile to Babylon. |
| 12 | And after the exile to Babylon,  Jechoniah fathered Shealtiel,  and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel, |
| 13 | and Zerubbabel fathered Abiud,  and Abiud fathered Eliakim,  and Eliakim fathered Azor, |
| 14 | and Azor fathered Sadoc,  and Sadoc fathered Achim,  and Achim fathered Eliud, |
| 15 | and Eliud fathered Eleazar,  and Eleazar fathered Matthan,  and Matthan fathered Jacob, |
| 16 | and Jacob fathered Joseph the father[[3]](#footnote-17936) of Mary,  from whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. |

17So all the generations from Abraham to David are 14 generations, and from David to the exile to Babylon are 14 generations, and from the exile to Babylon to the Christ are 14 generations.

The Birth of Jesus

18Now the birth of Jesus Christ happened this way: his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, *but* before they came together *in marriage*, it was discovered that she was pregnant from[[4]](#footnote-28425) the Holy Spirit. 19Now Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and *yet* not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly. 20But after he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child who has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21And she will give birth to a son, and you are to call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

22Now all this took place with the result that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet was fulfilled, saying, 23Behold! The virgin will be pregnant and will give birth to a son, and they will call his name Immanuel[[5]](#footnote-32214) (which is translated as “God with us”). 24Then Joseph, awaking from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took *Mary* as his wife, 25but he did not know her *sexually* until she had given birth to her son. And he called his name Jesus.

**Matthew Chapter 2**

The Visit of the Magi

1Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to pay homage[[6]](#footnote-17625) to him.”

3Now, when Herod the king heard this, he was deeply troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4And gathering together all the high priests and experts in the law from among the People,[[7]](#footnote-16683) he inquired of them where the Christ[[8]](#footnote-12022) would be born. 5And they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this is what has been written by the prophet: 6And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means the least among the leaders of Judah. For out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people, Israel.”[[9]](#footnote-12921)

7Then Herod secretly called for the Magi and found out from them the time when the star appeared. 8And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child, and as soon as you find him, report back to me so that I can come and pay homage[[10]](#footnote-28831) to him as well.” 9So, after listening to the king, they went on their way. And Look! The star that they had seen when it rose was going ahead of them until it came and stood over where the child was. 10And seeing the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11And when they came into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and falling down *to their knees*, they paid homage[[11]](#footnote-19221) to him. And after opening their treasure boxes, they presented gifts to him: gold and frankincense and myrrh.

12And having been instructed *by God* in a dream not to return to Herod, they returned to their country by a different road.

Flee to Egypt

13Now after they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Get up! Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod is about to search for the child to destroy him.” 14Then he got up and took the child and his mother during the night, and departed for Egypt, 15and stayed there until the death of Herod, with the result that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet was fulfilled, saying, Out of Egypt I called my son.[[12]](#footnote-20019)

16Then Herod, when he realized that he had been tricked by the Magi, became furious, and having sent *orders*, he killed all the male children that were in Bethlehem and all its surrounding region, from two years old and under, based on the timing that he had found out from the Magi. 17Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, 18A sound was heard in Ramah, sobbing and great mourning. Rachel was crying for her children, and she did not want to be comforted because they are no more.[[13]](#footnote-26259)

From Egypt to Nazareth

19Now after Herod had died,[[14]](#footnote-14083) behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20saying, “Get up! Take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, because those who were seeking *to take* the child’s life have died.” 21Then he got up and took the child and his mother, and went into the land of Israel. 22But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Instead, after being instructed *by God* in a dream, he departed into the district of Galilee. 23And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken through the prophets was fulfilled, that he will be called a Nazarene.

**Matthew Chapter 3**

PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF JESUS (3:1-4:11)  
John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1And in those days John the Baptist publicly appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea, saying, 2“Repent, because the Kingdom of Heaven has drawn near.” 3Indeed this is the one spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, A voice of one calling out in the desert, “Make the road ready for the Lord! Make the paths straight for him!”[[15]](#footnote-25742)

4Now John had clothing made of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5Then Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him 6and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, openly confessing their sins.

7But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You offspring of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Come now, produce fruit *that is* consistent with repentance, 9and do not think that you can 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. 10The 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. 11I baptize you with water *as a symbol* *of your* repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I *am*—I am not *even* worthy to carry his sandals! He will baptize you with holy spirit or *with* fire. 12His winnowing fork[[16]](#footnote-11389) is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor, and he will gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan *River* to be baptized by him. 14But John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and *yet* you are coming to me?” 15But Jesus answered and said to him, “Allow *it* for now, because this is the proper way for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him. 16And after Jesus had been baptized, immediately as he stepped up[[17]](#footnote-17187) out of the water, behold, the heavens were opened to him and he saw the spirit of God descending as a dove and coming *to rest* upon him. 17And behold, a voice *came* out of heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”

**Matthew Chapter 4**

The Temptation in the Desert

1Then Jesus was led up by the spirit into the desert to be tempted by the Devil.[[18]](#footnote-24359) 2And after he had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, he was hungry. 3And the Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.” 4But he answered and said, “It is written: Man[[19]](#footnote-32576) cannot live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”[[20]](#footnote-12392)

5Then the Devil took him into the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple 6and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, and, They will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”[[21]](#footnote-16455) 7Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written: Do not test the Lord your God.”[[22]](#footnote-12404)

8Again, the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, 9and he said to him, “I will give all these to you if you will fall down and worship me.” 10Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Adversary! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”[[23]](#footnote-20854) 11Then the Devil left him, and behold, angels came and began ministering to him.

MINISTRY OF JESUS IN GALILEE (4:12-4:25)  
Jesus Begins to Preach

12Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. 13And he left Nazareth and went and lived in Capernaum, which is by the lake,[[24]](#footnote-10310) in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14with the result that what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah was fulfilled, saying, 15The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, along the Way of the Sea,[[25]](#footnote-16469) beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and on those who sat in the region and shadow of death, a light has dawned on them.[[26]](#footnote-27796)

17From that time on Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven has drawn near.”

The Calling of Disciples

18And *as Jesus was* walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake[[27]](#footnote-31356)—for they were fishermen. 19And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will have you fish for people.” 20And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21And going on from there, he saw two other brothers—James the son of Zebedee and John his brother—mending their nets in a boat with Zebedee their father, and he called them. 22And immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus’ Fame Spreads

23And Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. 24And the news about him spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all who were sick: those suffering from various diseases and severe pain, those who were being afflicted by demons, people with epilepsy, and people who were paralyzed; and he healed them. 25And large crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* beyond the Jordan.

**Matthew Chapter 5**

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (5:1-7:29)

1And when he saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

Beatitudes (Blessings)

3“Blessed are the poor in spirit, because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

4“Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted.

5“Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth.[[28]](#footnote-12250)

6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled.

7“Blessed are the merciful, because they will be shown mercy.

8“Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God.

9“Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called children[[29]](#footnote-26565) of God.

10“Blessed are those who have been persecuted because of *their* righteousness, because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

11“Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil things against you because of me. 12Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, because your reward in heaven is great. For they persecuted the prophets who were before you in the same way.

Salt and Light

13“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has become unsalty, how can it be made salty *again*? It is not useful for anything any more except to be thrown out *into the street* and trampled under people’s feet.

14“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15And people do not light a lamp and put it under a basket; instead *they put it* on the lampstand, and it shines light to all who are in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before people so that they can see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

The Law and Righteousness

17“Do not assume that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy *them*, but to fulfill *them*. 18For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not *even* the smallest letter or mark[[30]](#footnote-21640) will ever pass away from the law until all things are accomplished. 19Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least *important* of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, will be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven, but whoever does *them* and teaches *them* will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. 20For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the experts in the law and the Pharisees, you will absolutely not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Anger

21You have heard that it was said to *our* ancestors, ‘Do not murder,’[[31]](#footnote-27970) and, ‘Whoever murders will be subject to judgment.’[[32]](#footnote-32610) 22But I say to you that everyone who is enraged with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment, and whoever says to his brother or sister, ‘You idiot!’[[33]](#footnote-28957) will be subject to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be subject to the fire of Gehenna.

Reconciliation

23Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, 24leave your gift there in front of the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

25Come to an agreement with your accuser quickly, while you are with him on the road *to court*, otherwise your accuser may deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. 26Truly I say to you, you will absolutely not get out of there until you have paid the last quadrans.[[34]](#footnote-31722)

Lust

27“You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery,[[35]](#footnote-21296) 28but I say to you, that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29And if your right eye causes you to fall away,[[36]](#footnote-18307) gouge it out and throw it away from you, because it is better for you to lose one of your body parts than for your whole body to be thrown into Gehenna. 30And if your right hand causes you to fall away, cut it off and throw it away from you, because it is better for you to lose one of your body parts than for your whole body to go into Gehenna.

31“It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife, he must give her a certificate of divorce.[[37]](#footnote-25814) 32But I say to you, that anyone who divorces his wife, except because of sexual immorality, makes her look as if she had committed adultery, and whoever marries her after she is divorced looks as if he is an adulterer.

Oaths

33“Again, you have heard that it was said to *our* ancestors, Do not break your oaths, but fulfill your oaths to the Lord.[[38]](#footnote-21901) 34But I say to you, do not swear at all, neither by heaven, because it is God’s throne; 35nor by the earth, because it is the footstool for his feet; nor by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great king. 36And do not swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37But let your word ‘Yes’ mean ‘yes,’ *and your* ‘No’ mean ‘no.’ Anything more than this comes from *the influence of* the Wicked One.

Turn the Other Cheek

38“You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.[[39]](#footnote-32404) 39But I say to you, do not resist an evil person, but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other *cheek* to him also. 40And let the one who wants to sue you and take away your tunic[[40]](#footnote-21939) have your outer garment also. 41And whoever forces you *to carry his things* *for* one mile, go with him two. 42Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Love Your Enemies

43“You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor[[41]](#footnote-29666) and hate your enemy. 44But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45so that you can be children[[42]](#footnote-14418) of your Father who is in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Even the tax collectors do that, don’t they? 47And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing *than* *the ordinary*? Even the Gentiles do that, don’t they? 48Therefore, you are to be mature, as your heavenly Father is mature.

**Matthew Chapter 6**

Giving to the Needy

1“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ in front of people in order to be seen by them; if you do, then you have no reward *stored up* with your Father who is in heaven. 2Therefore, when you give to the needy, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets in order to be praised by people. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4so that your charitable giving is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will repay you.

The Lord’s Prayer

5“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, because they like to pray while standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets in order to be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward. 6But when you pray, go into your inner room, and after closing your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will repay you. 7And when you are praying, do not keep repeating the same phrases, like the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8Therefore do not be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9So pray in this way:

‘Our Father, who is in heaven, may your name be treated as holy.

10May your kingdom come.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

11Give us today our daily bread,

12and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the Wicked One.’

Forgiveness

14“For if you forgive people their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15But if you do not forgive people their transgressions, your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

Fasting

16“Moreover, when you fast, do not be gloomy like the hypocrites, for they *try to* look miserable[[43]](#footnote-26245) so that their fasting is obvious to people. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward. 17But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face 18so that your fasting will not be obvious to people, but only to your Father who is in secret. And your Father, who sees *what is done* in secret, will repay you.

Teaching About Wealth

19“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust ruin *them*, and where thieves break in and steal, 20but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not ruin *them*, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22“The lamp of the body is the eye; therefore, if your eye is generous,[[44]](#footnote-16253) your whole body will be full of light. 23But if your eye is stingy,[[45]](#footnote-26055) your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light that is in you is darkness, how deep is that darkness!

24“No one is able to serve two masters,[[46]](#footnote-16718) 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.

Do Not Be Anxious

25Therefore I say to you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Isn’t life more than food, and the body *more* than clothing? 26Look at the birds in the sky:[[47]](#footnote-27285) they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you worth more than they are? 27And which of you, by being anxious, is able to add one hour to his life? 28And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they do not labor or spin, 29yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. 30But if God clothes the grass of the field in this way, which is *here* today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, won’t he much more *certainly* *provide* for you, O you of little trust? 31Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or, ‘What will we drink?’ or, ‘What will we wear?’ 32For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33Instead, seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. 34Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, because tomorrow will be anxious about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**Matthew Chapter 7**

Hypocritical Judging

1“Do not judge, so that you are not judged. 2For by the standard with which you judge *others*, you will be judged, and by the standard with which you measure, it will be measured to you. 3Why do you see the splinter that is in your neighbor’s[[48]](#footnote-13995) eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the splinter out of your eye,’ and *yet* look, there is a log in your own eye? 5You hypocrite, take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly to take the splinter out of your neighbor’s eye.

No Pearls in Front of Pigs

6“Do not give what is holy to dogs or throw your pearls in front of pigs, otherwise they will trample them under their feet, turn around, and tear you to pieces.

Keep Asking

7“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! 8For everyone who keeps asking receives, and the one who keeps seeking finds, and to the one who keeps knocking *the door* will be opened. 9Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone, 10or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11So, if you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more *certainly* will your Father who is in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him?

The Golden Rule

12Therefore, however you want people to treat you, treat them the same way, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The Narrow and Wide Gates

13“Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14How narrow is the gate and constricted is the road that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Know Them by Their Fruit

15“Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are destructive, greedy wolves. 16You will recognize them by their fruit. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17In the same way, every healthy tree produces good fruit, but a rotten tree produces bad fruit. 18A healthy tree cannot produce bad fruit, neither can a rotten tree produce good fruit. 19Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20So then, you will recognize them by their fruit.

21“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but *only* the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven *will enter*. 22Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?’ 23And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!’

The Wise and Foolish Builders

24“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock, 25and the rain fell, and the rivers flooded, and the winds blew and beat violently against that house, and *yet* it did not fall because it had been founded on the rock. 26And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand, 27and the rain fell, and the rivers flooded, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

28And it came to pass *that* when Jesus had finished *speaking* these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29because he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their experts in the law.

**Matthew Chapter 8**

MINISTRY OF JESUS IN GALILEE CONTINUED (8:1-12:50)  
Jesus Heals a Man With a Skin Disease

1And when he had come down from the mountain, large crowds followed him. 2And look, a man with a serious skin disease[[49]](#footnote-21406) came to him and bowed down before him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you are able to make me clean.” 3And he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be clean!” And immediately his skin disease was cleansed. 4And Jesus said to him, “See to it that you don’t tell anyone, but go show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded as a testimony to them.”

The Trust of a Centurion

5Now when he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him *and* pleaded with him, 6saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.” 7And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” 8And the centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy for you to come under my roof, but just say the word and my servant will be healed. 9For I also am a man 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.” 10And when Jesus heard it, he was amazed and said to those who were following *him*, “Truly I say to you, I have not found anyone in Israel with so much trust. 11And I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will recline *to eat at the banquet* with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of Heaven, 12but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the darkness outside. There will be sobbing and gnashing of teeth.” 13And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; it will be done for you just as you have believed.” And the servant was healed that *very* moment.

Many Healed in Capernaum

14And when Jesus came into Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying down, sick from a fever. 15And he touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him.

16Now when evening had come, they brought to him many *who were* afflicted by demons, and he cast out the spirits with *his* word and healed all who were sick 17so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled, which says, he himself took our sicknesses, and carried our diseases.[[50]](#footnote-19295)

Priorities

18Now when Jesus saw large crowds around him, he gave orders to depart to the other side *of the lake*. 19And an expert in the law came and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” 20And 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.” 21And another of his disciples said to him, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 22But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”

Jesus Calms a Storm

23And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24And look! A violent storm rose up on the lake,[[51]](#footnote-28164) so much so that the boat was being covered by the waves—but he was asleep. 25And they came to him and woke him, saying, “Save *us*, Lord! We are about to die!” 26And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little trust?” Then he got up and subdued the winds and the sea, and it became completely calm. 27And the men were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the lake obey him?”

Jesus Casts Out Demons Into Pigs

28And when he had come to the other side, into the region of the Gadarenes, two men who were afflicted by demons met him as they were coming from the tombs. They were extremely violent, so much so that no one could pass by that way. 29And look! They cried out, saying, “What do you want with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?” 30Now at some distance from them there was a herd of many pigs feeding. 31And the demons were begging him, saying, “If you cast us out, send us into the herd of pigs.” 32And he said to them, “Go.” And they came out and went into the pigs and, look, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the waters. 33And the men who were looking after them fled and went away into the city and reported everything, especially what happened to those *who had been* afflicted by demons. 34And look, the whole city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to depart from their territory.

**Matthew Chapter 9**

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

1And after getting into the boat he crossed over *the lake*[[52]](#footnote-26783) and came into his own city. 2And look, they brought to him a paralyzed man lying on a bed. And when he saw their trust, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Take courage, child, your sins are forgiven.” 3And look, some of the experts in the law said within themselves, “This man speaks blasphemy.” 4And Jesus, perceiving their thoughts said, “Why are you thinking evil things in your hearts? 5For which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? 6But so that you know the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—then he said to the paralyzed man—“Get up, pick up your pallet, and go home.” 7And he got up and went home. 8But when the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe and glorified God, who had given such authority to humans.

Jesus Calls Matthew

9And as Jesus went on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth and said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. 10And it came to pass as he reclined *to eat* in the house, look, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining *and eating* with Jesus and his disciples. 11And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, “Why is your teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?” 12But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but those who are sick *do*. 13But go and learn what *this* means, I want mercy, and not sacrifice.[[53]](#footnote-20312) For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Questions About Fasting

14Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?” 15And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests[[54]](#footnote-23978) be sad as long as the groom is *still* with them? But the days will come when the groom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. 16And no one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, because the patch pulls away from the garment and the tear becomes worse. 17Neither do *people* put new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the wineskins burst and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

A Woman Healed and the Dead Raised

18While he was speaking these things to them, look, a leader came and bowed down before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” 19And Jesus got up and followed him, and *so did* his disciples. 20And look, a woman who had a discharge of blood for 12 years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, 21for she was saying within herself, “If I can just touch his garment, I will be healed.” 22But Jesus, after turning around and seeing her, said, “Daughter, take courage. Your trust has healed you.” And in that moment the woman was healed.

23And when Jesus came into the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24he said, “Go away, for the girl has not died, but is asleep.” And they began to laugh at him. 25But when the crowd had been cleared out *of the house*, he entered in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26And the news of this went out into all that land.

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

27And as Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” 28And after he had come into the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” 29Then he touched their eyes, saying, “Let it be done for you according to your trust.” 30And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See to it *that* you do not let anyone know *about this*!” 31But they went out and spread *the news about* him throughout that entire region.

Jesus Heals a Mute Man

32And as they were going out, look, a mute man *who was* afflicted by a demon was brought to him. 33And when the demon was cast out the mute man spoke, and the crowds were amazed, saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.” 34But the Pharisees said, “By the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

The Workers Are Few

35And Jesus was going through all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 36But when he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. 37Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.”

**Matthew Chapter 10**

The Twelve Apostles

1And he called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 2Now these are the names of the twelve apostles: the first, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, 3Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector, James the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus, 4Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot (who also betrayed him).

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

5These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying, “Do not go on *any* road of the Gentiles, and do not enter into *any* city of the Samaritans, 6but go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The Kingdom of Heaven has drawn near.’ 8Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases,[[55]](#footnote-29760) *and* cast out demons. You received without paying, *so* give without being paid. 9Do not acquire gold, nor silver, nor bronze in your belts, 10nor a traveler’s bag for *your* journey, nor two tunics,[[56]](#footnote-17917) nor sandals, nor staff, because the worker is worthy of his food. 11And in whatever city or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it, and stay there until you leave *that area*. 12And as you enter that house, greet it. 13And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14And if anyone does not receive you or listen to your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet. 15Truly I say to you, it will be more bearable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the Day of Judgment than for that city.

Sheep in the Midst of Wolves

16“Pay attention, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be as wise as serpents and innocent as doves. 17Beware of *such* people, because they will hand you over to the courts and flog you in their synagogues, 18and you will even be brought before governors and kings because of me, as a witness to them and to the Gentiles. 19“But when they hand you over, do not be anxious about what to say or how to say it, because what you are to say will be given to you at that time, 20since you are not the ones speaking, but the spirit of your Father is speaking in you.

21A brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise up against their parents, and have them put to death. 22And you will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who endures to the end—that one will be saved. 23But when they persecute you in this city, flee to the next. For truly I say to you, you will surely not finish *going through* the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor is a servant above his master.[[57]](#footnote-14531) 25It is enough for a disciple to be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they called the head of the house “Beelzebul,” how much more *certainly* *will they insult* the members of his household! 26However, do not be afraid of them, because there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and *nothing* hidden that will not be made known. 27What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in your ear, proclaim on the rooftops. 28And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. But rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. 29Aren’t two little sparrows sold for an assarion?[[58]](#footnote-15924) And *yet* not one of them will fall on the ground apart from your Father. 30And even all the hairs of your head have been counted. 31So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many little sparrows. 32Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before people, I will also acknowledge him before my Father who is in heaven. 33But whoever denies me before people, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven.

Not Peace but a Sword

34“Do not assume that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35For I have come to set a man against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, 36and a person’s enemies will be those of his own household![[59]](#footnote-21020) 37Whoever loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38And whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life because of me will find it.

Rewards

40“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. 41Whoever welcomes a prophet because they are a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person because they are a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. 42And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink because they are a disciple, truly I say to you, he will absolutely not lose his reward.”

**Matthew Chapter 11**

1And it came to pass when Jesus had finished commanding his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.

Jesus and John the Baptist

2Now when John heard in prison about the works of Christ,[[60]](#footnote-17194) he sent *a message* by way of his disciples 3and said to him, “Are you the Coming One, or should we expect someone different?” 4And Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you hear and see: 5the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the people with skin diseases[[61]](#footnote-30148) are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised, and the poor have good news proclaimed to them, 6and blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

7And as these disciples *of John* went on their way, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, *saying,* “What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swaying in the wind? 8*Of course not!* Then what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft *clothing*? *Of course not!* Look, those who wear soft *clothing* are in king’s palaces. 9Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and *you saw* much more than a prophet. 10This is the one about whom it is written, Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,[[62]](#footnote-23527) who will prepare the road before you.[[63]](#footnote-23309) 11Truly I say to you, among those who are born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is the least *important* person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. 12And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful people are seizing it as a prize. 13For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14And if you are willing to accept *it,* he himself is Elijah, who was to come. 15Anyone who has ears had better listen!

16“But to what should I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces, who call to one another 17and say, ‘We played the flute for you but you did not dance. We sang a song of lament, but you did not mourn.’ 18For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ 19The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘See! A gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is vindicated by her actions.”

Jesus Denounces Unrepentant Cities

20Then he began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles were done, because they did not repent. 21“How terrible it will be for you, Chorazin! How terrible it will be for you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22But I say to you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the Day of Judgment than for you. 23And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? *No*, you will go down to the grave. For if the miracles had been done in Sodom that were done in you, it would have remained until this day. 24But I say to you that it will be more bearable for the land of Sodom on the Day of Judgment, than for you.”

Jesus Prays to the Father

25At that time Jesus continued *to pray*, saying, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you hid these things from the wise and understanding, and have revealed them to little children. 26Yes, Father, because this was well-pleasing in your sight.

I Will Give You Rest

27“All things have been handed over to me by my Father. And no one really knows the Son except the Father, neither does anyone really know the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son decides to reveal *him.* 28Come to me, all you who are laboring and have been loaded down with burdens, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am meek and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For my yoke is comfortable,[[64]](#footnote-22166) and my burden is light.”

**Matthew Chapter 12**

Lord of the Sabbath

1At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and his disciples were hungry and began to pick heads of grain and eat *them*. 2But when the Pharisees saw *them*, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” 3But he said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and those with him were hungry, 4how he went into the house of God and ate the Bread of the Presence, which was not lawful for him to eat, or for those with him, but only for the priests? 5Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath day the priests in the Temple profane the Sabbath, and are guiltless? 6But I say to you, that something greater than the Temple is here. 7But if you had known what this means, I want mercy and not sacrifice,[[65]](#footnote-25595) you would not have condemned the guiltless. 8For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

Healing a Hand on the Sabbath

9And he departed from there and went into their synagogue. 10And look, a man with a shriveled hand was *there*. And in order to accuse Jesus,[[66]](#footnote-25729) they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” 11And he said to them, “Who is there among you, if he had *even* one sheep fall into a pit on the Sabbath, would not take hold of it and lift it out? 12How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” 13Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as healthy as his other *hand*. 14But the Pharisees went out and plotted against him *as to* how they could destroy him.

God’s Chosen Servant

15Now when Jesus realized *it*, he withdrew from there. Great crowds followed him, and he healed them all. 16And he warned them not to make him known, 17so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet was fulfilled, which said, 18Look! My servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my spirit upon him and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. 19He will not quarrel or cry aloud, and no one will hear his voice in the streets. 20He will not break *off* a bent reed, and he will not put out a *smoldering* wick, until he leads justice to victory. 21And the Gentiles will hope in his name.[[67]](#footnote-22501)

A Divided Kingdom Will Fall

22Then a *man* afflicted by a demon *who was* blind and mute was brought to him. And he healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. 23And all the crowd was amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” 24But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by *the power of* Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this man casts out demons.” 25And knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26And if the Adversary[[68]](#footnote-16535) casts out the Adversary, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? 27And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 28But if I cast out demons by the spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.

29“Or how can someone enter the house of the strong man and carry off his property unless he first ties up the strong man? And then he can plunder his house. 30Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me, scatters.

The Unforgivable Sin

31“For that reason I say to you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but the blasphemy of the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, neither in this age, nor in that which is to come.

Words Justify or Condemn

33“Either make the tree good, and its fruit good, or make the tree rotten, and its fruit rotten, for the tree is known by its fruit. 34You offspring of vipers! How are you, being evil, able to speak good things? For the mouth speaks what overflows from the heart. 35The good person brings out good things from the good treasure *of his heart*, and the evil person brings out evil things from the evil treasure *of his heart*. 36And I say to you, that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the Day of Judgment. 37For by your words you will be declared righteous, and by your words you will be condemned.”

The Sign of Jonah

38Then some of the experts in the law and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.” 39But he answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. 40For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights,[[69]](#footnote-18968) so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. 41The men of Nineveh will rise 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. 42The queen of the south will be raised 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.

Return of an Unclean Spirit

43“Now when an unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places, seeking a resting place, and *yet* does not find one. 44Then it says, ‘I will go back to my house from which I left,’ and when it comes, it finds *the house* empty, having been swept and put in order. 45Then it goes and brings with itself seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter in and live there; and the last *condition* of that person becomes worse than the first. This is also how it will be with this evil generation.”

Jesus’ True Mother and Brothers

46While he was still speaking to the crowds, look, his mother and his brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. 47[[And someone said to him, “Look! Your mother and your brothers stand outside, wanting to speak to you.”]] 48He answered the one who told him and said, “Who is my mother? And who are my brothers?” 49And he stretched out his hand toward his disciples and said, “Look! My mother and my brothers! 50For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

**Matthew Chapter 13**

PARABLES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (13:1-13:52)  
Parable of the Sower

1On that day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the lake.[[70]](#footnote-14900) 2And *such* a large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood on the shore. 3And he spoke many things to them in parables, saying, “Pay attention! The sower went out to sow, 4and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell alongside the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5And some *seeds* fell on the rocky ground where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up because the soil was not deep. 6And when the sun rose they were scorched, and because they did not have *any* roots, they withered away. 7And some *seeds* fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8But others fell on the good soil and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9Anyone who has ears had better listen!”

The Purpose of the Parables

10And the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” 11And he answered and said to them, “Because the knowledge of the sacred secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven has been given to you, but it has not been given to them. 12For whoever has, *more* will be given to him, and he will have an abundance, but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13This is why I speak to them in parables, because although they are seeing they do not *really* see, and although they are hearing they do not *really* hear, nor do they understand. 14And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, Although you will hear, you will never understand, and although you will see, you will never perceive. 15For this people’s heart has become calloused,[[71]](#footnote-31211) and their ears can hardly hear, and they have closed their eyes, otherwise they would perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn back *to me*, and I would heal them.[[72]](#footnote-32228) 16But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. 17For truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous people desired to see the things that you are seeing, and did not see them, and to hear the things that you are hearing, and did not hear them.

The Parable of the Sower Explained

18Now listen to *the* *meaning of* the parable of the sower. 19When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand *it*, the Wicked One comes and snatches away what had been sown in his heart. This is the one that was sown alongside the path. 20And the one that was sown on the rocky places, this is the one who hears the message and immediately receives it with joy, 21yet he does not have *any* root in himself, and *thus* is short-lived. When hardship or persecution arises because of the message he immediately falls away. 22And the one that was sown among the thorns, this is the one who hears the message, but the worries of this age and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the message, and he becomes unfruitful. 23But the one that was sown on the good ground, this is the one who hears and understands the message*,* who then certainly bears fruit; and some yield a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.”

The Parable of the Good and Bad Seed

24He set another parable before them, saying, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25but while the men were sleeping, his enemy came and also sowed weeds[[73]](#footnote-32440) among the wheat, and went away. 26But when the plants sprang up and produced fruit, then the weeds appeared also. 27And the servants of the head of the house came and said to him, ‘Lord, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Then where did the weeds come from?’ 28And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ And the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them up?’ 29But he said, ‘No, otherwise while you are gathering up the weeds, you might also uproot the wheat with them. 30Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up the weeds, and bind them in bundles to burn them up, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

The Kingdom is Like a Mustard Seed

31He set another parable before them, saying, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. 32It is smaller than all *other* seeds, but when it is grown, it is larger than the *other* garden plants, and becomes a tree so *large* that the birds of the sky[[74]](#footnote-16985) come and nest in its branches.”

The Kingdom is Like Leaven

33He spoke another parable to them, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in 50 pounds[[75]](#footnote-22468) of flour until it was all leavened.”

Using Parables Fulfills Prophecy

34Jesus spoke all these things in parables to the crowds, and he did not speak to them without *using* a parable, 35so that what was spoken through the prophet was fulfilled, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.[[76]](#footnote-18569)

Parable of the Good and Bad Seed Explained

36Then he left the crowd and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the darnel in the field.” 37And he answered and said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, 38and the field is the world. And *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom, and the darnel are the sons of the Wicked One. 39And the enemy who sowed them is the Devil,[[77]](#footnote-20630) and the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40Therefore, as the darnel are gathered up and burned up with fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom every stumbling block and those who are guilty of lawlessness.[[78]](#footnote-32071) 42and will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be sobbing and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s kingdom. Anyone who has ears had better listen!

The Kingdom is Like Treasure

44“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a person found and hid *again*. And out of his joy, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The Kingdom is Like a Pearl

45“Furthermore, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant *who is* seeking fine pearls. 46And after finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Kingdom is Like a Net

47“Furthermore, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and gathered *fish* of every kind. 48When it was filled, they dragged it up on the shore, and they sat down and gathered the good *fish* into containers, but the bad they threw away. 49So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the wicked from the midst of the righteous 50and will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be sobbing and gnashing of teeth. 51Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” 52And he said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained about the Kingdom of Heaven is like the head of a house who brings out of his storeroom *treasures that are* new and old.”

MINISTRY OF JESUS IN GALILEE CONTINUED (13:53-20:34)  
Jesus Revisits Nazareth

53And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that he departed from there. 54And after coming to his hometown, he taught them in their synagogue in such a way that they were astonished and said, “Where did this man *get* this wisdom and *these* miraculous powers? 55Isn’t this the builder’s son? Isn’t Mary his mother? And *aren’t* his brothers, James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Judas? 56And his sisters, aren’t they all with us? Where then *did* this man *get* all these *abilities*?” 57And they were offended because of him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his hometown and in his *own* house.” 58And he did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.

**Matthew Chapter 14**

John the Baptist Beheaded

1At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus, 2and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.” 3For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison because of Herodias (his brother Philip’s wife), 4since John said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” 5And although he wanted to put him to death, he was afraid of the people because they considered him to be a prophet. 6But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst *of the company*, and it pleased Herod. 7So he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. 8And being prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.” 9And the king regretted *it*, but because of his oaths and those who were reclining *to eat* with him, he commanded it to be given, 10and *so* he sent *an executioner,* and he beheaded John in the prison. 11And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. 12And his disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him, and they went and told Jesus.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

13Now when Jesus heard *it*, he withdrew from there in a boat by himself to a solitary place. And when the multitudes heard *about that,* they followed him on foot from the *surrounding* cities. 14And after he got out *of the boat,* he saw a large crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed those who were sick among them. 15Now when evening had come, the disciples came to him, saying, “This is a remote place and the hour is now late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them *something* to eat.” 17And they said to him, “We do not have *anything* here except five loaves *of bread* and two fish.” 18And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19Then he commanded the crowd to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed *them* and broke *them*. And *then* he gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples *gave them* to the crowd. 20And they all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21And there were about 5,000 men who ate, not including women and children.

Jesus Walks on the Water

22And immediately he made the disciples enter into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side while he sent the crowd away. 23And after he had sent the crowd away, he went up by himself onto the mountain to pray, and when evening had come, he was there alone. 24But the boat was already a long way from the land and was being beaten by the waves because the wind was against them. 25And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them,[[79]](#footnote-15692) walking on the lake.[[80]](#footnote-16500) 26And when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, “It’s a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. 27But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!” 28And Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” 29And he said, “Come.” And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30But when he saw the strong wind he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me.” 31And immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and grabbed hold of him and said to him, “You of little trust, why did you doubt?” 32And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33And those who were in the boat bowed down before him, saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

34And when they had crossed over *the lake*, they came to land at Gennesaret. 35And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent *word* into all the surrounding area and brought to him all who were sick. 36And they begged him to let them just touch the fringe of his garment, and everyone who touched *him* was completely healed.

**Matthew Chapter 15**

Traditions Versus Commandments

1Then Pharisees and experts in the law from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, 2“Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.” 3And he answered and said to them, “Why do even you yourselves transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4For God said, Honor your father and your mother,[[81]](#footnote-12591) and, Whoever speaks evil of his father or mother, let him be put to death.[[82]](#footnote-13393) 5But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever *benefit* you might have gained from me is a gift *already devoted to God,*” 6does not *need to* honor his father *or mother*.’ And *thus* you have set aside the word of God because of your tradition. 7You hypocrites, Isaiah prophesied correctly about you when he said, 8These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 9Moreover, they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”[[83]](#footnote-13539)

What Defiles a Person

10And he called the crowd to himself and said to them, “Listen and understand: 11*it is* not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth—this defiles a person.” 12Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” 13But he answered and said, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14Leave them alone! They are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both will fall into a pit.” 15And Peter replied and said to him, “Explain the parable to us.” 16And he said, “Do you also still not understand? 17Do you not understand that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled into the sewer? 18But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a person. 19For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, insults. 20These are the things that defile a person, but eating with unwashed hands does not defile a person.”

The Trust of a Canaanite Woman

21And Jesus went away from there and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22And look, a Canaanite woman from that region came and began crying out, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David, my daughter is severely afflicted by a demon.” 23But he did not answer her, *not even* a word. And his disciples came and kept asking him, saying, “Send her away, because she keeps on crying out as she follows us.” 24But he answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25But she came and bowed down before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26And he answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the pet dogs.” 27But she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the pet dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their owners’ table.” 28Then Jesus replied and said to her, “O woman, great is your trust. Let it be done for you as you want.” And in that moment her daughter was healed.

The Feeding of the Four Thousand

29And Jesus departed from there and came close to the Sea of Galilee, and he went up onto the mountain and sat there. 30And great multitudes came to him, bringing with them the lame, blind, crippled, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at his feet and he healed them. 31As a result, the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

32And Jesus called his disciples to himself and said, “I have compassion on the crowd because they have remained with me for three days and have nothing to eat, and I do not want to send them away hungry because they might faint on the way.” 33And the disciples said to him, “Where could we get enough loaves *of bread* in *this* remote place to satisfy such a large crowd?” 34And Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven, and a few small fish.” 35And he commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground, 36and he took the seven loaves and the fish and, after he gave thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples *gave them* to the crowd. 37And they all ate and were filled, and they collected what was left over of the broken pieces, seven baskets full. 38And there were 4,000 men who ate, not counting women and children. 39And after sending away the crowd, he got into the boat and went into the region of Magadan.

**Matthew Chapter 16**

Religious Leaders Demand a Sign

1And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, *and* in order to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. 2But he answered and said to them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘*It will be* fair weather, because the sky is red.’ 3And in the morning, ‘*It will be* bad weather today because the sky is red and becoming dark.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you are not able *to interpret* the signs of the times. 4An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” And he left them, and departed.

The Leaven of Wrong Doctrine

5And the disciples came to the other side *of the lake*,[[84]](#footnote-27717) but they had forgotten to take bread. 6And Jesus said to them, “Watch out, and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” 7And they began to discuss *this* among themselves, saying, “We did not take *any* bread.” 8And when Jesus realized this, he said, “O you of little trust, why are you discussing among yourselves *the fact* that you don’t have any bread? 9Do you still not understand? Do you not remember the five loaves for the 5,000, and how many baskets you collected, 10nor the seven loaves for the 4,000, and how many baskets you collected? 11How do you not understand that I was not speaking to you about bread? But *again* *I say*, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” 12Then they understood that he was not telling them to beware of the leaven in bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Peter’s Confession of Christ

13Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14And they said, “Some *say* John the Baptist; and others *say* Elijah; and others *say* Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16And Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ,[[85]](#footnote-23098) the Son of the living God.” 17And Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah, because flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the grave will not be strong enough to keep it[[86]](#footnote-24688) *imprisoned*. 19I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you forbid on earth *must* be already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth *must* be already permitted in heaven.” 20Then he ordered the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Death and Resurrection Foretold

21From then on Jesus began to make known to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised *from the dead*. 22And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “That can’t be,[[87]](#footnote-13726) Lord! This will never, ever, happen to you.” 23But he turned and said to Peter, “Get out of my way,[[88]](#footnote-15938) Adversary! You are a hindrance to me because you are not thinking about God’s purposes, but about human interests.”[[89]](#footnote-20101)

Cost of Discipleship

24Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,[[90]](#footnote-26605) he must deny himself and must take up his cross and follow me. 25For whoever wants to save his life[[91]](#footnote-24990) will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. 26For what will it profit a person if he gains the whole world and *yet* forfeits his life? Or what will a person give in exchange for his life? 27For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each *person* according to what he has done. 28Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will absolutely not experience death[[92]](#footnote-31931) until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**Matthew Chapter 17**

The Transfiguration

1And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John, and led them by themselves up onto a high mountain. 2And he was transformed in front of them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became white as the light. 3And Look! Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. 4And Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three tents here: one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 5While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him!” 6And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7And Jesus came and when he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” 8And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus only.

'Elijah' Has Come

9And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Do not tell anyone about the vision until the Son of Man is raised from among the dead.”

10And his disciples asked him, saying, “Then why do the experts in the law say that Elijah must come first?” 11And he answered and said, “Indeed, ‘Elijah is coming and will restore all things,’ 12but I say to you, that Elijah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they wanted. So also the Son of Man will suffer by them.” 13Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them about John the Baptist.

Healing A Boy Afflicted by a Demon

14And when they came to the crowd, a man came to him, kneeling down before him, saying, 15“Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is epileptic and suffers grievously, for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. 16And I brought him to your disciples, and they were not able to cure him.” 17And Jesus answered and said, “O unbelieving and twisted generation, how much longer will I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me.” 18And Jesus subdued him, and the demon came out of him. And in that moment the boy was cured.

19Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why were we not able to cast it out?” 20And he said to them, “Because of your little trust. For truly I say to you, if you have trust like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible to you.” 21[[*But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.*]]

Death and Resurrection Foretold

22And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be handed over into the hands of men, 23and they will kill him, and the third day he will be raised *from the dead*.” And they were deeply grieved.

Tax Money in a Fish

24And when they came to Capernaum, those who received the two drachma *Temple tax* came to Peter and said, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the two drachma *tax*?” 25He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? The kings of the earth, from whom do they receive customs or poll tax? From their sons, or from others?” 26And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Therefore the sons are free. 27But lest we cause them to fall, go to the lake[[93]](#footnote-25242) and cast in a hook, and take up the first fish that comes up, and when you have opened his mouth, you will find a *silver* stater *coin*. Take that and give *it* to them for you and me.”

**Matthew Chapter 18**

The Greatest in the Kingdom

1At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?” 2And he called to him a little child and set him in the midst of them, 3and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you change and become as little children, you will absolutely not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. 4Therefore, whoever will humble himself as this little child, that one is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. 5And whoever receives a little child like this one in my name receives me, 6but whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to fall away, it would be better for him to have a huge millstone[[94]](#footnote-15017) hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the lake.[[95]](#footnote-18154)

Stumbling Blocks and Judgment

7“How terrible it will be for the world because of the stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but how terrible for that person through whom the stumbling block comes! 8And if your hand or your foot causes you to fall away, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life *in the age to come* maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into the fire of the age *to come*. 9And if your eye causes you to fall away, gouge it out and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life *in the age to come* with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of Gehenna. 10See that you do not look down on one of these little ones, for I say to you, that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 11[[For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost.]]

Parable of the Lost Sheep

12“What do you think? If any man has 100 sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the 99 on the mountains and seek the one that went astray? 13And if he happens to find it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the 99 that have not gone astray. 14In the same way, it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

If Your Brother Sins Against You

15“And if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault—*just* between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16But if he does not hear *you*, take with you one or two more, so that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word can be established.[[96]](#footnote-17588) 17And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the congregation, and if he also refuses to hear the congregation, let him be to you as the Gentile and the tax collector. 18Truly I say to you, whatever you forbid on earth *must* be already forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth *must* be already permitted in heaven.

19“Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them.”

21Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” 22Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Parable of the Unforgiving Slave

23“That is why the Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. 24And when he began to settle *them*, one *slave* was brought to him who owed him 10,000 talents.[[97]](#footnote-16722) 25But because he did not have *the means* to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26Therefore, the slave fell *at his feet* and bowed down before him, saying, ‘Lord, have patience with me and I will pay you everything.’ 27And the lord of that slave, being moved with compassion, released him and forgave him the debt. 28But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves, who owed him 100 denarii,[[98]](#footnote-12477) and he laid hold on him, and seizing him, began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29So his fellow slave fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30But he was unwilling, and went and threw him into prison until he paid what was due. 31So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved, and came and told to their lord all that had happened. 32Then having called him in, his lord said to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, just as I had mercy on you?’ 34And his lord was enraged and handed him over to the torturers until he paid back all that was owed. 35So my heavenly Father will also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.”

**Matthew Chapter 19**

Teaching About Divorce

1And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee and came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan, 2and large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

3And *some* Pharisees came to him, testing him, and saying, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason *at all*?” 4And he answered and said, “Have you not read that in the beginning the Creator made them male and female? 5And he said, For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.[[99]](#footnote-28907) 6So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together no human is to separate.”

7They said to him, “Why then did Moses command to give *her* a certificate of divorce and send her away?”[[100]](#footnote-32337) 8He said to them, “Moses, in view of the hardness of your hearts, allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not been this way. 9And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.” 10The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” 11But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but *only* those to whom it has been given. 12For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven’s sake. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

The Kingdom Belongs to People Like These

13Then little children were brought to him so that he could lay his hands on them and pray, and the disciples rebuked them. 14But Jesus said, “Allow the little children and do not hinder them from coming to me, because the Kingdom of God belongs to people *who are* like these *children*.” 15And, having laid his hands on them, he departed from there.

The Rich Young Ruler

16And look! A man came to him and said, “Teacher, what good thing must I do in order to have life in the age *to come*?” 17And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about that which is good? There is One who is good. But if you want to enter into life *in the age to come*, keep the commandments.” 18He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, 19honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself.”[[101]](#footnote-18785) 20The young man said to him, “All these things I have kept, what do I still lack?” 21Jesus said to him, “If you *really* want to reach the goal, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” 22But the young man, when he heard these words, went away grieved because he had many possessions.

Rewards in the Kingdom

23And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I say to you, how difficult it will be for a rich person to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. 24And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God.” 25And when the disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” 26And looking at them, Jesus said to them, “This is impossible for people, but for God all things are possible.” 27Then Peter answered and said to him, “Look! We have left everything and followed you, so what will we have?” 28And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed me, in the New Beginning, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of his glory, you also will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit life in the age *to come*. 30But many *who are* first will be last, and the last *will be* first.

**Matthew Chapter 20**

Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

1“For the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a head of a house, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2And when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius[[102]](#footnote-20292) a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3And he went out about the third hour[[103]](#footnote-28975) and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ And they went their way. 5He went out again about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same thing. 6And about the eleventh *hour* he went out and found others standing, and he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ 7They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘Go also into the vineyard.’

8“And when evening came the lord of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning from the last to the first.’ 9And when those who *were hired* about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius. 10And when those *who were hired* first came, they assumed that they would receive more, and *yet* each one of them also received a denarius. 11And when they received it, they grumbled against the head of the house, 12saying, ‘These last have worked *only* one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13But he answered and said to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14Take what is yours and go, and I will give to this last *group*, just as to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I want with my own? Or is your eye evil, because I am good?’ 16So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Death and Resurrection Foretold

17And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside privately and said to them on the way, 18“Pay attention! We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death. 19And they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified*,* and the third day he will be raised *from the dead*.”

A Mother’s Request

20Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, bowing down and asking something from him. 21And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine may sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” 22But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?”[[104]](#footnote-14369) They said to him, “We are able.” 23He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right and at *my* left is not mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” 24And when the ten heard it, they became angry with the two brothers. 25But Jesus, having called them near, said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles abuse their position over them, and those in high positions abuse their authority over them. 26It will not be this way among you, instead, whoever among you wants to be great must be your servant, 27and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave, 28just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Two Blind Men Healed

29And as they were going out of Jericho, a large crowd followed him. 30And Look! Two blind *men* were sitting by the road, *and* when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” 31But the crowd rebuked them so that they would be silent. But they cried out all the more, saying, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” 32And Jesus stopped *walking*, called them, and said, “What do you want me to do for you?” 33They say to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.” 34And Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes, and immediately they regained their sight and began to follow him.

**Matthew Chapter 21**

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM (21:1-21:27)  
The Triumphal Entry

1And when they drew near to Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and *her* colt with her. Untie them, and bring them to me. 3And if anyone says anything to you, say, ‘The Lord has need of them and he will immediately send them *back here*.’” 4Now this took place with the result that what was spoken through the prophet was fulfilled, saying, 5Tell the Daughter Zion, “Look! Your King comes to you, meek, and riding on a donkey, even on a colt the foal of a donkey.”[[105]](#footnote-14016)

6And the disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them, 7and brought the donkey and *her* colt and put their outer garments on them, and he sat on them. 8And most of the crowd spread their outer garments on the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading them on the road. 9And the crowd that went in front of him, and *those* who followed after, were crying out, saying, “Hosanna[[106]](#footnote-10950) to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord![[107]](#footnote-19187) Hosanna in the highest!” 10And when he had entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?” 11And the crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus, the *one* from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Jesus Cleanses Temple

12And Jesus went into the Temple and cast out all those who were buying and selling in the Temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves, 13and he said to them, “It is written, My house will be called a house of prayer,[[108]](#footnote-13908) but you are making it a den of robbers.[[109]](#footnote-19703)” 14And *the* blind and lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. 15But when the chief priests and the experts in the law saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children who were crying out in the Temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry. 16And they said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, Out of the mouth of little children and nursing children you have brought forth praise?[[110]](#footnote-21950)” 17And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there.

Lesson From the Cursed Fig Tree

18Now in the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. 19And having seen a lone fig tree by the path, he went up to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, “Let there be no fruit from you any longer forever.” And immediately the fig tree withered. 20And seeing *this,* the disciples were amazed, saying, “How did the fig tree wither immediately?” 21And Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have trust, and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will be done. 22And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

Jesus’ Authority Challenged

23And when he had come into the Temple, the chief priests and the elders of the People[[111]](#footnote-29995) came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” 24And Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question, which, if you tell me *the answer*, then I will tell you by what authority I do these things. 25Where was the baptism of John from? From heaven or of human *origin*?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ 26But if we say, ‘Of human *origin*,’ we are afraid of the people because they all considered John to be a prophet.” 27And *so* they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.” He also said to them, “Then I will not tell you by what authority I do these things.

PARABLES CONDEMNING UNBELIEVING JEWS (21:28-22:14)  
Parable of the Two Sons

28“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘*My* child, go work today in the vineyard.’ 29And he answered and said, ‘I do not want to.’ But afterward he changed his mind and went. 30And having approached the other *son*, he said the same thing. And he answered and said, ‘I *will go*, lord,’ but did not go. 31Which of the two did the will of the father?” They say, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that the tax collectors and the prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you. 32For John came to you in the path of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. But you, when you saw that, did not afterward change your mind *and* believe him.

Parable of the Greedy Farmers

33“Listen to another parable. There was a man, the head of a house, who planted a vineyard, and put a wall around it, and dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower, and rented it out to some farmers, and went away on a journey. 34And when the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the farmers to receive his fruit. 35And the farmers took his servants and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. 36Again, he sent other servants, more than the first ones, and they did the same to them. 37And last of all he sent to them his son, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38But the farmers, when they saw the son, said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ 39And they took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40Now, when the owner[[112]](#footnote-19186) of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?” 41They say to him, “Those wretched *men—*He will destroy them in a wretched way, and will rent out the vineyard to other farmers, who will give him the fruit in its season.” 42Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures, The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This came from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’[[113]](#footnote-14236)

43“Therefore I say to you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to a nation producing the fruit of it. 44And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it falls it will grind to powder.”

45And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew that he was speaking about them. 46And they were seeking to arrest him *but* they were afraid of the crowds because they considered him to be a prophet.

**Matthew Chapter 22**

Parable of the Wedding Feast

1And Jesus answered and again spoke to them in parables, saying, 2“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding feast for his son, 3and he sent out his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, but they did not want to come. 4Again he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and the fatted cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ 5But they, having paid no attention, went off—one to his own farm, another to his business. 6And the rest, having seized his servants, mistreated and killed *them*. 7The king was enraged, and so he sent his armies *and* destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but the ones who had been invited were not worthy. 9Therefore, go to the main streets, and as many as you find *there*, invite to the wedding feast.’ 10And those servants went out on the roads and gathered together everyone that they found, both wicked and good, and the wedding feast was filled with those reclining *to eat*. 11But when the king came in to see those reclining *to eat*, he saw a man there who had not been clothed in wedding clothing. 12And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you enter here without wedding clothes?’ And he was speechless. 13Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him out into the darkness outside; there will be sobbing and gnashing of teeth. 14For many are called, but few are chosen.’”

JESUS INTERACTS WITH JEWS (22:15-23:39)  
The Trap About Paying Taxes

15Then the Pharisees, having gone out, plotted how to entrap him in *his* words. 16And they sent to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are honest and teach the way of God in accordance with the truth and you are not concerned about anyone’s *status* because you do not show favoritism.[[114]](#footnote-12979) 17Tell us therefore, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay a census tax to Caesar, or not?” 18But knowing their wickedness, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, *you* hypocrites? 19Show me the coin *used* for the census tax.” And they brought a denarius[[115]](#footnote-13874) to him. 20And he said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” 21They said to him, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Then give back to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 22And having heard *that*, they were amazed, so they left him *and* went away.

The Trap About the Resurrection

23On that *same* day *some* Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) came to him and asked him, 24saying, “Teacher, Moses said, If someone dies, having no children, his brother must marry his wife and raise up offspring for his *dead* brother.[[116]](#footnote-30272) 25Now there were with us seven brothers. And the first married and died, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. 26Likewise the second also, and the third, up to the seventh. 27And after them all, the woman died. 28So in the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since they all had her?” 29But Jesus answered and said to them, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. 30For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 31But concerning the resurrection of the dead, haven’t you read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?[[117]](#footnote-11318) God is not *the God* of the dead, but of the living.” 33And having heard *that*, the crowd was astonished at his teaching.

Trap About the Greatest Command

34Now when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together 35and one of them, a lawyer, asked him *a question*, testing him: 36“Teacher, which commandment is the greatest *one* in the law?” 37And he said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.[[118]](#footnote-20926) 38This is the greatest and most important commandment. 39And *the* second *is* like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.[[119]](#footnote-13140) 40On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets.”

Jesus’ Question About David's Son

41Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them *a question*, 42saying, “What do you think about the Christ?[[120]](#footnote-12163) Whose son is he?” They said to him, “*The son* of David.” 43He said to them, “Then how does David, *speaking* by the spirit, call him ‘Lord’? For he said, 44The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.’[[121]](#footnote-20895) 45So if David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” 46And no one was able to answer him a word, nor did anyone dare ask him any more *questions* from that day on.

**Matthew Chapter 23**

Pharisees’ Character Revealed

1Then Jesus spoke to the crowd and to his disciples, 2saying, “The experts in the law and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, 3therefore, everything, whatever they tell you, do and observe. But do not do according to their works, for they say *things*, and do not do *them*. 4For they tie up burdens *that are* heavy and hard to carry and they lay *them* on people’s shoulders, but they are unwilling to *help* move them with their finger. 5And they do all their works in order to be seen by people, for they widen their phylacteries, and lengthen the tassels *on their clothes*, 6and they like *to sit in* the place of honor at the feasts and the places of honor in the synagogues, 7and *to receive* greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by people. 8But you, you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for one is your teacher, and all of you are brothers. 9And do not call *anyone* on earth your ‘father,’ for one is your Father, the heavenly *Father*. 10Neither be called ‘guides,’ for you have one Guide—the Christ.[[122]](#footnote-14880) 11But the greatest among you will be your servant. 12And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

How Terrible It Will Be For the Pharisees

13“But how terrible it will be for you, experts in the law and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the Kingdom of Heaven *right* in front of people, for you do not enter, nor do you allow the ones entering to enter*.* 14[[How terrible it will be for you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. For that reason you will receive the greater damnation.]]

15“How terrible it will be for you, experts in the law and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel over the sea and the land to make one proselyte, and when he becomes *one*, you make him twice as much a son of Gehenna as yourselves.

16“How terrible it will be for you, you blind guides who say, ‘Whoever swears by the sanctuary it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the sanctuary, he is obligated *by his oath*.’ 17*You* no-goods and blind *men*! For which is greater, the gold, or the sanctuary that has made the gold holy? 18*You* also *say,* ‘Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obligated *by his oath*.’ 19Blind *men!* For which is greater, the gift, or the altar that makes the gift holy? 20Therefore the one who swears by the altar, swears by it, and by everything on it. 21And the one who swears by the sanctuary, swears by it, and by the one who dwells in it. 22And the one who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God, and by the one sitting on it.

23“How terrible it will be for you, you experts in the law and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, but have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law, *which are* justice and mercy and faithfulness. But *it is* necessary to do those things, and not neglect the other. 24You blind guides, who are straining out the gnat but swallowing the camel!

25“How terrible it will be for you, you experts in the law and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. 26You blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup, so that the outside of it will be clean also.

27“How terrible it will be for you, you experts in the law and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs that outwardly do indeed appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead people’s bones and of every kind of impurity. 28In the same way, outwardly, you also appear righteous to people, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29“How terrible it will be for you, you experts in the law and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, 30and you say, ‘If we had been in the days of our fathers we would not have been partners with them in the blood of the prophets.’ 31Consequently, you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32And you—go fill up the measure of your fathers’ *sins*! 33Snakes! You offspring of vipers! How can you escape the judgment of Gehenna? 34Therefore, Look! I am sending to you prophets, and wise *people*, and experts in the law. *Some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will whip in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, 35so that on you will come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. 36Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Lament Over Jerusalem

37“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, she who keeps on killing the prophets and stoning the ones who have been sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together in the same way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. 38Look! Your house is left to you desolate. 39For I say to you, you will absolutely not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”[[123]](#footnote-15526)

**Matthew Chapter 24**

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE FUTURE (24:1-25:46)  
Signs of the End of the Age

1And Jesus was going out of the Temple and going away, and his disciples came to him to draw his attention to the buildings of the Temple. 2But he answered and said to them, “You see all these things, don’t you? Truly I say to you, there will absolutely not be one stone on top of another left here that will not be thrown down.”

3And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the sign of your coming and end of the age?” 4And Jesus answered and said to them, “Watch out, so that no one leads you astray, 5because many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah,’[[124]](#footnote-26540) and will mislead many. 6And you will hear wars *nearby* and reports of wars *far away*. See that you are not alarmed, because *these things* must come to pass, but it is not yet the end. 7For group will rise against group, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8But all these things are the beginning of birth pains. 9Then they will hand you over to be tortured, and will *even* kill you, and you will be hated by all the nations because of my name. 10And then many will fall away, and will hand over one another, and will hate one another. 11And many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. 12And because of the increase in lawlessness, the love of the many will grow cold. 13But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14And the good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed to the whole inhabited world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

15“Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation[[125]](#footnote-16789) that was spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place (let the reader understand), 16then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, 17the one who is on the roof must not go down into his house to take things out, 18and the one who is in the field must not turn back to take his outer garment. 19But how terrible it will be for those who are pregnant and for nursing *mothers* in those days! 20And pray that your flight is not in the winter, nor on a Sabbath, 21because at that time there will be great tribulation unlike anything that has happened since the beginning of the world until now, no, *and it* will never ever happen *again*. 22And if those days were not shortened, no flesh would have been saved, but those days will be shortened for the sake of the chosen.

23“At that time if someone says to you, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ Or, ‘Here *he is*,’ *do* not believe *it,* 24because false Messiahs and false prophets will arise and will perform great signs and wonders in order to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen. 25Pay attention! I have told you beforehand. 26Therefore, if they say to you, ‘Look! He is in the desert,’ do not go out *there. Or* ‘Look! He is in the inner rooms *of the Temple*,’ do not believe *it*. 27For as the lightning goes out from the east and shines even to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will be gathered together.

The Coming of the Son of Man

29“But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven,[[126]](#footnote-18979) and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, 30and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven[[127]](#footnote-21163) with power and great glory. 31And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet blast, and they will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from the one end of heaven to the other end of it.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

32“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: as soon as its branch becomes tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33Likewise, you also, when you see all these things, know that he is near, *right* at the door. 34Truly I say to you, this generation will absolutely not pass away until all these things have happened.

Heaven and Earth Will Pass Away

35“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will absolutely not pass away. 36But no one knows about that day and hour, not the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father alone. 37For as in the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38For as they were in those days that were before the flood—eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage—until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39and they did not know *what was coming* until the flood came and took them all away, so *also* will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40Then two *men* will be in the field; one is taken, and one is left. 41Two *women* are grinding with a hand mill; one is taken, and one is left. 42Therefore, watch, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes. 43But know this, that if the head of the house had known in what watch *of the night*[[128]](#footnote-20688) the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. 44Therefore you be ready too, because the Son of Man will come at an hour that you do not expect.

45“Who then is the faithful and wise slave whom the lord has set over the slaves of his household to give them their food at the proper time? 46Blessed is that slave whom his lord, when he comes, will find him so doing. 47Truly I say to you, that he will set him over all his possessions. 48But if that evil slave says in his heart, ‘My lord is not coming for a long time,’ 49and he begins to beat his fellow slaves and keeps on eating and drinking with the drunkards, 50the lord of that slave will come on a day that he does not expect, and at an hour that he does not know, 51and will cut him in two, and assign him a place with the hypocrites; there will be sobbing and gnashing of teeth.

**Matthew Chapter 25**

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

1“At that time the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins, who, having taken their lamps, went out to meet the groom. 2Now five of them were foolish, and five *were* sensible. 3For the foolish ones, when they took their lamps, did not take oil with them, 4but the sensible ones took oil in flasks with their lamps. 5Now while the groom was a long time in coming, they all became drowsy and *began* to sleep. 6But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! The groom! Go out to meet him!’ 7Then all those virgins awoke, and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, ‘Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9But the sensible ones answered, saying, ‘*No*, lest there will not be enough for you and us *too*. Go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.’ 10But while they were going away to buy *some*, the groom came, and the ones *who were* prepared went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11And later the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open *the door* for us.’ 12But he answered and said, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13Therefore, stay alert, because you do not know the day or the hour.

The Parable of the Talents

14“For *the Kingdom of Heaven is* like *when* a man going on a journey called his own slaves and entrusted his property to them. 15And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one; to each according to his own ability. And *then* he went on his journey. 16Immediately the one who received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. 17Likewise the one *who received* the two, gained two more. 18But the one who received the one *talent*, having gone out, dug in the earth and hid his lord’s money.

19“Now after a long time the lord of those slaves comes and settles accounts with them. 20And the one who received the five talents came and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Lord, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’ 21His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 22And the one who *received* the two talents also came and said, ‘Lord, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.’ 23His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ 24And the one who had received the one talent also came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter, 25and I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. See, you have that which *is* yours.’ 26But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy slave. You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and I gather where I did not scatter, 27then you needed to deposit my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28Therefore take away the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has, *more* will be given, and he will have abundance. But from the one that does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the worthless slave out into the darkness outside; there will be sobbing and gnashing of teeth.’

The Sheep and Goat Judgment

31“But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33And he will put the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34Then the King will say to the ones on his right, ‘Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom that has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35for I was hungry and you gave me *something* to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in; 36naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.’ 37Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and fed you? Or thirsty, and gave you a drink? 38And when did we see you a stranger, and took you in? Or naked, and clothed you? 39And when did we see you sick, or in prison, and came to you?’ 40And the King, answering, will say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of these my brothers, *even* the least, you did it to me.’ 41Then he will also say to the ones on the left hand, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the fire in the age *to come*, which has been prepared for the Devil[[129]](#footnote-24142) and his angels. 42For I was hungry, and you did not give me *anything* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink; 43I was a stranger, and you did not invite me in; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.’ 44Then they will also answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not serve you?’ 45Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly I say to you, in so far as you did not do *it* to one of these least, you did not do *it* to me.’ 46And these will go away into the punishment in the age *to come*, but the righteous into life in the age *to come*.”

**Matthew Chapter 26**

THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE DEATH OF JESUS (26:1-27:66)  
The Plot to Kill Jesus

1And it came to pass, when Jesus finished all these words, he said to his disciples, 2“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

3Then the chief priests and the elders of the People[[130]](#footnote-17378) were gathered together in the courtyard of the high priest, the one called Caiaphas, 4and they plotted together in order to arrest Jesus in a crafty way, and *then* kill him. 5But they were saying, “Not during the feast, otherwise a riot would occur among the People.”

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

6Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the Leper[[131]](#footnote-14297) 7a woman came to him with an alabaster flask of very costly perfume, and she poured it on his head as he was reclining *to eat*. 8But when they saw this, the disciples became angry, saying, “Why this waste? 9For it would have been possible to sell this for a high *price*, and *the money* given to the poor.” 10But Jesus, perceiving it, said to them, “Why are you giving the woman trouble? For she has done a good work for me. 11For you will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. 12For this *woman* poured this perfume on my body—she did it to prepare me for burial. 13Truly I say to you, wherever this good news is preached in the whole world, what this *woman* did will also be told in memory of her.”

Judas Plots to Betray Jesus

14Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, having gone to the chief priests, 15said, “What are you willing to give me if I will hand him over to you?” And they weighed out to him 30 pieces of silver. 16And from then on he began seeking an opportunity to betray him*.*

The Last Supper

17Now on the first *day* of the *Feast of* Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?” 18And he said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, my time is near. I *am to* keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” 19And the disciples did as Jesus directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

20Now when evening had come, he was reclining *to eat* with the Twelve, 21and as they were eating, he said, “Truly I say to you, that one of you will betray me.” 22And they were deeply grieved, and each one began to say to him, “Surely I am not *the one*, Lord?” 23And he answered and said, “The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with me, this one will betray me. 24The Son of Man will go *to die* just as it is written about him, but how terrible it will be for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! *It would have been* better for that man if he had not been born.” 25And Judas, the one betraying him, answered and said, “Surely I am not the one, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You yourself have said *it*.”

The “Lord’s Supper” Instituted

26And while they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat. This is my body.” 27And having taken a cup, and having given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29And I say to you, I will absolutely not drink of this fruit of the vine again until that day when I drink new wine with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Peter Will Deny Jesus

30And after they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31Then Jesus said to them, “Tonight, all of you with me will desert me, for it is written, I will strike down the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.[[132]](#footnote-29691) 32But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” 33But Peter answered and said to him, “Even if everyone with you deserts you, I will never desert you.” 34Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you that this night, before a rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” 35Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you.” All the disciples also said the same *thing*.

Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested

36Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go *over* there and pray.” 37And having taken Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him, he began to be grieved and troubled. 38Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, *almost* to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake with me.” 39And he went a short distance away *from them* and fell on his face, praying and saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I want, but as you *want*.” 40And he came to the disciples, and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “So, were you not strong enough to stay awake with me for one hour? 41Stay awake and pray so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” 42Again, a second time, having gone away, he prayed, saying, “My Father, if this is not able to pass away unless I drink it, your will be done.” 43And again he came and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44And having left them again and having gone away, he prayed a third time, saying the same words again.

45Then he came to the disciples, and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look! The hour has drawn near and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46Get up, let’s go. Look! The one who is betraying me has drawn near.” 47And while he was still speaking, look, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, and with him *was* a large crowd *armed* with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priest and elders of the People. 48Now the one who was betraying him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss is *the one*. Arrest him.” 49And he immediately went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi,” and kissed him. 50And Jesus said to him, “Friend, *do* that for which you have come.” Then they came and laid their hands on Jesus and arrested him. 51And Look! One of those who was with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 52Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, for all those who draw the sword will perish by the sword. 53Or do you think that I am not able to call on my Father, and even now he will send me more than 12 legions of angels? 54But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled *which say* that it must happen this way?” 55In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come with swords and clubs to capture me as *if I were* a criminal? I sat daily in the Temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. 56But all of this has come to pass to fulfill the writings of the prophets.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Jesus Before Caiaphas

57The ones who had arrested Jesus led him away to *the house of* Caiaphas the high priest, where the experts in the law and the elders were gathered together. 58But Peter was following him at a distance all the way into the courtyard of the high priest, and after going in, he sat with the servants to see the outcome.

59Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were seeking false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death, 60but they could not find any, although many false witnesses came. But finally, two *false witnesses* came forward and 61said, “This one said, ‘I am able to destroy the Temple of God, and to build it in three days.’” 62And the high priest stood up and said to him, “Are you not going to answer? What *is it that* these men testify against you?” 63But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God, that you tell us if you are the Christ,[[133]](#footnote-24537) the Son of God.” 64Jesus said to him, “*Yes*, it is as you say. Moreover, I say to you all, in the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”[[134]](#footnote-23566) 65Then the high priest tore his clothing, saying, “Blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, now you have heard the blasphemy! 66What do you think?” They answered and said, “He deserves to die!” 67Then they spat in his face and beat him with their fists. And they slapped him, 68saying, “Prophesy to us, Christ. Who is the one who struck you?”

Peter Denies Jesus

69Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” 70But he denied *it* before everyone, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.” 71And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *servant girl* saw him, and said to those who were there, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” 72And again he denied it, *this time* with an oath, *saying,* “I do not know the man.” 73And after a little while those who were standing nearby came and said to Peter, “Truly, you are also *one* of them because your accent makes you known.” 74Then he began to pronounce a curse *upon himself* and to swear *with an oath*, “I do not know the man.” And immediately a rooster crowed. 75And Peter remembered the words that Jesus had said, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went outside *the courtyard*, and cried bitterly.

**Matthew Chapter 27**

Daybreak Trial

1Now early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the People[[135]](#footnote-15825) plotted *together* against Jesus to put him to death. 2And having bound him, they led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

The Death of Judas Iscariot

3Then Judas, the one betraying him, having seen that he was condemned, regretted *what he had done and* brought back the 30 pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4saying, “I have sinned *by* betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See *to that* yourself.” 5And having thrown down the silver coins into the sanctuary, he departed, and having gone away, he hanged himself. 6And the chief priests, having taken the silver coins, said, “It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is the price of blood.” 7After some discussion, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. 8Therefore that field has been called “Field of Blood” to this day. 9Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, And they took the 30 silver coins, the price of the one whose price had been priced by the sons of Israel, 10and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.[[136]](#footnote-20840)

Jesus Before Pontius Pilate

11Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, saying, “Are you the king of the Jews?” And Jesus said to him, “*Yes, it is as* you say.” 12And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. 13Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?” 14But he did not answer him with even one word, so the governor was greatly amazed.

The People Choose Barabbas

15Now at the *Passover* Feast, it was the governor’s custom to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wanted. 16And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. 17Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”[[137]](#footnote-23489) 18For he knew that they had handed him over because of envy. 19And while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for today I have suffered many things in a dream because of him.”

20Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. 21But the governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” 22Pilate said to them, “Then what do you want me to do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all kept saying, “He should be crucified!” 23But he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted even louder, saying, “He should be crucified!” 24So when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water, and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see *to it* yourselves.” 25And all the People[[138]](#footnote-20221) answered and said, “His blood *be* on us and on our children.” 26Then he released Barabbas to them, but he flogged Jesus and handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Torture Jesus

27Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters,[[139]](#footnote-23939) and gathered the whole cohort[[140]](#footnote-16023) *of Roman soldiers* around him. 28And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. 29And they twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and a reed in his right hand, and they knelt down before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” 30And they spat on him, and took the reed and were striking him on the head. 31And after they had mocked him, they took the robe off of him, and put his *own* clothes on him, and led him away to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

32And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, whom they forced to carry his cross.

33And having come to a place called Golgotha (which means, Place of *the* Skull), 34they gave him wine mixed with gall to drink, and when he had tasted *it*, he would not drink. 35And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes *among themselves*, casting lots *for them*. 36And sitting down, they *began* to keep watch over him there. 37And they set up over his head the charge against him, which read, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 38Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on the right hand and one on the left.

39And those passing by were hurling insults at him, shaking their heads, 40and saying, “The one who *claimed he* would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” 41In the same way the chief priests also, with the experts in the law and elders, mocking *him*, said, 42“He saved others *but* he is not able to save himself! He is the king of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. 43He had confidence in God, let God rescue him now if he wants him, since he said ‘I am the Son of God.’” 44Even the rebels who were crucified with him were insulting him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

45Now from the sixth hour darkness came over all the land until *the* ninth hour.[[141]](#footnote-16786) 46And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” (that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).[[142]](#footnote-27978) 47And some of those standing there, when they heard this, said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” 48And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge and filled it with wine vinegar and put it on a stick, *and* gave him a drink. 49But the rest said, “Leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

50And Jesus, having cried out again with a loud voice, gave up his spirit. 51And Look! The curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth was shaken, and the rocks were split. 52And the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the holy ones who had fallen asleep were raised, 53and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many. 54Now the centurion and those who were with him keeping watch over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, were greatly afraid, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God.”

55And many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, were there looking on from a distance, 56among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Joseph Buries Jesus

57Now when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who also himself had become a disciple of Jesus. 58He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded it to be given *to him*. 59And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth 60and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut into the rock, and he rolled a large stone in front of the entrance of the tomb and departed. 61And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

The Tomb Guarded

62Now on the next day, which is *the day* after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together before Pilate, 63saying, “Lord,[[143]](#footnote-19355) we remember that when he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will be raised.’ 64Therefore, command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him away and say to the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and this last deception will be worse than the first.” 65Pilate said to them, “You can have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it *as* secure as you know *how to*.” 66So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone *and* setting the guard.

**Matthew Chapter 28**

THE RESURRECTION (28:1-28:20)  
Two Women Visit the Tomb

1Now late on the Sabbath day, as it began to dusk *and come* toward the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

Angel Opens Jesus’ Empty Tomb

2And Look! There was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was white as snow, 4and for fear of him the guards shook, and became as dead *men*.

5And the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not fear, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified. 6He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said. Come, see the place where he was lying, 7and go quickly and tell his disciples he was raised from the dead. And indeed, he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there. Look, I have told you.” 8And having departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to report about him to his disciples. 9And Look! Jesus met them, saying, “Greetings.” And they came and took hold of his feet and paid homage[[144]](#footnote-10672) to him. 10Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go away to Galilee, and they will see me there.”

The Report of the Guards

11Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city, and told the chief priests all the things that happened. 12And after they had assembled with the elders and discussed *the matter*, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, 13saying, “Say that his disciples came during the night *and* stole him away while we were sleeping. 14And if the governor hears about this, we will persuade him and keep you out of trouble.” 15So they took the money and did as they were instructed, and this report was spread around among the Jews, *and continues* until this day.

The Great Commission

16The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. 17And when they saw him, they bowed down *before him*, but some doubted. 18And Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the holy spirit, 20teaching them to obey all that I commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

1. Lit. “scroll” [↑](#footnote-ref-10823)
2. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-13387)
3. Lit. “man/male” [↑](#footnote-ref-17936)
4. Or “by” [↑](#footnote-ref-28425)
5. From Isa. 7:14 [↑](#footnote-ref-32214)
6. “Homage” refers to bowing down before someone to show great respect and high regard for the superiority of the individual. [↑](#footnote-ref-17625)
7. The nation of Israel was called “the People,” so it is appropriate to capitalize it when it refers to Israel. Israel was “the People” of God. [↑](#footnote-ref-16683)
8. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-12022)
9. From Micah 5:2 [↑](#footnote-ref-12921)
10. “Homage” refers to bowing down before someone to show great respect and high regard for the superiority of the individual. [↑](#footnote-ref-28831)
11. “Homage” refers to bowing down before someone to show great respect and high regard for the superiority of the individual. [↑](#footnote-ref-19221)
12. From Hosea 11:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-20019)
13. From Jer. 31:15 [↑](#footnote-ref-26259)
14. Lit. “came to his end” [↑](#footnote-ref-14083)
15. From Isa. 40:3 [↑](#footnote-ref-25742)
16. A winnowing fork is used to separate the chaff from the grain; it is like a pitchfork but with wide wooden blades. [↑](#footnote-ref-11389)
17. Lit. “went up” [↑](#footnote-ref-17187)
18. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word diabolos, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-24359)
19. “Man” refers to humankind. [↑](#footnote-ref-32576)
20. From Deut. 8:3 [↑](#footnote-ref-12392)
21. From Ps. 91:11-12 [↑](#footnote-ref-16455)
22. From Deut. 6:16 [↑](#footnote-ref-12404)
23. From Deut. 6:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-20854)
24. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-10310)
25. Refers to the great road from Egypt to Damascus and beyond called the Via Maris. [↑](#footnote-ref-16469)
26. From Isa. 9:1-2 [↑](#footnote-ref-27796)
27. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-31356)
28. From Ps. 37:11 [↑](#footnote-ref-12250)
29. Lit. “sons,” here referring to both sons and daughters [↑](#footnote-ref-26565)
30. Lit. “one iota or one serif.” An iota is the smallest letter of the Greek alphabet, and a serif is the smallest stroke of a letter. [↑](#footnote-ref-21640)
31. From Exod. 20:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-27970)
32. Not a direct quote, but summarizes the thought from Exod. 21:12; Num. 35:12-19; Lev. 24:17; Deut. 17:8-13 [↑](#footnote-ref-32610)
33. Lit. “raca,” an Aramaic insult conveying contempt and a demeaning attitude toward others. [↑](#footnote-ref-28957)
34. A Roman coin worth 1/64 of a denarius, and thus 1/64 of a day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-31722)
35. From Exod. 20:14 [↑](#footnote-ref-21296)
36. Or “to fall into sin” [↑](#footnote-ref-18307)
37. From Deut. 24:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-25814)
38. From Lev. 19:12; Num. 30:2 [↑](#footnote-ref-21901)
39. From Exod. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21 [↑](#footnote-ref-32404)
40. Greek is chitōn, a long garment worn next to the skin usually under outer clothing. [↑](#footnote-ref-21939)
41. From Lev. 19:18 [↑](#footnote-ref-29666)
42. Lit. “sons,” here referring to both sons and daughters [↑](#footnote-ref-14418)
43. Lit. “they disfigure their faces” [↑](#footnote-ref-26245)
44. Lit. “single” [↑](#footnote-ref-16253)
45. Lit. “evil” [↑](#footnote-ref-26055)
46. Lit. “lords,” the Greek is kurios. [↑](#footnote-ref-16718)
47. Lit. “heaven” [↑](#footnote-ref-27285)
48. Lit. “brother’s,” also in vv. 4-5 [↑](#footnote-ref-13995)
49. Traditionally “leper,” but the Greek lepros can refer to many skin diseases. [↑](#footnote-ref-21406)
50. From Isa. 53:4 [↑](#footnote-ref-19295)
51. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-28164)
52. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-26783)
53. From Hosea 6:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-20312)
54. Lit. “sons of the bridechamber” [↑](#footnote-ref-23978)
55. Traditionally “leper,” but the Greek lepros can refer to many skin diseases. [↑](#footnote-ref-29760)
56. Greek is chitōn, a long garment worn next to the skin usually under outer clothing. [↑](#footnote-ref-17917)
57. Lit. “lord” [↑](#footnote-ref-14531)
58. The assarion was worth 1/16 of a drachma (or denarius), which was a day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-15924)
59. From Micah 7:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-21020)
60. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-17194)
61. Traditionally “leper,” but the Greek lepros can refer to many skin diseases. [↑](#footnote-ref-30148)
62. Lit. “before your face” [↑](#footnote-ref-23527)
63. From Mal. 3:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-23309)
64. Or “easy to bear” [↑](#footnote-ref-22166)
65. From Hosea 6:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-25595)
66. Lit. “him,” here referring to Jesus. [↑](#footnote-ref-25729)
67. From Isa. 42:1-4 [↑](#footnote-ref-22501)
68. “Adversary” is the translation of the Greek satanas. [↑](#footnote-ref-16535)
69. From Jonah 1:17 [↑](#footnote-ref-18968)
70. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-14900)
71. Lit. “grown fat” [↑](#footnote-ref-31211)
72. From Isa. 6:9-10 [↑](#footnote-ref-32228)
73. Lit. “darnel.” Darnel is a plant that looks similar to wheat until mature, and can be poisonous. [↑](#footnote-ref-32440)
74. Or. “birds of heaven” [↑](#footnote-ref-16985)
75. The Greek reads three satons, and one saton was about 3 gallons (11.4 liters). [↑](#footnote-ref-22468)
76. From Ps. 78:2 [↑](#footnote-ref-18569)
77. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word diabolos, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-20630)
78. Lit. “committing lawlessness” [↑](#footnote-ref-32071)
79. Between 3 and 6 a.m. 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-15692)
80. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-16500)
81. From Exod. 20:12; Deut. 5:16 [↑](#footnote-ref-12591)
82. From Exod. 21:17 [↑](#footnote-ref-13393)
83. From Isa. 29:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-13539)
84. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-27717)
85. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-23098)
86. “it” refers to the “church” [↑](#footnote-ref-24688)
87. Lit. “[God be] merciful to you” [↑](#footnote-ref-13726)
88. Lit. “Get behind me” [↑](#footnote-ref-15938)
89. Lit. “the things of God, but the things of humans” [↑](#footnote-ref-20101)
90. Lit. “come after me” [↑](#footnote-ref-26605)
91. In Matt. 16:25-28, “life” is the Greek word psuchē, “soul,” but in this context it means “life.” [↑](#footnote-ref-24990)
92. Lit. “taste death,” i.e. die. [↑](#footnote-ref-31931)
93. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-25242)
94. Lit. “millstone of a donkey,” referring to a millstone turned by a donkey that weighed several hundred pounds (or several hundred kilograms). [↑](#footnote-ref-15017)
95. This is referring to the “Sea of Galilee.” [↑](#footnote-ref-18154)
96. From Deut. 19:15 [↑](#footnote-ref-17588)
97. A talent was worth 6,000 denarii (a denarius was worth a day’s wage). [↑](#footnote-ref-16722)
98. A denarius was a coin that was one day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-12477)
99. From Gen. 2:24 [↑](#footnote-ref-28907)
100. Alluding to Deut. 24:1-4 [↑](#footnote-ref-32337)
101. From Exod. 20:12-16; Lev. 19:18 [↑](#footnote-ref-18785)
102. A denarius was a coin that was one day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-20292)
103. At the time of Christ the day was divided into 12 hours starting at roughly 6 a.m. Thus the third hour was about 9 a.m., the sixth hour was noon, the ninth hour was 3 p.m., and the eleventh hour was about 5 p.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-28975)
104. “Drink the cup” was a common idiom meaning to experience, whether that experience was good or bad. [↑](#footnote-ref-14369)
105. From Isa. 62:11; Zech. 9:9 [↑](#footnote-ref-14016)
106. “Hosanna” originally meant “Save” or “Save now,” but by NT times it was used liturgically as an expression of praise. [↑](#footnote-ref-10950)
107. From Ps. 118:26 [↑](#footnote-ref-19187)
108. From Isa. 56:7 [↑](#footnote-ref-13908)
109. From Jer. 7:11 [↑](#footnote-ref-19703)
110. From Ps. 8:2 [↑](#footnote-ref-21950)
111. The nation of Israel was called “the People,” so it is appropriate to capitalize it when it refers just to Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-29995)
112. Lit. “lord” [↑](#footnote-ref-19186)
113. From Ps. 118:22-23 [↑](#footnote-ref-14236)
114. Lit. “look at the face of people” [↑](#footnote-ref-12979)
115. A denarius was a coin that was one day’s wage for a laborer. [↑](#footnote-ref-13874)
116. From Deut. 25:5 [↑](#footnote-ref-30272)
117. From Exod. 3:6 [↑](#footnote-ref-11318)
118. From Deut. 6:5 [↑](#footnote-ref-20926)
119. From Lev. 19:18 [↑](#footnote-ref-13140)
120. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-12163)
121. From Ps. 110:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-20895)
122. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-14880)
123. From Ps. 118:26 [↑](#footnote-ref-15526)
124. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-26540)
125. From Dan. 11:31 [↑](#footnote-ref-16789)
126. From Isa. 13:10 [↑](#footnote-ref-18979)
127. From Dan. 7:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-21163)
128. 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-20688)
129. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word diabolos, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-24142)
130. The nation of Israel was called “the People,” so it is appropriate to capitalize it when it refers to Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-17378)
131. Simon had a skin disease in the past but he was now cured. Traditionally “Leper,” but the Greek lepros can refer to many skin diseases. [↑](#footnote-ref-14297)
132. From Zech. 13:7 [↑](#footnote-ref-29691)
133. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-24537)
134. Jesus is alluding to Ps. 110:1; Dan. 7:13 [↑](#footnote-ref-23566)
135. The nation of Israel was called “the People,” so it is appropriate to capitalize it when it refers to Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-15825)
136. From Zech. 11:12-13, but also “spoken” by Jeremiah. [↑](#footnote-ref-20840)
137. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-23489)
138. The nation of Israel was called “the People,” so it is appropriate to capitalize it when it refers to Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-20221)
139. Lit. “the praetorium” [↑](#footnote-ref-23939)
140. A cohort was normally 600 men. [↑](#footnote-ref-16023)
141. The sixth hour is about noon; the ninth hour is about 3 p.m. [↑](#footnote-ref-16786)
142. From Ps. 22:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-27978)
143. “Lord” is being used as a respectful form of address, like “Sir.” [↑](#footnote-ref-19355)
144. “Homage” refers to bowing down before someone to show great respect and high regard for the superiority of the individual. [↑](#footnote-ref-10672)