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About the Berean Majority New Testament

For Glen and Jon

The idea for this project began when I overheard two friends at men's morning prayer having a vigorous discussion regarding the verses "they" are trying to remove from the bible. I couldn't help but get drawn in and began explaining the difference between the critical text and the majority text and the philosophy behind each. Later that day as I considered the discussion further I wondered if the Berean Standard Bible (BSB) and Majority Standard Bible (MSB) could be combined in a way that would show my friends the differences side-by-side. This edition is a test of that idea.

The source material for this edition was BSB and MSB USFM files generated from the original translation tables by the `bsb2usfm` tool. These files were then combined using a custom python script and typeset using PTXprint. A PDF of this edition, the original source files, the combined USFM files, the python script, and my PTXprint configuration are all available at www.paetkau.ca/bsb

Most of the text of the BSB and MSB is identical. Sections where there are differences are highlighted and noted with [BSB] and [MSB]. When only one version adds a word or phrase, the added text is shown in brackets with the appropriate label. If the addition comes before punctuation (a period, quotation mark, etc.), the original punctuation remains in the main text in light grey, and is also shown with the bracketed addition so the reader can see exactly how the two versions differ.

Footnotes from both versions are included. If a given footnote is identical in both versions it is only included once without additional markup. If it is only in the BSB it is marked [BSB]. If it is only in the MSB it is marked [MSB]. Many footnotes are redundant as they reference the variant reading from the other version. Additionally many footnotes have only a trivial difference between the BSB and MSB. However, I have left them as-is rather than wade into the murky waters of editorial decision making.

Two passages deserve particular mention here: the longer ending of Mark (*Mark 16:9-20*) and The Woman Caught in Adultery (*John 7:53-8:11*). Although both passages are included in the main text of both the BSB and MSB they are set apart in many other modern translations based on the critical text. I felt it was in the spirit of this edition to style them similar to the other variant sections. I have marked these sections [BSB + MSB] to indicate that they are in fact included in the main text of both the BSB and MSB versions.

As this edition is a test, in preparation for a larger full bible print run, any feedback or correction is most welcome. Please contact me by email at jeff@paetkau.ca.

For the glory of Christ and the good of His people.

Jeff Paetkau

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Matthew

The Genealogy of Jesus

1 This is the record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

² Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob,
and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.

³ Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar,
Perez the father of Hezron,
and Hezron the father of Ram.

⁴ Ram was the father of Amminadab,
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
and Nahshon the father of Salmon.

⁵ Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab,
Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse,

⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.

Next:

David

[MSB] the king

was the father of Solomon by Uriah's wife,

⁷ Solomon the father of Rehoboam,
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,
and Abijah the father of Asa.

⁸ Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram,
and Joram the father of Uzziah.

⁹ Uzziah was the father of Jotham,
Jotham the father of Ahaz,
and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah.

¹⁰ Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh,
Manasseh the father of Amon,
Amon the father of Josiah,

¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers
at the time of the exile to Babylon.

¹² After the exile to Babylon:

Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

¹³ Zerubbabel the father of Abiud,
Abiud the father of Eliakim,
and Eliakim the father of Azor.

¹⁴ Azor was the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Achim,
and Achim the father of Eliud.

¹⁵ Eliud was the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,

Matthan the father of Jacob,

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

¹⁷ In all, then, there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ.

The Birth of Jesus

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged in marriage to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and was unwilling to disgrace her publicly, he resolved to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had pondered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to embrace Mary as your wife, for the One conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

²³ "Behold, the virgin will be with child
and will give birth to a son,
and they will call Him Immanuel"
(which means, "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and embraced Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to

[BSB] a

[MSB] her firstborn

Son. And he gave Him the name Jesus.

The Pilgrimage of the Magi

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

³ When

[BSB] King Herod

[MSB] Herod the king

heard this, he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

1:3 Greek *Aram*, a variant of *Ram*; also in verse 4; see 1 Chronicles 2:9–10. 1:6 [MSB] CT *David* 1:7 [BSB] Greek *Asaph*, a variant of *Asa*; also in verse 8; see 1 Chronicles 3:10. 1:7 [MSB] CT *Asaph*, a variant of *Asa*; also in verse 8; see 1 Chronicles 3:10. 1:10 [BSB] Greek *Amōs*, a variant spelling of *Amon*; twice in this verse; see 1 Chronicles 3:14. 1:21 *Jesus* means *The LORD saves*. 1:23 Literally *they will call His name Immanuel*; Isaiah 7:14 (see also DSS) 1:23 See Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 8:8, and Isaiah 8:10. 1:25 Literally *he did not know her* 1:25 [MSB] CT *a Son* 2:2 Or *as it rose* 2:3 [MSB] CT *King Herod*

⁶“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of My people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and learned from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸And sending them to Bethlehem, he said: “Go and search carefully for the Child, and when you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the Child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great delight. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they withdrew to their country by another route.

The Flight to Egypt

¹³When the Magi had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up!” he said. “Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him.”

¹⁴So he got up, took the Child and His mother by night, and withdrew to Egypt, ¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”

Weeping and Great Mourning

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was filled with rage. Sending orders, he put to death all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, according to the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷Then what was spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸“A voice is heard in Ramah,

[MSB] lamentation and

weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

The Return to Nazareth

¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. ²⁰“Get up!” he said. “Take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those seeking the Child’s life are now dead.”

²¹So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he learned that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

The Mission of John the Baptist

3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for Him.’”

⁴John wore a garment of camel’s

[BSB] hair, with

[MSB] hair and

a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region around the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan.

[BSB] River.

⁷But when John saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his place of baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit, then, in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The axe lies ready at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but after me will come One more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

[BSB] and with fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in His

[BSB] hand to

[MSB] hand, and He will

clear His threshing floor and

[BSB] to

gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?”

¹⁵“Let it be so now,” Jesus replied. “It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness in this way.” Then John permitted Him.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. Suddenly the heavens were opened,

[MSB] to Him,

and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!”

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry.

³The tempter came to Him and said, “If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴But Jesus answered, “It is written:

2:6 Micah 5:2; see also 2 Samuel 5:2. 2:11 [MSB] Stephanus TR *they found* 2:15 Hosea 11:1 2:18 [MSB] CT does not include lamentation and. 2:18 Jeremiah 31:15 3:3 Isaiah 40:3 (see also LXX) 3:8 [MSB] TR *fruits* 3:11 Or *in water* 3:11 [BSB] Or *in the Holy Spirit and in fire* 3:16 [BSB] NA, BYZ, and TR *the heavens were opened to Him* 3:16 [MSB] Or *to him*; NA, MT, and TR; SBL and WH do not include *to Him*. 3:16 Or *and he saw*; see John 1:32–33. 4:3 [MSB] CT literal *The tempter came and said to Him*

**‘Man shall not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”**

⁵ Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple. ⁶ “If You are the Son of God,” he said, “throw Yourself down. For it is written:

‘He will command His angels concerning You,
and they will lift You up in their hands,
so that You will not strike Your foot
against a stone.’”

⁷ Jesus replied, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ “All this I will give You,” he said, “if You will fall down and worship me.”

[BSB] ¹⁰ **“Away from**

[MSB] ¹⁰ **“Get behind**

Me, Satan!” Jesus told him. “For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and angels came and ministered to Him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been imprisoned, He withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, He went and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun
and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles —

¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death,
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

The First Disciples

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ And at once they left their nets and followed Him.

²¹ Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

Jesus Heals the Multitudes

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about Him spread all over Syria, and people brought to Him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering acute pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and He healed them.

²⁵ Large crowds followed Him, having come from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

The Sermon on the Mount

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain and sat down. His disciples came to Him, ² and He began to teach them, saying:

The Beatitudes

- ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say

[BSB] all kinds of evil

[MSB] every evil thing

against you because of Me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets before you.

Salt and Light

- ¹³ You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its savor, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.
¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Fulfillment of the Law

- ¹⁷ Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For I tell you truly, until heaven and earth pass away, not a single jot, not a stroke of a pen, will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.
¹⁹ So then, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do likewise will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Anger and Reconciliation

²¹ You have heard that it was said to the ancients, ‘Do not murder’ and ‘Anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother

[MSB] without cause will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ will be subject to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be subject to the fire of hell.

²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ Reconcile quickly with your adversary, while you are still on the way to court. Otherwise, he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Adultery

²⁷ You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to

[BSB] depart
[MSB] be cast
into hell.

Divorce

³¹ It has also been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I tell you that

[BSB] anyone who
[MSB] whoever

divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, brings adultery upon her. And he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Oaths and Vows

³³ Again, you have heard that it was said to the ancients, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill your vows to the Lord.’ ³⁴ But I tell you not to swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is His footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Nor should you swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. ³⁷ Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ Anything more comes from the evil one.

Love Your Enemies

³⁸ You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.’

³⁹ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. If someone slaps you on
[BSB] your
[MSB] the

right cheek, turn to him the other also; ⁴⁰ if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well; ⁴¹ and if someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor’ and ‘Hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies,

[MSB] bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who

[MSB] mistreat you and

persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Do not even tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your

[BSB] brothers,
[MSB] friends,

what are you doing more than others? Do not even

[BSB] Gentiles
[MSB] the tax collectors
do the same?

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your

[BSB] heavenly Father
[MSB] Father in heaven

is perfect.

Giving to the Needy

6 “Be careful not to perform your

[BSB] righteous acts
[MSB] acts of charity

before men to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

² So when you give to the needy, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. Truly I tell you, they already have their full reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will

[BSB] reward you.

[MSB] Himself reward you openly.

5:21 Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17 5:22 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *without cause*. 5:22 [MSB] CT does not include *without cause*.
5:22 *Raca* is an Aramaic expression of contempt. 5:22 *Or the Council* 5:22 *Or the hell of fire*; Greek *the Gehenna of fire* 5:25 [MSB]
CT literal and the *judge to the officer* 5:26 Greek *kodrantēn*; that is, a Roman copper coin worth about 1/64 of a denarius 5:27 [MSB]
GOC and TR include *to the ancients*. 5:27 Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18 5:29 Greek *Gehenna*; also in verse 30 5:30 [MSB]
CT to go 5:31 Deuteronomy 24:1 5:32 [MSB] CT *anyone who* 5:32 *Or causes her to commit adultery* 5:33 Numbers 30:2
5:37 *Or from evil* 5:38 Exodus 21:24; Leviticus 24:20; Deuteronomy 19:21 5:39 [MSB] ALT, HF, NA, TR, WH *your* 5:41 Greek
one million; that is, a Roman mile, approximately 4,855 feet or 1,480 meters 5:41 Literally *go with him two*. 5:43 Leviticus 19:18
5:44 [BSB] BYZ and TR *love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully accuse you and persecute you*; see Luke 6:27–28. 5:44 [MSB] CT *love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you*; see Luke 6:27–28.
5:47 [MSB] CT and TR *brothers* 5:47 [MSB] CT *Gentiles* 5:48 [MSB] CT *heavenly Father* 6:1 [BSB] BYZ and TR *charitable acts or alms* 6:1 [MSB] *Or alms*; CT *righteous acts* 6:4 [MSB] CT and GOC *will reward you*

The Lord's Prayer

⁵ And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. Truly I tell you, they already have their full reward.

⁶ But when you pray, go into your inner room, shut your door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

[MSB] openly.

⁷ And when you pray, do not babble on like pagans, for they think that by their many words they will be heard. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

⁹ So then, this is how you should pray:

‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also

[BSB] have forgiven

[MSB] forgive

our debtors.

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

[MSB] For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.’

¹⁴ For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive you.

Proper Fasting

¹⁶ When you fast, do not be somber like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they already have their full reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting will not be obvious to men, but only to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Treasures in Heaven

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

The Lamp of the Body

²² The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ No one can serve two masters: Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Do Not Worry

²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat

[BSB] or

[MSB] and

drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: They do not sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

²⁸ And why do you worry about clothes? Consider how the lilies of the field grow: They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was adorned like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles strive after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.

³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about

[MSB] the things of

itself. Today has enough trouble of its own.

Judging Others

⁷ “Do not judge, or you will be judged. ² For with the same judgment you pronounce, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye but fail to notice the beam in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while there is still a beam in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite! First take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

⁶ Do not give dogs what is holy; do not throw your pearls before swine. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces.

Ask, Seek, Knock

⁷ Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰

[BSB] Or

[MSB] And

6:6 [MSB] CT will reward you 6:8 [MSB] WH God your Father 6:12 [MSB] CT have forgiven 6:13 [BSB] Or from evil; BYZ and TR include For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen. 6:13 [MSB] CT does not include For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. 6:15 [MSB] NA and SBL if you do not forgive men 6:15 [MSB] Literally your trespasses 6:18 [MSB] GOC and TR include openly. 6:19 Or worm; also in verse 20 6:22 Literally if your eye is sound; see Proverbs 22:9 6:23 Literally if your eye is evil; see Proverbs 23:6 and Proverbs 28:22 6:25 [MSB] NA, TH, and WH or 6:27 Or a single cubit to his height; a cubit was approximately 18 inches or 45 centimeters. 6:33 SBL, WH, and NE seek first His kingdom; see also Luke 12:31. 6:34 [MSB] CT worry about itself 7:2 [MSB] TR measured again 7:10 [MSB] CT Or

if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ So if you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

¹² In everything, then, do to others as you would have them do to you. For this is the essence of the Law and the Prophets.

The Narrow Gate

¹³ Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life, and only a few find it.

A Tree and Its Fruit

¹⁵ Beware of false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ So then, by their fruit you will recognize them.

²¹ Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

²² Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'

²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness!'

The House on the Rock

²⁴ Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them

[BSB] is like

[MSB] I will liken to

a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the torrents raged, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because its foundation was on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, the torrents raged, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its collapse!"

The Authority of Jesus

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ because He taught as one who had authority, and not as

[BSB] their

[MSB] the

scribes.

The Leper's Prayer

8 When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him. ² Suddenly a leper came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

³ Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said. "Be clean!" And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

⁴ Then Jesus instructed him, "See that you don't tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift prescribed by Moses, as a testimony to them."

The Faith of the Centurion

⁵ When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came and pleaded with Him, ⁶ "Lord, my servant lies at home, paralyzed and in terrible agony."

⁷ "I will go and heal him," Jesus replied.

⁸ The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell one to go, and he goes, and another to come, and he comes. I tell my servant to do something, and he does it."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those following Him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found

[BSB] anyone in Israel with

[MSB] even in Israel

such great faith. ¹¹ I say to you that many will come from the east and the west to share the banquet with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! As you have believed, so will it be done for you." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

Jesus Heals at Peter's House

¹⁴ When Jesus arrived at Peter's house, He saw Peter's mother-in-law sick in bed with a fever. ¹⁵ So He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve Him.

¹⁶ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to Jesus, and He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

"He took up our infirmities
and carried our diseases."

The Cost of Discipleship

¹⁸ When Jesus saw

[BSB] a large crowd

[MSB] large crowds

around Him, He gave orders to cross to the other side of the sea. ¹⁹ And one of the scribes came to Him and said, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

²⁰ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head."

²¹ Another of His disciples requested, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

²² But Jesus told him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

7:13 [MSB] WH does not include *is the gate*. 7:14 [MSB] Literally *How small* 7:19 [MSB] F35 *Every tree, then*, 7:24 [MSB] CT *is like* 7:29 [MSB] CT *their scribes* 8:2 A leper was one afflicted with a skin disease. See Leviticus 13. 8:4 See Leviticus 14:1–32. 8:6 Or *child*; also in verses 8 and 13 8:9 [MSB] WH *set under* 8:10 [MSB] CT *I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith* 8:13 [MSB] SBL, TH, WH *the* 8:15 [MSB] TR *them* 8:17 Isaiah 53:4 8:18 [MSB] NA and WH *a large crowd* 8:18 That is, the Sea of Galilee; Greek *to the other side* 8:21 [MSB] F35, SBL, TH, WH *the disciples*

Jesus Calms the Storm

²³ When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴ Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was engulfed by the waves. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵

[BSB] The
[MSB] Then the
disciples went and woke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

²⁶ “You of little faith,” Jesus replied, “why are you so afraid?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it was perfectly calm.

²⁷ The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the sea obey Him!”

The Demons and the Pigs

²⁸ When Jesus arrived on the other side in the region of the

[BSB] Gadarenes,
[MSB] Gergesenes,
He was met by two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs. They were so violent that no one could pass that way.

²⁹ “What do you want with us,
[MSB] Jesus,
Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?”

³⁰ In the distance a large herd of pigs was feeding. ³¹ So the demons begged Jesus, “If you drive us out,
[BSB] send us
[MSB] permit us to go off
into the herd of pigs.”

³² “Go!” He told them. So they came out and went into the
[MSB] herd of
pigs, and the whole herd
[MSB] of pigs

rushed down the steep bank into the sea and died in the waters. ³³ Those tending the pigs ran off into the town and reported all this, including the account of the demon-possessed men. ³⁴ Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their region.

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

9 Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own town. ² Just then some men brought to Him a paralytic lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.”

[MSB] you.”
³ On seeing this, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming!”

⁴ But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said, “Why do you harbor evil in your hearts? ⁵ Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk?’ ⁶ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...” Then

He said to the paralytic, “Get up, pick up your mat, and go home.” ⁷ And the man got up and went home.

⁸ When the crowds saw this, they
[BSB] were filled with awe
[MSB] marveled
and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Jesus Calls Matthew

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax booth. “Follow Me,” He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him.

¹⁰ Later, as Jesus was dining at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said,
[MSB] to them,
“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”
[MSB] to repentance.”

Questions about Fasting

¹⁴ Then John’s disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Why is it that we and the Pharisees fast so often, but Your disciples do not fast?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while He is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

The Patches and the Wineskins

¹⁶ No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. For the patch will pull away from the garment, and a worse tear will result. ¹⁷ Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined. Instead, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

The Healing Touch of Jesus

¹⁸ While Jesus was saying these things, a synagogue leader came and knelt before Him. “My daughter has just died,” he said. “But come and place Your hand on her, and she will live.”

¹⁹ So Jesus got up and went with him, along with His disciples. ²⁰ Suddenly a woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, “If only I touch His cloak, I will be healed.”

²² Jesus turned
[MSB] around
and saw her. “Take courage, daughter,” He said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that very hour.

²³ When Jesus entered the house of the synagogue leader, He saw the flute players and the noisy crowd. ²⁴ “Go away,” He told them. “The girl is not dead, but asleep.” And they laughed at Him.

8:25 [MSB] CT they went; GOC and TR His disciples went 8:28 [BSB] BYZ, TR, and PT Gergesenes; other manuscripts Gerasenes 8:28 [MSB] CT Gadarenes; some manuscripts Gerasenes 8:29 [MSB] CT does not include Jesus. 8:31 [MSB] CT send us into 8:32 [MSB] CT into the pigs 8:32 [MSB] CT the whole herd 9:2 Literally And behold, they brought 9:2 [MSB] CT your sins are forgiven 9:4 [BSB] NA, BYZ, and TR saw 9:4 [MSB] Or saw 9:5 [MSB] ALT and TR forgiven you 9:8 [MSB] CT they were filled with awe or they were afraid 9:11 [MSB] F35 eat and drink 9:12 [MSB] CT On hearing this, He said 9:13 Hosea 6:6 9:13 [BSB] BYZ and TR but sinners, to repentance; see Luke 5:32. 9:13 [MSB] CT does not include to repentance; see Luke 5:32. 9:14 NE and WH do not include so often. 9:22 [MSB] CT turned

²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ And the news about this spread throughout that region.

Jesus Heals the Blind and Mute

²⁷ As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”

²⁸ After Jesus had entered the house, the blind men came to Him. “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” He asked.

“Yes, Lord,” they answered.

²⁹ Then He touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith it will be done to you.” ³⁰ And their eyes were opened. Jesus warned them sternly, “See that no one finds out about this!” ³¹ But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout the land.

³² As they were leaving, a demon-possessed man who was mute was brought to Jesus. ³³ And when the demon had been driven out, the man began to speak. The crowds were amazed and said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!”

³⁴ But the Pharisees said, “It is by the prince of demons that He drives out demons.”

The Lord of the Harvest

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness.

[MSB] among the people.

³⁶ When He saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest.”

The Twelve Apostles

10 And calling His twelve disciples to Him, Jesus gave them authority over unclean spirits, so that they could drive them out and heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first Simon, called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and

[MSB] Lebbaeus called

Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

The Ministry of the Twelve

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go onto the road of the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.

⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick,

[BSB] raise the dead,

cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

⁹ Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts. ¹⁰ Take no bag for the road, or second tunic, or sandals, or

[BSB] staff;

[MSB] staffs;

for the worker is worthy of his provisions.

¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy there and stay at his house until you move on. ¹² As you enter the home, greet its occupants. ¹³ If the home is worthy, let your peace rest on it, but if it is not, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And if anyone will not welcome you or heed your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

Sheep among Wolves

¹⁶ Behold, I am sending you out like sheep among wolves; therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ But beware of men, for they will hand you over to their councils and flog you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ On My account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they hand you over, do not worry about how to respond or what to say. In that hour you will be given what to say. ²⁰ For it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹ Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rise against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of My name, but the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.

²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to

[BSB] the next.

[MSB] another.

Truly I tell you, you will not reach all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

²⁵ It is enough for a disciple to be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!

Fear God Alone

²⁶ So do not be afraid of them. For there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, and nothing hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the housetops.

²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Instead, fear the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

9:35 [MSB] CT does not include *among the people*. 9:36 [MSB] GOC and TR *faint* 10:3 [MSB] CT does not include *Lebbaeus called*. 10:4 [BSB] Greek *Simon the Cananean* 10:4 [MSB] Literally *Simon the Cananite*; CT *Simon the Cananean* 10:4 Literally *the one also having betrayed Him* 10:8 [MSB] CT includes *raise the dead*; TR includes *raise the dead after cleanse the lepers*. 10:8 A leper was one afflicted with a skin disease. See Leviticus 13. 10:10 [MSB] GOC, CT, Stephanus TR *staff* 10:11 Literally *stay there* 10:12 Literally *greet it* 10:23 [MSB] CT *flee to the next* 10:25 [BSB] WH *Beezeboul*; Vulgate *Beelzebub* 10:25 [MSB] WH *Beezeboul*; Scrivener TR *Beelzebub* 10:28 Greek *Gehenna* 10:29 Greek *an assarion*; that is, a Roman copper coin worth about 1/16 of a denarius

Confessing Christ

³²Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father in heaven. ³³But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father in heaven.

Not Peace but a Sword

³⁴Do not assume that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn
 ‘a man against his father,
 a daughter against her mother,
 a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.
³⁶A man’s enemies will be the members
 of his own household.’

³⁷Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; ³⁸and anyone who 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 for My sake will find it.

The Reward of Service

⁴⁰He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. ⁴¹Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴²And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward.”

John’s Inquiry

11 After Jesus had finished instructing His twelve disciples, He went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. ²Meanwhile John heard in prison about the works of Christ, and he sent

[MSB] two of
 his disciples ³to ask Him, “Are You the One who was to come, or should we look for someone else?”

⁴Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. ⁶Blessed is the one who does not fall away on account of Me.”

Jesus Testifies about John

⁷As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the wind? ⁸Otherwise, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? Look, those who wear fine clothing are found in kings’ palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰

[BSB] This
 [MSB] For this

is the one about whom it is written:

‘Behold, I will send My messenger ahead of You,

who will prepare Your way before You.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subject to violence, and the violent lay claim to it. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. ¹⁴And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come.

¹⁵He who has ears,

[MSB] to hear,
 let him hear.

¹⁶To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to

[BSB] others:
 [MSB] one another:

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you,
 and you did not dance;
 we sang a dirge,

[MSB] for you,
 and 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, ‘Look at this glutton and drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is vindicated by her

[BSB] actions.”
 [MSB] children.”

Woe to the Unrepentant

²⁰Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. ²¹“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

²³And you, Capernaum,
 [BSB] will you be lifted up to heaven? No, you
 [MSB] which is lifted up to heaven,

will be brought down to Hades! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. ²⁴But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

Rest for the Weary

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this was well-pleasing in Your sight.

²⁷All things have been entrusted to Me by My Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.

10:36 Micah 7:6 11:1 That is, in the towns of Galilee 11:2 [BSB] BYZ and TR *he sent two of his disciples* 11:2 [MSB] CT *he sent his disciples* 11:5 A leper was one afflicted with a skin disease. See Leviticus 13. 11:6 Or *who is not offended by Me* 11:9 [MSB] SBL and WH *Why did you go out? To see a prophet?* 11:10 [MSB] CT *This* 11:10 Malachi 3:1 11:12 *Or has been forcefully advancing* 11:14 See Malachi 4:5. 11:15 [BSB] BYZ and TR *ears to hear* 11:15 [MSB] NA, SBL, WH *do not include to hear.* 11:16 [MSB] TR *little children* 11:16 [MSB] ALT, F35 *marketplace* 11:16 [MSB] CT *to others* 11:17 [MSB] CT *does not include for you.* 11:19 [MSB] CT *by her actions* 11:21 [MSB] GOC *sitting in* 11:23 [MSB] CT *And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades*

²⁸ Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

The Lord of the Sabbath

12 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat them. ² When the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath."

³ Jesus replied, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for them to eat, but only for the priests.

⁵ Or haven't you read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and yet are innocent? ⁶ But I tell you that One greater than the temple is here.

⁷ If only you had known the meaning of 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. ⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

⁹ Moving on from there, Jesus entered their synagogue, ¹⁰ and a man with a withered hand was there. In order to accuse Jesus, they asked Him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

¹¹ He replied, "If one of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

¹³ Then Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out, and it was restored to full use, just like the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

God's Chosen Servant

¹⁵ Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Large crowds followed Him, and He healed them all, ¹⁶ warning them not to make Him known. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁸ "Here is My Servant,
whom I have chosen,
My beloved,
in whom My soul delights.
I will put My Spirit on Him,
and He will proclaim justice to the nations.

¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry out;
no one will hear His voice in the streets.

²⁰ A bruised reed He will not break,
and a smoldering wick He will not extinguish,
till He leads justice to victory.

²¹ In His name the nations will put their hope."

A House Divided

²² Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed the man so that

[B5B] he could
[MSB] the blind and mute man could both
speak and see. ²³ The crowds were astounded and asked, "Could this be the Son of David?"

²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "Only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, does this man drive out demons."

²⁵ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶ If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and steal his possessions, unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

³⁰ He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

The Unpardonable Sin

³¹ Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

[MSB] men.
³² Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in

[B5B] this
[MSB] the present
age or in the one to come.

Good and Bad Fruit

³³ Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ The good man brings good things out of his good store of treasure, and the evil man brings evil things out of his evil store of treasure. ³⁶ But I tell you that men will give an account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

The Sign of Jonah

³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said,

[B5B] to Him,
"Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

³⁹ Jesus replied, "A wicked and adulterous generation demands a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

12:4 Or *The Bread of the Presence* 12:7 Hosea 6:6 12:8 [MSB] GOC and TR *even of the* 12:15 [MSB] SBL and WH *Many followed* 12:21 Isaiah 42:1-4 (see also LXX) 12:22 [MSB] CT *so that the mute man* 12:23 [MSB] GOC and F35 *the Christ, the Son* 12:24 WH *Beezebul*; Vulgate *Beelzebul*; also in verse 27 12:27 [MSB] GOC *will* 12:29 [MSB] Literally *will plunder*; F35 *can plunder* 12:31 [MSB] CT *will not be forgiven* 12:32 [MSB] CT and TR *this* 12:35 [MSB] TR *includes of the heart.* 12:40 [MSB] GOC *Jonah the prophet*

⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will stand at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now One greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and now One greater than Solomon is here.

An Unclean Spirit Returns

⁴³ When an unclean spirit comes out of a man, it passes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. ⁴⁴ Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' On its return, it finds the house vacant, swept clean, and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and dwell there. And the final plight of that man is worse than the first. So will it be with this wicked generation."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, His mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to Him. ⁴⁷ Someone told Him, "Look, Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to You."

⁴⁸ But Jesus replied, "Who is My mother, and who are My brothers?"

⁴⁹ Pointing to His disciples, He said, "Here are My mother and My brothers. ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. ² Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into

[BSB] a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore.

³ And He told them many things in parables, saying, "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ And as he was sowing, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it.

⁵ Some fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun rose, the seedlings were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the seedlings.

⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil and produced a crop — a hundredfold, sixtyfold, or thirtyfold.

⁹ He who has ears,

[MSB] to hear, let him hear."

The Purpose of Jesus' Parables

¹⁰ Then the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Why do You speak to the people in parables?"

¹¹ He replied, "The knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹² Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not

have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables:

'Though seeing, they do not see;

though hearing, they do not hear or understand.'

¹⁴ In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled:

'You will be ever hearing but never understanding;

you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

¹⁵ For this people's heart has grown callous;

they hardly hear with their ears,

and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,

understand with their hearts,

and turn, and I would heal them.'

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. ¹⁷ For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁸ Consider, then, the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message of the kingdom but does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

²⁰ The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since he has no root, he remains for only a season. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

²² The seed sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²³ But the seed sown on good soil is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and produces a crop — a hundredfold, sixtyfold, or thirtyfold."

The Parable of the Weeds

²⁴ Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was asleep, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and slipped away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ 'An enemy did this,' he replied.

So the servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ 'No,' he said, 'if you pull the weeds now, you might uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in his field.

³² Although it is the smallest of all seeds, yet it grows into the largest

of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”

The Parable of the Leaven

33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and mixed into three measures of flour, until all of it was leavened.”

I Will Open My Mouth in Parables

34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables. He did not tell them anything without using a parable. 35 So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:
“I will open My mouth in parables;
I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world.”

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

36 Then Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”
37 He replied, “The One who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.
38 The field is the world, and the good seed represents the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 As the weeds are collected and burned in the fire, so will it be at the end of

[BSB] the

[MSB] this

age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His kingdom every cause of sin and all who practice lawlessness. 42 And they will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
He who has ears,
[MSB] to hear,
let him hear.

The Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl

kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and in his joy he went and sold all he had and bought that field.

[BSB] 44 The

[MSB] 44 Again, the

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. 46 When he found one very precious pearl, he went away and sold all he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

47 Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was cast into the sea and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the men pulled it ashore. Then they sat down and sorted the good fish into containers, but threw the bad away.
49 So will it be at the end of the age: The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 Have you understood all these things?”
[BSB] “Yes,”
[MSB] Jesus asked them. “Yes, Lord,”
they answered.

52 Then He told them, “For this reason, every scribe who has been disciplined in the kingdom of heaven is like a homeowner who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

The Rejection at Nazareth

53 When Jesus had finished these parables, He withdrew from that place. 54 Coming to His hometown, He taught the people in their synagogue, and they were astonished. “Where did this man get such wisdom and miraculous powers?” they asked. 55 “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t His mother’s name Mary, and aren’t His brothers James,
[BSB] Joseph,
[MSB] Josés,
Simon, and Judas? 56 Aren’t all His sisters with us as well? Where then did this man get all these things?” 57 And they took offense at Him.
But Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown and in his own household is a prophet without honor.” 58 And He did not do many miracles there, because of their unbelief.

The Beheading of John

14 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus 2 and said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”
3 Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, 4 because John had been telling him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”
5 Although Herod wanted to kill John, he was afraid of the people, because they regarded John as a prophet.
[BSB] 6 On Herod’s birthday,
[MSB] 6 When Herod’s birthday was being celebrated,
however, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod 7 so much that he promised with an oath to give to her whatever she asked.
8 Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.”
9 The king was grieved, but because of his oaths and his guests, he ordered that her wish be granted 10 and sent to have John beheaded in the prison.
11 John’s head was brought in on a platter and presented to the girl, who carried it to her mother.
12 Then John’s disciples came and took his body and buried it. And they went and informed Jesus.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

13 When Jesus heard about John, He withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. But the crowds found out about it and followed Him on foot from the towns. 14 When
[BSB] He
[MSB] Jesus

13:32 [MSB] GOC and F35 of all garden plants

13:35 Psalm 78:2 (see also LXX); SBL, NE, and WH do not include of the world.

13:36 [MSB] GOC His

13:40 [MSB] CT of the age

13:43 See Daniel 12:3.

13:44 [MSB] CT does not include Again.

13:51 [MSB] CT does not include Jesus asked them.

13:51 [MSB] CT does not include Lord.

13:55 [BSB] BYZ and TR Josés; see Mark 6:3.

13:55 [MSB] CT Joseph; see Mark 6:3.

14:6 [MSB] CT When Herod’s birthday had come

14:14 [MSB] CT He

stepped ashore and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ When evening came,

[BSB] the
[MSB] His

disciples came to Him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is already late. Dismiss the crowds so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶ “They do not need to go away,” Jesus replied. “You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸ “Bring them here to Me,” Jesus said. ¹⁹ And He directed the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He spoke a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ About five thousand men were fed, besides women and children.

Jesus Walks on Water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

²³ After He had dismissed them, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already

[BSB] far from land,
[MSB] in the middle of the sea,

buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went out to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost!” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus spoke up at once: “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸ “Lord, if it is You,” Peter replied, “command me to come to You on the water.”

²⁹ “Come,” said Jesus.

Then Peter got down out of the

[BSB] boat, walked on the water, and came
[MSB] boat and walked on the water to go

toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and took hold of Peter. “You of little faith,” He said, “why did you doubt?”

³² And when they had climbed back into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat

[MSB] came and

worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God!”

Jesus Heals at Gennesaret

³⁴ When they had crossed over, they

[BSB] landed at
[MSB] came to the land of

Gennesaret. ³⁵ And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding region. People brought all the sick to Him ³⁶ and begged Him just to let them touch the fringe of His cloak. And all who touched Him were healed.

The Tradition of the Elders

15 Then some

[BSB] Pharisees and scribes
[MSB] scribes and Pharisees

came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, ² “Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They do not wash their hands before they eat.”

³ Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God

[BSB] said,
[MSB] commanded, saying,

‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ ⁵ But you say that if anyone says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever you would have received from me is a gift devoted to God,’ ⁶

[MSB] then

he need not honor his father or mother with it. Thus you nullify the

[BSB] word
[MSB] commandment

of God for the sake of your tradition. ⁷ You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied correctly about you:

⁸ “These people

[MSB] draw near to Me with their mouths, and they honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.

⁹ They worship Me in vain; they teach as doctrine the precepts of men.”

What Defiles a Man

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to Him and said, “Listen and understand.

¹¹ A man is not defiled by what enters his mouth, but by what comes out of it.”

¹² Then

[BSB] the
[MSB] His

disciples came to Him and said, “Are You aware that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

¹³ But Jesus replied, “Every plant that My heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by its roots. ¹⁴ Disregard them! They are

14:15 [MSB] CT *the disciples* **14:22** [MSB] GOC, F35, TR *His disciples* **14:24** [BSB] Greek *many stadia*; a stadion was about 607 feet or 185 meters **14:24** [MSB] NA, SBL, WH *many stadia from land*; a stadion was about 607 feet or 185 meters **14:25** That is, between three and six in the morning **14:29** [MSB] CT *boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus* **14:30** Literally *when he saw the strong wind*; NE and WH do not include *strong*. **14:33** [MSB] CT *those who were in the boat worshiped* **14:34** [MSB] CT *they came to land at Gennesaret or they landed at Gennesaret* **15:1** [MSB] CT *Pharisees and scribes* **15:4** [MSB] CT *For God said* **15:4** Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16 **15:4** Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 20:9 **15:6** [MSB] CT does not include *then*. **15:6** [BSB] NE and TR (see also Mark 7:12); literally *he need not honor his father or mother*; SBL, NA, WH, and BYZ do not include *or mother*. **15:6** [MSB] NE, MT, and TR (see also Mark 7:12); literally *he need not honor his father or mother*; most CT do not include *or mother*. **15:6** [MSB] CT *the word* **15:8** [MSB] CT does not include *draw near to Me with their mouths, and they*. **15:9** Isaiah 29:13 (see also LXX) **15:12** [MSB] CT *the disciples*; similarly in verses 33 and 36

blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵ Peter said to Him, “Explain this parable to us.”

¹⁶ “Do you still not understand?” Jesus asked. ¹⁷ “Do you not yet realize that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then is eliminated? ¹⁸ But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these things defile a man. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, and slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a man, but eating with unwashed hands does not defile him.”

The Faith of the Canaanite Woman

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And a Canaanite woman from that region came to Him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is miserably possessed by a demon.”

²³ But Jesus did not answer a word. So His disciples came and urged Him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before Him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶ But Jesus replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she said, “even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ “O woman,” Jesus answered, “your faith is great! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

The Feeding of the Four Thousand

²⁹ Moving on from there, Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee. Then He went up on a mountain and sat down. ³⁰ Large crowds came to Him, bringing the lame, the blind, the

^[BSB] crippled, the mute,
^[MSB] mute, the crippled,
and many others, and laid them at

^[BSB] His
^[MSB] Jesus’
feet, and He healed them. ³¹ The

^[BSB] crowd was
^[MSB] crowds were

amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

³² Then Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, “I have compassion for this crowd, because they have already been with Me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may faint along the way.”

^[BSB] ³³ The
^[MSB] ³³ His
disciples replied, “Where in this desolate place could we find enough bread to feed such a large crowd?”

15:14 [BSB] Or *blind guides of the blind* 15:14 [MSB] Literally *blind guides of the blind* 15:15 [MSB] TH and WH *the* 15:17 [MSB] CT *Do you not* 15:22 [MSB] CT does not include *to Him*. 15:27 *Or puppies* 15:30 [MSB] NA *the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute*; other CT vary in order. 15:30 [MSB] CT *His feet* 15:31 [MSB] CT *crowd was amazed* 15:35 [MSB] CT *instructed* 15:39 [MSB] CT *Magadan* 16:3 [MSB] CT does not include *You hypocrites*. 16:3 Several manuscripts do not include *When evening comes... of the times*. from verses 2 and 3. 16:4 [MSB] CT does not include *the prophet*. 16:5 [MSB] CT *the disciples*; similarly in verse 20 16:8 [MSB] CT does not include *to them*. 16:8 [MSB] CT does not include *brought*.

³⁴ “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.”

³⁵ And He

^[BSB] instructed
^[MSB] commanded

the crowd to sit down on the ground. ³⁶ Taking the seven loaves and the fish, He gave thanks and broke them. Then He gave them to

^[BSB] the
^[MSB] His

disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

³⁷ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ³⁸ A total of four thousand men were fed, besides women and children.

³⁹ After Jesus had dismissed the crowds, He got into the boat and went to the region of

^[BSB] Magadan.
^[MSB] Magdala.

The Demand for a Sign

16 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came and tested Jesus by asking Him to show them a sign from heaven.

² But He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘The weather will be fair, for the sky is red,’ ³ and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You

^[MSB] hypocrites! You

know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but not the signs of the times. ⁴ A wicked and adulterous generation demands a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of

^[MSB] the prophet
Jonah.” Then He left them and went away.

The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

⁵ When they crossed to the other side,

^[BSB] the
^[MSB] His

disciples forgot to take bread. ⁶ “Watch out!” Jesus told them. “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

⁷ They discussed this among themselves and concluded, “It is because we did not bring any bread.”

⁸ Aware of their conversation, Jesus said,

^[MSB] to them,
“You of little faith, why are you debating among yourselves about having

^[MSB] brought

no bread? ⁹ Do you still not understand? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? ¹⁰ Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? ¹¹ How do you not understand that I was not telling you about

^[BSB] bread? But
^[MSB] bread, but to

beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

¹²Then they understood that He was not telling them to beware of the heaven used in bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Peter's Confession of Christ

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He questioned His disciples: "Who do people

[BSB] say the Son of Man is?"

[MSB] pronounce Me, the Son of Man, to be?"

¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵"But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

²⁰Then He

[BSB] admonished the

[MSB] commanded His

disciples not to tell anyone that He was

[MSB] Jesus

the Christ.

Christ's Passion Foretold

²¹From that time on Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²²Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. "Far be it from You, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to You!"

²³But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me. For you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Take Up Your Cross

²⁴Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶What

[BSB] will

[MSB] does

it profit a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man will come in His Father's glory with His angels, and then He will repay each one according to what he has done.

²⁸Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

The Transfiguration

17 After six days Jesus took with Him Peter, James, and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

³Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared before them, talking with Jesus. ⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You wish,

[BSB] I

[MSB] we

will put up three shelters—one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown in terror.

⁷Then Jesus came over and touched them. "Get up," He said. "Do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone about this vision until the Son of Man has

[BSB] been raised

[MSB] risen

from the dead."

[BSB] 10 The

[MSB] 10 His

disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

¹¹Jesus replied, "Elijah does indeed come,

[MSB] first,

and he will restore all things. ¹²But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him whatever they wished. In the same way, the Son of Man will suffer at their hands."

¹³Then the disciples understood that He was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

The Boy with a Demon

¹⁴When they came to the crowd, a man came up to Jesus and knelt before Him. ¹⁵"Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering terribly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. ¹⁶I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not heal him."

¹⁷"O unbelieving and perverse generation!" Jesus replied. "How long must I remain with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy here to Me." ¹⁸Then Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment.

The Power of Faith

¹⁹Afterward the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

²⁰"Because

[BSB] you have so little faith," He

[MSB] of your unbelief," Jesus

16:13 [MSB] CT Who do people say the Son of Man is? 16:17 Greek Simon Bar-Jonah 16:20 [MSB] CT admonished 16:20 [MSB] CT does not include Jesus. 16:21 NE and WH Jesus Christ 16:26 [MSB] CT will it profit 17:4 [MSB] CT I will put up 17:4 Or three tabernacles 17:5 Cited in 2 Peter 1:17 17:9 [MSB] NA, SBL, WH has been raised 17:10 [MSB] CT The disciples 17:11 [MSB] CT does not include first. 17:15 [MSB] TH and WH and is sick 17:20 [MSB] CT Because you have so little faith

answered. “For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

[MSB] 21 But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

The Second Prediction of the Passion

together in Galilee, Jesus told them, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men. 23 They will kill Him, and on the third day He will be raised to life.” And the disciples were deeply grieved.

[BSB] 22 When they gathered

[MSB] 22 While they were staying

The Temple Tax

24 After they had arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax came to Peter and asked, “Does your Teacher pay the two drachmas?”

25 “Yes,” he answered.

When Peter entered the house, Jesus preempted him. “What do you think, Simon?” He asked. “From whom do the kings of the earth collect customs and taxes: from their own sons, or from others?”

26 “From others,” Peter answered.

“Then the sons are exempt,” Jesus said to him. 27 “But so that we may not offend them, go to the sea, cast a hook, and take the first fish you catch. When you open its mouth, you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for My tax and yours.”

The Greatest in the Kingdom

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who then is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

2 Jesus invited a little child to stand among them. 3 “Truly I tell you,” He said, “unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me.

Temptations and Trespasses

6 But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

7 Woe to the world for the causes of sin. These stumbling blocks must come, but woe to

[BSB] the

[MSB] that

man through whom they come!

8 If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life

[BSB] crippled or lame

[MSB] lame or crippled

than to have two hands and two feet and be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

10 See that you do not look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven.

[MSB] 11 For the Son of Man came to save the lost.

12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray,

[BSB] will

[MSB] does

he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? 13 And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices more over that one sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. 14 In the same way, your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

A Brother Who Sins

15 If your brother sins against you, go and confront him privately. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, regard him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Ask in My Name

19 Again, I tell you truly that if two of you on the earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them.”

The Unforgiving Servant

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!

23 Because of this, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlements, a debtor owing ten thousand talents was brought to him. 25 Since the man was unable to pay, the master ordered that he be sold to pay his debt, along with his wife and children and everything he owned.

26 Then the servant fell on his knees before him.

[BSB] ‘Have

[MSB] ‘Master, have

patience with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’

17:20 [MSB] CT He answered 17:20 [BSB] BYZ and TR include 21 But this kind does not come out except by prayer and fasting; see Mark 9:29. 17:21 [MSB] CT does not include verse 21; see Mark 9:29. 17:22 [MSB] CT were gathered together 17:24 Greek the didrachma; twice in this verse 17:25 [MSB] Literally When he entered; F35 When they entered 17:27 Greek a stater; that is, a silver coin worth approximately one shekel 18:7 [MSB] CT the 18:8 [MSB] NA, SBL, WH crippled or lame 18:9 Or the hell of fire; Greek the Gehenna of fire 18:10 [BSB] BYZ and TR include 11 For the Son of Man came to save the lost; see Luke 19:10. 18:11 [MSB] CT does not include verse 11; see Luke 19:10. 18:12 [MSB] CT will he not 18:14 [MSB] WH My 18:15 NE and WH do not include against you. 18:16 Deuteronomy 19:15 18:19 [MSB] TR does not include truly. 18:22 Or seventy times seven; see Genesis 4:24 LXX 18:24 A talent was worth about twenty years’ wages for a laborer. 18:26 [MSB] NA, SBL, and WH do not include Master.

²⁷ His master had compassion on him, forgave his debt, and released him.

²⁸ But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe me!'

²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down

[MSB] at his feet and begged him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you back.'

³⁰ But he refused. Instead, he went and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay his debt.

³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and recounted all of this to their master.

³² Then the master summoned him and said, 'You wicked servant! I forgave all your debt because you begged me. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should repay all that

[BSB] he owed.
[MSB] was owed him.

³⁵ That is how My heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother

[MSB] his trespasses from your heart."

Teachings about Divorce

19 When Jesus had finished saying these things, He left Galilee and went into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.

² Large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there.

³ Then

[BSB] some
[MSB] the

Pharisees came and tested Him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?"

⁴ Jesus answered, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be

[BSB] united
[MSB] joined

to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?' ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

⁷ "Why then," they asked, "did Moses order a man to give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

⁸ Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because of your hardness of heart. But it was not this way from the beginning.

⁹ Now I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits

[MSB] adultery. And he who marries a divorced woman commits

adultery."

¹⁰ His disciples said to Him, "If this is the case between a man and his wife, it is better not to marry."

¹¹ "Not everyone can accept this word," He replied, "but only those to whom it has been given. ¹² For there are eunuchs who were born that way; others were made that way by men; and still others live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

Jesus Blesses the Children

¹³ Then little children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. And the disciples rebuked those who brought them. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ¹⁵ And after He had placed His hands on them, He went on from there.

The Rich Young Man

¹⁶ Just then a man came up to Jesus and inquired,

[MSB] "Good
"Teacher, what good thing must I do to obtain eternal life?"

¹⁷ "Why do you

[BSB] ask Me about what is
[MSB] call Me

good?" Jesus replied. "There is
[BSB] only One who is good.
[MSB] no one who is good but God.

If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

¹⁸ "Which ones?" the man asked.

Jesus answered, "'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, ¹⁹ honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁰ "All these I have kept,"

[MSB] from my youth,"
said the young man. "What do I still lack?"

²¹ Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me."

²² When the young man heard this, he went away in sorrow, because he had great wealth.

²³ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁵ When

[BSB] the
[MSB] His

disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"

18:28 A denarius was customarily a day's wage for a laborer; see Matthew 20:2. **18:28** [MSB] CT does not include *me*. **18:29** [MSB] CT does not include *at his feet*. **18:29** [MSB] TR I will pay you everything **18:34** [MSB] NA, SBL, and WH *all that he owed* **18:35** [MSB] CT does not include *his trespasses*. **19:3** [MSB] CT *some Pharisees* **19:4** Genesis 1:27; Genesis 5:2 **19:5** [MSB] CT *be united to* **19:5** Genesis 2:24 (see also LXX) **19:7** See Deuteronomy 24:1. **19:9** [BSB] SBL and BYZ include *And he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery*; see Matthew 5:32. **19:9** [MSB] Some CT do not include *And he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery*; see Matthew 5:32. **19:10** [MSB] SBL and WH *The disciples* **19:16** [MSB] CT does not include *Good*. **19:17** [BSB] BYZ and TR ¹⁶... "Good Teacher, what good thing must I do to obtain eternal life?" ¹⁷ "Why do you call Me good?" See Mark 10:17–18 and Luke 18:18–19. **19:17** [MSB] CT "Why do you ask Me about what is good?" See Mark 10:18 and Luke 18:19. **19:19** Exodus 20:12–16; Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 5:16–20 **19:20** [MSB] CT does not include *from my youth*. **19:24** [MSB] SBL and WH *to enter* **19:25** [MSB] CT *the disciples*

²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

²⁷ “Look,” Peter replied, “we have left everything to follow You. What then will there be for us?”

²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, in the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for the sake of My name will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

The Parable of the Workers

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ ‘You also go into my vineyard,’ he said, ‘and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went.

He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing.

⁶ About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing

[BSB] around.

[MSB] idle.

‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ he asked.

⁷ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. So he told them, ‘You also go into my vineyard.’

[MSB] and you will receive whatever is right.’

⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last ones hired and moving on to the first.’

⁹ The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when the original workers came, they assumed they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarius.

¹¹ On receiving their pay, they began to grumble against the landowner.

¹² ‘These men who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the scorching heat of the day.’

¹³ But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Did you not agree with me on one denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give this last man the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Do I not have the right to do as I please with what is mine? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

[MSB] For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Third Prediction of the Passion

¹⁷ As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside and said, ¹⁸ “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes. They will condemn Him to death ¹⁹ and will deliver Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. And on the third day He will

[BSB] be raised to life.”

[MSB] rise again.”

A Mother's Request

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and knelt down to make a request of Him.

²¹ “What do you want?” He inquired.

She answered, “Declare that in Your kingdom one of these two sons of mine may sit at Your right hand, and the other at Your left.”

²² “You do not know what you are asking,” Jesus replied. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?”

[MSB] or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

“We can,” the brothers answered.

²³ “You will indeed drink My cup,”

[MSB] and be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized,”

Jesus said. “But to sit at My right or left is not Mine to grant. These seats belong to those for whom My Father has prepared them.”

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them aside and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their superiors exercise authority over them. ²⁶

[BSB] It

[MSB] But it

shall not be this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave — ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

The Blind Men by the Road

²⁹ As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him. ³⁰ And there were two blind men sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out,

[BSB] “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

[MSB] “Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!”

³¹ The crowd admonished them to be silent, but they cried out all the louder,

19:28 Or in the regeneration **19:29** NE, WH, and NA do not include or wife. **20:2** A denarius was customarily a day's wage for a laborer; similarly in verses 9, 10, and 13. **20:3** That is, about nine in the morning **20:5** That is, about noon and again about three in the afternoon **20:6** That is, about five in the afternoon; also in verse 9 **20:6** [MSB] CT does not include idle. **20:7** [BSB] BYZ and TR include and whatever is right, you shall receive. **20:7** [MSB] CT does not include and you will receive whatever is right. **20:15** [MSB] Literally Or is your eye evil **20:16** [BSB] BYZ and TR include For many are called, but few are chosen. **20:16** [MSB] CT does not include For many are called, but few are chosen. **20:17** [MSB] Literally He took the twelve disciples aside privately on the way and said to them **20:19** [MSB] CT He will be raised (to life) **20:22** [BSB] BYZ includes or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. TR is similar. **20:22** [MSB] CT does not include or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. **20:23** [BSB] BYZ and TR include and be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. **20:23** [MSB] CT does not include and be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. **20:26** [MSB] CT does not include But. **20:30** [MSB] SBL and WH Lord, have mercy on us; TH Have mercy on us, Jesus **20:31** [MSB] SBL, TH, and WH Lord, have mercy on us

[BSB] "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

[MSB] "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!"

³² Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want Me to do for you?" He asked.

³³ "Lord," they answered, "let our eyes be opened."

³⁴ Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes, and at once they received their sight and followed Him.

The Triumphal Entry

21

As they approached Jerusalem and came to

[BSB] Bethphage

[MSB] Bethphage

on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent out two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village

[BSB] ahead of

[MSB] opposite

you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt beside her. Untie them and bring them to Me. ³ If anyone questions you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

[BSB] ⁴ This

[MSB] ⁴ All this

took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Say to the Daughter of Zion,

'See, your King comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

⁸ A massive crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed were shouting:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

¹⁰ When Jesus had entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds replied, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹² Then Jesus entered the temple

[BSB] courts

[MSB] of God

and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling doves.

¹³ And He declared to them, "It is written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer.' But you

[BSB] are making

[MSB] have made

it 'a den of robbers.'"

¹⁴ The

[BSB] blind and the lame

[MSB] lame and the blind

came to Him at the temple, and He healed them. ¹⁵ But the chief priests and scribes were indignant when they saw the wonders He performed and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

¹⁶ "Do You hear what these children are saying?" they asked.

"Yes," Jesus answered. "Have you never read:

'From the mouths of children and infants

You have ordained praise?'"

¹⁷ Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where He spent the night.

The Barren Fig Tree

¹⁸ In the morning, as Jesus was returning to the city, He was hungry.

¹⁹ Seeing a fig tree by the road, He went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. "May you never bear fruit again!" He said. And immediately the tree withered.

²⁰ When the disciples saw this, they marveled and asked, "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?"

²¹ "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. ²² If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Jesus' Authority Challenged

²³ When Jesus returned to the temple courts and began to teach, the chief priests and elders of the people came up to Him. "By what authority are You doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave You this authority?"

²⁴ "I will also ask you one question," Jesus replied, "and if you answer Me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ What was the source of John's baptism? Was it from heaven or from men?" They deliberated among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will ask, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'From men,' we are afraid of the people, for they all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered, "We do not know."

And Jesus replied, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ But what do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first one and said, 'Son, go and work today in

[BSB] the

[MSB] my

vineyard.'

20:34 [MSB] Literally *their eyes received sight, and they followed Him* 21:1 [MSB] ALT, CT, and TR *Bethphage* 21:2 [MSB] CT *ahead of you* 21:4 [MSB] CT *This* 21:5 Zechariah 9:9 21:7 [MSB] Scrivener TR and *they set Jesus* 21:9 [BSB] *Hosanna* is a transliteration of the Hebrew *Hosia-na*, meaning *Save, we pray* or *Save now*, which became a shout of praise; see Psalm 118:25; also in verse 15. 21:9 [MSB] *Hosanna* is a transliteration of the Hebrew *Hosia-na*, meaning *Save, we pray* or *Save now*, which became a shout of praise; see Psalm 118:25; twice in this verse; also in verse 15. 21:9 Psalm 118:26 21:9 Or "*Hosanna in the highest heaven!*" See Psalm 118:25 and Psalm 148:1. 21:12 [BSB] Literally *the temple*; also in verses 15 and 23; BYZ and TR *the temple of God* 21:12 [MSB] CT does not include *of God*. 21:13 Isaiah 56:7 21:13 [MSB] CT *are making* 21:13 Jeremiah 7:11 21:14 [MSB] CT *The blind and the lame* 21:15 [MSB] Literally *the temple*; also in verse 23 21:16 Psalm 8:2 (see also LXX) 21:28 [MSB] CT *in the vineyard*

²⁹ ‘I will not,’ he replied. But later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ Then the man went to the second son and told him the same thing.

‘I will, sir,’ he said. But he did not go.

³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

³³ Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it out to some tenants and went away on a journey.

³⁴ When the harvest time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.

³⁶ Again, he sent other servants, more than the first group. But the tenants did the same to them.

³⁷ Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard returns, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and will rent out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his share of the fruit at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is from the Lord,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?’

⁴³ Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they knew that Jesus was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ Although they wanted to arrest Him, they were afraid of the crowds, because the people regarded Him as a prophet.

The Parable of the Banquet

22 Once again, Jesus spoke to them in parables: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to call those he had invited to the banquet, but they refused to come.

⁴ Again, he sent other servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ But they paid no attention and went away, one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

[BSB] ⁷ The

[MSB] ⁷ When he heard this, the

king was enraged, and he sent his troops to destroy those murderers and burn their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the crossroads and invite to the banquet as many as you can find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered everyone they could find, both evil and good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ But when the king came in to see the guests, he spotted a man who was not dressed in wedding clothes. ¹² ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’

But the man was speechless.

¹³ Then the king told the servants, ‘Tie him hand and foot,

[MSB] take him away,

and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Paying Taxes to Caesar

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and conspired to trap Jesus in His words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to Him along with the Herodians. ‘Teacher,’ they said, “we know that You are honest and that You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You seek favor from no one, because You pay no attention to external appearance.

¹⁷ So tell us what You think: Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸ But Jesus knew their evil intent and said, “You hypocrites, why are you testing Me? ¹⁹ Show Me the coin used for the tax.”

And they brought Him a denarius.

²⁰ “Whose image is this,” He asked, “and whose inscription?”

²¹ “Caesar’s,” they answered.

So Jesus told them, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

²² And when they heard this, they were amazed. So they left Him and went away.

The Sadducees and the Resurrection

²³ That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and questioned Him. ²⁴ “Teacher,” they said, “Moses declared that if a man dies without having children, his brother is to marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. ²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died without having children. So he left his wife to his brother. ²⁶ The same thing happened to the second and third brothers, down to the seventh.

²⁷ And last of all, the woman

[MSB] also

died. ²⁸ In the resurrection, then, whose wife will she be of the seven? For all of them were married to her.”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “You are mistaken because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. ³⁰ In the resurrection, people will

neither marry nor be given in marriage. Instead, they will be like the angels

[MSB] of God

in heaven. ³¹ But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what God said to you: ³² 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

³³ When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ And when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they themselves gathered together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with a question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment is the greatest in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus declared, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Whose Son Is the Christ?

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were assembled, Jesus questioned them:

⁴² "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?"

"David's," they answered.

⁴³ Jesus said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord'? For he says:

⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand

until I

[BSB] put Your enemies under

[MSB] make Your enemies a footstool for

Your feet."

⁴⁵ So if David calls Him 'Lord,' how can He be David's son?"

⁴⁶ No one was able to answer a word, and from that day on no one dared to question Him any further.

Woes to Scribes and Pharisees

23 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples: ² "The scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. ³ So

[BSB] practice and observe everything they tell you.

[MSB] observe and practice everything they tell you to observe.

But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴ They tie up heavy, burdensome loads and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

⁵ All their deeds are done for men to see. They broaden their phylacteries and lengthen

[BSB] their tassels.

[MSB] the tassels of their garments.

⁶ They love the places of honor at banquets, the chief seats in the synagogues, ⁷ the greetings in the marketplaces, and the title of 'Rabbi'

[MSB] Rabbi'

by which they are addressed.

⁸ But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher,

[MSB] the Christ,

and you are all brothers. ⁹ And do not call anyone on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Christ.

¹¹ The greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

¹³ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You

[BSB] shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let in those who wish to enter.

[MSB] defraud widows of their houses, and for a show make lengthy prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. ¹⁴ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let in those who wish to enter.

¹⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You traverse land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

¹⁶ Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' ¹⁷ You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes it sacred? ¹⁸ And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gift on it, he is bound by his oath.' ¹⁹ You

[BSB] blind men!

[MSB] are foolish and blind!

Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes it sacred? ²⁰ So then, he who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. ²¹ And he who swears by the temple swears by it and by the One who dwells in it. ²² And he who swears by heaven swears by God's throne and by the One who sits on it.

²³ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You pay tithes of mint, dill, and cumin. But you have disregarded the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. ²⁴ You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

²⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and

[BSB] self-indulgence.

[MSB] unrighteousness.

22:30 [BSB] SBL, BYZ, and TR *the angels of God* **22:30** [MSB] Most CT do not include *of God*. **22:32** Exodus 3:6 **22:37** Deuteronomy 6:5

22:39 Leviticus 19:18 **22:44** [BSB] Psalm 110:1 **22:44** [MSB] Psalm 110:1; CT *until I put Your enemies under Your feet* **23:3** [MSB] CT *So practice and observe everything they tell you* **23:4** SBL, NE, and WH *They tie up heavy loads* **23:5** [MSB] CT *lengthen their tassels* **23:7** [MSB] CT *the title of 'Rabbi'* **23:7** Literally and to be called 'Rabbi' by men **23:8** [MSB] CT does not include *the Christ*.

23:13 [BSB] BYZ and TR include ¹⁴Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You defraud widows of their houses, and for a show make lengthy prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. See Mark 12:40 and Luke 20:47. **23:13** [MSB] CT does not include *You defraud widows of their houses, and for a show make lengthy prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation*. TR includes this statement with verse 14. See Mark 12:40 and Luke 20:47. **23:14** [MSB] CT and TR include this statement with verse 13. Thus for CT there is a single woe listed, and verse 14 is not included. **23:15** Greek *Gehenna*; also in verse 33 **23:19** [MSB] CT *You blind men!*

23:24 See Leviticus 11:4 and Leviticus 11:23, where camels and gnats are both forbidden as food. **23:25** [MSB] CT *greed and self-indulgence*

²⁶ Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, so that the outside may become clean as well.

²⁷ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of impurity. ²⁸ In the same way, on the outside you appear to be righteous, but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

²⁹ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous. ³⁰ And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.'

³¹ So you testify against yourselves that you are the sons of those who murdered the prophets. ³² Fill up, then, the measure of the sin of your fathers. ³³ You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape the sentence of hell?

³⁴ Because of this, I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify, and others you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town. ³⁵ And so upon you will come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. ³⁶ Truly I tell you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Lament over Jerusalem

³⁷ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those sent to her, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were unwilling!

³⁸ Look, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you that you will not see Me again until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Temple Destruction and Other Signs

24 As Jesus left the temple and was walking away, His disciples came up to Him to point out its buildings.

² "Do you see all these things?"

[BSB] He

[MSB] Jesus

replied. "Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

³ While Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?"

⁴ Jesus answered, "See to it that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed.

[BSB] These

[MSB] All these

things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines,

[MSB] pestilences,

and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains.

23:26 NA does not include *and dish*. 23:32 Or *Go ahead, then, and complete* 23:38 NE and WH do not include *desolate*.
23:39 Psalm 118:26 24:2 [MSB] CT *He replied* 24:6 [MSB] F35 *You will be concerned when you hear* 24:6 [MSB] CT *These things*
24:7 [MSB] CT does not include *pestilences*. 24:15 See Daniel 9:27, Daniel 11:31, and Daniel 12:11. 24:18 [MSB] F35 and CT
garment or cloak 24:28 [MSB] CT *Wherever* 24:29 *Or and the celestial bodies will be shaken*; see Isaiah 13:10, Isaiah 34:4, and Joel
2:10. 24:30 *Or the sky*; twice in this verse 24:30 See Daniel 7:13–14.

Witnessing to All Nations

⁹ Then they will deliver you over to be persecuted and killed, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. ¹⁰ At that time many will fall away and will betray and hate one another, ¹¹ and many false prophets will arise and deceive many.

¹² Because of the multiplication of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.

¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

The Abomination of Desolation

¹⁵ So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination of desolation,' spoken of by the prophet Daniel (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

¹⁷ Let no one on the housetop come down to retrieve anything from his house. ¹⁸ And let no one in the field return for his

[BSB] cloak.

[MSB] garments.

¹⁹ How miserable those days will be for pregnant and nursing mothers!

²⁰ Pray that your flight will not occur in the winter or on the Sabbath.

²¹ For at that time there will be great tribulation,

[BSB] unseen

[MSB] unmatched

from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be seen again. ²² If those days had not been cut short, nobody would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, those days will be cut short.

²³ At that time, if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There He is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive even the elect, if that were possible. ²⁵ See, I have told you in advance.

The Return of the Son of Man

²⁶ So if they tell you, 'There He is, in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Here He is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸

[BSB] Wherever

[MSB] For wherever

there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹ Immediately after the tribulation of those days:

'The sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.'

³⁰ At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

³² Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branches become tender and sprout leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you will know that He is near, right at the door. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have happened. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.

Readiness at Any Hour

³⁶ No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven,

[BSB] nor the Son, but only the
[MSB] but only My

Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. ³⁹ And they were oblivious until the flood came and swept them all away. So will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the

[BSB] day on
[MSB] hour in

which your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the homeowner had known in which watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ For this reason, you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect.

⁴⁵ Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom

[BSB] the
[MSB] his

master has put in charge of his household, to give the others their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. ⁴⁷ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

⁴⁸ But suppose that servant is wicked and says in his heart, 'My master will be

[BSB] away a long time.'
[MSB] a long time in coming.'

⁴⁹ And he begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. ⁵⁰ The master of that servant will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not anticipate. ⁵¹ Then he will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

25 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

² Five of them were

[BSB] foolish, and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones

[MSB] wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish

took their lamps but did not take along any extra oil. ⁴ But the wise ones took oil in flasks along with their lamps. ⁵ When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ At midnight the cry rang out:

[BSB] 'Here is the bridegroom!
[MSB] 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming!

Come out to meet him!'

⁷ Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

⁹ 'No,' said the wise ones, 'or there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

¹⁰ But while they were on their way to buy it, the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.

¹¹ Later the other virgins arrived and said, 'Lord, lord, open the door for us!'

¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

¹³ Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

[MSB] when the Son of Man comes.

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ For it is just like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted them with his possessions. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent — each according to his own ability. And he went on his journey.

¹⁶ The servant who had received the five talents went at once and put them to work and

[BSB] gained five more.
[MSB] made five more talents.

¹⁷ Likewise, the one with the two talents

[MSB] also

gained two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The servant who had received the five talents came and presented five more. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

[MSB] besides them.'

²¹ His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master!'

²² The servant who had received the two talents also came and said, 'Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained two more.'

[MSB] besides them.'

24:32 Or this parable 24:33 Or it is near 24:36 [MSB] CT includes *nor the Son*. 24:36 [BSB] BYZ and TR do not include *nor the Son*. 24:36 [MSB] CT the Father 24:38 [MSB] NA and WH those 24:42 [MSB] CT the day 24:45 [MSB] CT the master 24:48 [MSB] CT literal will be a long time 25:2 [MSB] CT Five of them were foolish, and five were wise 25:3 [MSB] CT The foolish (ones) 25:6 [MSB] CT does not include *is coming*. 25:13 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *when the Son of Man comes*. 25:13 [MSB] CT does not include *when the Son of Man comes*. 25:15 A talent was worth about twenty years' wages for a laborer. 25:16 Or ¹⁵... And he went on his journey at once. ¹⁶... went and put them to work. Translators vary as to the placement of the Greek adverb *euthēds* (at once) at the end of verse 15 or at the beginning of verse 16. 25:16 [MSB] CT *gained five more* 25:17 [MSB] CT does not include *also*. 25:20 [MSB] CT does not include *besides them*; also in verse 22.

²³ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master!’

²⁴ Finally, the servant who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what belongs to you.’

²⁶ ‘You wicked, lazy servant!’ replied his master. ‘You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ Then you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ Therefore take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents. ²⁹ For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the

[MSB] holy

angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on His left.

³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you visited Me.’

³⁷ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink?

³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹ When did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?’

⁴⁰ And the King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.’

⁴¹ Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

⁴² For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after Me.’

⁴⁴ And they too will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’

⁴⁵ Then the King will answer, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me.’

⁴⁶ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Plot to Kill Jesus

26 When Jesus had finished saying all these things, He told His disciples, ² “You know that the Passover is two days away, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

³ At that time the chief priests,

[MSB] scribes,

and elders of the people assembled in the courtyard of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴ and they conspired to arrest Jesus covertly and kill Him. ⁵ “But not during the feast,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

⁶ While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, ⁷ a woman came to Him with an alabaster jar of expensive perfume, which she poured on His head as He reclined at the table.

⁸ When

[BSB] the

[MSB] His

disciples saw this, they were indignant and asked, “Why this waste?

⁹ This perfume could have been sold at a high price, and the money given to the poor.”

¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus asked, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful deed to Me. ¹¹ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have Me. ¹² By pouring this perfume on Me, she has prepared My body for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached in all the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

¹⁴ Then one of the Twelve, the one called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?” And they set out for him thirty pieces of silver.

¹⁶ So from then on Judas looked for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

Preparing the Passover

¹⁷ On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸ He answered, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him that the Teacher says, ‘My time is near. I will keep the Passover with My disciples at your house.’” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

The Last Supper

²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining with the

[BSB] twelve disciples.

[MSB] Twelve.

²¹ And while they were eating, He said to them, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray Me.”

²² They were deeply grieved and began to ask Him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?”

²³ Jesus answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with Me will betray Me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed. It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

25:29 [MSB] F35 *thinks he has* **25:31** [MSB] CT does not include *holy*. **26:1** [MSB] F35 does not include *all*. **26:3** [MSB] CT does not include *scribes*. **26:6** Aramaic *Simon the Potter* or *Simon the Jar Maker* **26:8** [MSB] CT *the disciples*; also in verse 45
26:9 [MSB] CT literal does not include *perfume*. **26:11** See Deuteronomy 15:11. **26:17** Literally *On the first of the Unleavened*; see Exodus 12:14–20. **26:20** [BSB] BYZ and TR *the Twelve* **26:20** [MSB] Most CT *with the twelve disciples*.

²⁵ Then Judas, who would betray Him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “**You have said it yourself.**”

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread,

[BSB] spoke a blessing

[MSB] gave thanks

and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is My body.”

²⁷ Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is My blood of the

[MSB] new

covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of Me. For it is written:

‘I will strike the Shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

³³ Peter said to Him, “Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will.”

³⁴ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus declared, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”

³⁵ Peter replied, “Even if I have to die with You, I will never deny You.” And all the other disciples said the same thing.

Jesus Prays at Gethsemane

³⁶ Then Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He told them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

³⁷ He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. ³⁸ Then

[BSB] He

[MSB] Jesus

said to them, “My soul is consumed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me.”

³⁹ Going a little farther, He fell facedown and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.”

⁴⁰ Then Jesus returned to the disciples and found them sleeping. “Were you not able to keep watch with Me for one hour?” He asked Peter. ⁴¹ “Watch and pray so that you will not enter into temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

⁴² A second time He went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cup cannot pass

[MSB] from Me

unless I drink it, may Your will be done.” ⁴³ And

[BSB] again

Jesus returned and found them sleeping.

[MSB] again,

for their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴ So He left them and went away once more and prayed a third time, saying the same thing. ⁴⁵ Then He returned to

[BSB] the

[MSB] His

disciples and said, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴⁶ Rise, let us go! See, My betrayer is approaching!”

The Betrayal of Jesus

⁴⁷ While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and elders of the people.

⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The One I kiss is the man; arrest Him.” ⁴⁹ Going directly to Jesus, he said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

⁵⁰ “Friend,” Jesus replied,

[BSB] “do what you came for.”

[MSB] “why have you come?”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus, and arrested Him. ⁵¹ At this, one of Jesus’ companions drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵² “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him. “For all who draw the sword will

[BSB] die

[MSB] perish

by the sword. ⁵³ Are you not aware that I can call on My Father,

[MSB] right now,

and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?”

⁵⁵ At that time Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would an outlaw? Every day I sat

[MSB] with you

teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest Me. ⁵⁶ But this has all happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled.”

Then all the disciples deserted Him and fled.

Jesus before the Sanhedrin

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus led Him away to the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and elders had gathered.

⁵⁸ But Peter followed Him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. And he went in and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests,

[MSB] the elders,

and the whole Sanhedrin were seeking false testimony against Jesus in order to put Him to death. ⁶⁰ But they did not find any,

[MSB] Even

26:26 [MSB] F35 and CT spoke a blessing

26:28 [BSB] BYZ and TR the new covenant

26:28 [MSB] CT of the covenant

26:31 Zechariah 13:7

26:38 [MSB] CT Then He said

26:42 [MSB] CT if this cannot pass

26:43 [MSB] CT again and found them

sleeping 26:44 [MSB] NA, SBL, and WH literal the same thing again

26:46 [MSB] Or has drawn near; F35 is here

26:50 [BSB] Or

“Friend,” Jesus replied, “for what have you come?”

26:50 [MSB] CT “Friend,” Jesus replied, “do what you came for.”

26:52 [MSB]

CT will die

26:53 [MSB] CT does not include right now.

26:55 [MSB] CT does not include with you.

26:55 Literally the temple

26:59 [MSB] CT does not include the elders.

26:59 Or the whole Council

though many false witnesses came

[BSB] forward. Finally two

[MSB] forward, they found none. Finally two false witnesses

came forward ⁶¹ and declared, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

⁶² So the high priest stood up and asked Him, “Have You no answer? What are these men testifying against You?”

⁶³ But Jesus remained silent.

Then the high priest said to Him, “I charge You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God.”

⁶⁴ “You have said it yourself,” Jesus answered. “But I say to all of you, from now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶⁵ At this, the high priest tore his clothes and declared, “He has blasphemed! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard

[BSB] the

[MSB] His

blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?”

“He deserves to die,” they answered.

⁶⁷ Then they spit in His face and struck Him. Others slapped Him

⁶⁸ and said, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit You?”

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁹ Meanwhile, Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came up to him. “You also were with Jesus the Galilean,” she said.

⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all: “I do not know what you are talking about.”

⁷¹ When Peter had gone out to the gateway, another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This man was

[MSB] also

with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁷² And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man!”

⁷³ After a little while, those standing nearby came up to Peter. “Surely you are one of them,” they said, “for your accent gives you away.”

⁷⁴ At that he began to curse and swear to them, “I do not know the man!”

And immediately a rooster crowed.

⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken:

[MSB] to him:

“Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Jesus Delivered to Pilate

27 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people conspired against Jesus to put Him to death. ² They bound Him, led Him away, and handed Him over to

[MSB] Pontius

Pilate the governor.

Judas Hangs Himself

³ When Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was filled with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders. ⁴ “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood,” he said.

“What is that to us?” they replied. “You bear the responsibility.”

⁵ So Judas threw the silver into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁶ The chief priests picked up the pieces of silver and said, “It is unlawful to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷ After conferring together, they used the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸ That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

“They took the thirty pieces of silver,
the price set on Him by the people of Israel,

¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter’s field,
as the Lord had commanded me.”

Jesus before Pilate

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, who questioned Him: “Are You the King of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

¹² And when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He gave no answer.

¹³ Then Pilate asked Him, “Do You not hear how many charges they are bringing against You?”

¹⁴ But Jesus gave no answer, not even to a single charge, much to the governor’s amazement.

The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

¹⁵ Now it was the governor’s custom at the feast to release to the crowd a prisoner of their choosing. ¹⁶ At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when the crowd had assembled, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message: “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered terribly in a dream today because of Him.”

²⁰ But the chief priests and elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death.

²¹ “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they replied.

²² “What then should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” Pilate asked.

They all answered, “Crucify Him!”

²³ “Why?” asked

[BSB] Pilate.

[MSB] the governor.

“What evil has He done?”

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify Him!”

26:60 [MSB] CT *But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.* **26:60** [MSB] Some sources include *Finally two false witnesses came forward* with verse 61; CT *Finally two came forward* **26:64** Or *the right hand of the Mighty One* **26:64** See Psalm 110:1 and Daniel 7:13. **26:65** [MSB] CT *the blasphemy* **26:71** [MSB] CT does not include *also*. **26:75** [MSB] CT does not include *to him*. **27:1** [MSB] F35 does not include *of the people*. **27:2** [MSB] CT *to Pilate* **27:4** [MSB] WH *righteous* **27:10** See Jeremiah 19:1–15, Jeremiah 32:6–9, and Zechariah 11:12–13. **27:16** SBL and NA *Jesus Barabbas*; also in verse 17, but universally called *Barabbas* in verses 20, 21, and 26 **27:23** [MSB] CT *he asked*

Pilate Washes His Hands

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but that instead a riot was breaking out, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd. "I am innocent of this

[MSB] righteous man's blood," he said. "You bear the responsibility."

²⁵ All the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

²⁶ So Pilate released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed Him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company around Him. ²⁸ They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹ And they twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand, knelt down before Him, and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ Then they spit on Him and took the staff and struck Him on the head repeatedly.

³¹ After they had mocked Him, they removed the robe and put His own clothes back on Him. Then they led Him away to crucify Him.

The Crucifixion

³² Along the way they found a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross of Jesus.

³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means The Place of the Skull, ³⁴ they offered Him

[MSB] sour wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, He refused to drink it.

³⁵ When they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

³⁷ Above His head they posted the written charge against Him:

THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁸ Two robbers were crucified with Him, one on His right and the other on His left.

³⁹ And those who passed by heaped abuse on Him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross!"

⁴¹ In the same way, the chief priests, scribes,

[BSB] and elders
[MSB] elders, and Pharisees

mocked Him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others, but He cannot save Himself.

[MSB] If

He is the King of

[BSB] Israel! Let
[MSB] Israel, let

Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him.

⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God deliver Him now if He wants Him. For He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

⁴⁴ In the same way, even the robbers who were crucified with Him berated Him.

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁵ From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

"Eli, Eli,

[BSB] lema
[MSB] lima

sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ One of them quickly ran and brought a sponge. He filled it with sour wine, put it on a reed, and held it up for Jesus to drink.

⁴⁹ But the others said, "Leave Him alone. Let us see if Elijah comes to save Him."

⁵⁰ When Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He yielded up His spirit. ⁵¹ At that moment the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs broke open, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After Jesus' resurrection, when they had come out of the tombs, they entered the holy city and appeared to many people.

⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified and said, "Truly this was the Son of God."

⁵⁵ And many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to minister to Him. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and

[BSB] Joseph,

[MSB] Joses,

and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

The Burial of Jesus

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who himself was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus, and Pilate ordered that

[BSB] it
[MSB] the body

be given to him. ⁵⁹ So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut into the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

The Guards at the Tomb

⁶² The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees assembled before Pilate. ⁶³ "Sir," they said, "we remember that while He was alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will

27:24 [BSB] Literally *this blood*; BYZ and TR *this righteous blood*

27:34 [MSB] CT *offered Him wine* 27:35 See Psalm 22:18; TR includes *to fulfill what was said through the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, and cast lots for My clothing."* 27:38 Or *insurrectionists*; also in verse 44 27:41 [MSB] CT *the chief priests, scribes,*

and elders 27:42 [MSB] CT does not include *If*. 27:42 [MSB] TR *we will believe Him*. 27:43 Psalm 22:8 27:45 That is, from noon until three in the afternoon 27:46 NE and WH *Eloi, Eloi* 27:46 [MSB] CT *lema*; TR *lama* 27:46 Psalm 22:1 27:48 Or *filled it with wine vinegar* 27:48 See Psalm 69:21. 27:49 WH includes *And another took a spear and pierced His side, and water and blood flowed out*; see John 19:34. 27:55 [MSB] F35 and GOC *were also* 27:56 [MSB] CT *Joseph* 27:58 [MSB] CT *that it be given to him*

rise again.’ ⁶⁴ So give the order that the tomb be secured until the third day. Otherwise, His disciples may come

[MSB] by night

 and steal Him away and tell the people He has risen from the dead. And this last deception would be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ “You have a guard,” Pilate said. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” ⁶⁶ So they went and secured the tomb by sealing the stone and posting the guard.

The Resurrection

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² Suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, rolled away the stone,

[MSB] from the entrance,

 and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards trembled in fear of him and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; He has risen, just as He said! Come, see the place where

[BSB] He

[MSB] the Lord

 lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell His disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.’ See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they hurried

[BSB] away

[MSB] out

 from the tomb in fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. ⁹

[BSB] Suddenly

[MSB] And as they were going to tell His disciples, suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” They came to Him, grasped His feet, and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ “Do not be afraid,” said Jesus. “Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee. There they will see Me.”

The Report of the Guards

¹¹ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. ¹² And after the chief priests had met with the elders and formed a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money ¹³ and instructed them: “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’” ¹⁴ If this report reaches the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So the guards took the money and did as they were instructed. And this account has been circulated among the Jews to this very day.

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Meanwhile, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain Jesus had designated. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

[MSB] Amen.”

27:64 [MSB] CT does not include *by night*. 28:1 Literally *Now after the Sabbaths, it being dawn toward the first of the Sabbaths*,
28:2 [MSB] CT does not include *from the entrance*. 28:6 [BSB] BYZ and TR *where the Lord lay* 28:6 [MSB] CT *the place where He lay*
28:8 [MSB] CT *they hurried away* 28:9 [BSB] BYZ and TR *They were going to tell His disciples, and suddenly* 28:9 [MSB] CT does not
include *And as they were going to tell His disciples*. 28:19 [BSB] Literally *Having gone, therefore, make disciples* 28:19 [MSB] Literally
Having gone, make disciples; CT and TR *Having gone, therefore, make disciples* 28:20 [MSB] CT does not include *Amen*.

Mark

The Mission of John the Baptist

1 This is the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in

[BSB] Isaiah the prophet:

[MSB] the prophets:

“Behold, I will send My messenger ahead of You, who will prepare Your way.”

[MSB] before You.”

³“A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.”

⁴John

[BSB] the Baptist appeared

[MSB] came baptizing

in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵People went out to him from all of Jerusalem and the countryside of Judea. Confessing their sins, they were

[MSB] all

baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁶John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he proclaimed: “After me will come One more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I

[MSB] indeed

baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, He saw the heavens breaking open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: “You are My beloved

[BSB] Son; in You

[MSB] Son, in whom

I am well pleased.”

The Temptation and Preaching of Jesus

¹²At once the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness, ¹³and He was there

[MSB] in the wilderness

for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels ministered to Him.

¹⁴After the arrest of John, Jesus went into Galilee and proclaimed the gospel of

[MSB] the kingdom of

God. ¹⁵“The time is fulfilled,” He said, “and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe in the gospel!”

The First Disciples

¹⁶As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷“Come, follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” ¹⁸And at once they left their nets and followed Him.

¹⁹Going on a little farther,

[MSB] from there,

He saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat, mending their nets. ²⁰Immediately Jesus called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed Him.

Jesus Expels an Unclean Spirit

²¹Then Jesus and His companions went to Capernaum, and right away Jesus entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and began to teach. ²²The people were astonished at His teaching, because He taught as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

[BSB] ²³Suddenly

[MSB] ²³Now

a man with an unclean spirit cried out in the synagogue: ²⁴

[MSB] “Let us alone!

“What do You want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are — the Holy One of God!”

²⁵But Jesus rebuked the spirit. “Be silent!” He said. “Come out of him!” ²⁶At this, the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and came out with a loud shriek.

²⁷All the people were amazed and began to ask one another, “What is this?

[BSB] A new teaching with

[MSB] What new teaching is this that with

authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him!”

²⁸And the news about Jesus spread quickly through the whole region of Galilee.

Jesus Heals at Peter’s House

²⁹As soon as Jesus and His companions had left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew.

³⁰Simon’s mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, and they promptly told Jesus about her. ³¹So He went to her, took her by the hand, and helped her up.

[BSB] The

[MSB] Immediately the

1:1 [BSB] ECM, NE, BYZ, and TR; SBL and WH *the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ.* 1:1 [MSB] ECM, NE, MT, and TR; SBL and WH *the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ* 1:2 [BSB] BYZ and TR *in the prophets:* 1:2 [MSB] CT *in Isaiah the prophet:* 1:2 [BSB] Malachi 3:1 1:2 [MSB] Malachi 3:1; CT does not include *before You.* 1:3 Isaiah 40:3 (see also LXX) 1:4 [MSB] CT *John the Baptist appeared* 1:5 [MSB] CT *they were baptized* 1:8 [MSB] CT does not include *indeed.* 1:8 *Or in water* 1:8 *Or in the Holy Spirit* 1:10 *Or He saw;* see John 1:32–33 1:11 [MSB] CT *in You* 1:13 [MSB] CT does not include *there.* 1:14 [MSB] CT does not include *of the kingdom.* 1:14 [BSB] BYZ and TR *the gospel of the kingdom of God* 1:19 [MSB] CT does not include *from there.* 1:23 [MSB] CT *Immediately or Suddenly* 1:24 [MSB] CT does not include *Let us alone!* 1:31 [MSB] CT does not include *Immediately.*

fever left her, and she began to serve them.
³² That evening, after sunset, people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed, ³³ and the whole town gathered at the door.
³⁴ And He healed many who were ill with various diseases and drove out many demons. But He would not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.

Jesus Prays and Preaches

³⁵ Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up and went out to a solitary place to pray. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for Him, ³⁷ and when they found Him, they said, “Everyone is looking for You!”
³⁸ But Jesus answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns so I can preach there as well, for that is why I have come.” ³⁹ So He went throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

The Leper's Prayer

⁴⁰ Then a leper came to Jesus, begging
[BSB] on his knees:
[MSB] and kneeling before Him and saying to Him:
“If You are willing, You can make me clean.”
⁴¹ Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” He said. “Be clean!” ⁴² And
[MSB] when He had said this,
immediately the leprosy left him, and the man was cleansed.
⁴³ Jesus promptly sent him away with a stern warning: ⁴⁴ “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering Moses prescribed for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”
⁴⁵ But the man went out and openly began to proclaim and spread the news.
Consequently, Jesus could no longer enter a town in plain view, but He stayed out in solitary places. Yet people came to Him from every quarter.

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

2 A few days later Jesus went back to Capernaum. And when the people heard that He was home, ²
[MSB] immediately
they gathered in such large numbers that there was no more room, not even outside the door, as Jesus spoke the word to them.
³ Then a paralytic was brought to Him, carried by four men. ⁴ Since they were unable to get to Jesus through the crowd, they uncovered the roof above Him, made an opening, and lowered the paralytic on his mat.
⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”
[MSB] you.”
⁶ But some of the scribes were sitting there and thinking in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak

[BSB] like this? He is blaspheming!
[MSB] such blasphemies?
Who can forgive sins but God alone?”
⁸ At once Jesus knew in His spirit that they were thinking this way within themselves. “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?” He asked. ⁹ “Which is easier: to say to a paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, pick up your mat, and walk?’
¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...” He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, pick up your mat, and go home.”
¹² And immediately the man got up, picked up his mat, and walked out in front of them all. As a result, they were all astounded and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Jesus Calls Levi

¹³ Once again Jesus went out beside the sea. All the people came to Him, and He taught them there.
¹⁴ As He was walking along, He saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth. “Follow Me,” He told him, and Levi got up and followed Him.
¹⁵ While Jesus was dining at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Him and His disciples — for there were many who followed Him. ¹⁶ When the scribes
[BSB] who were
[MSB] and
Pharisees saw Jesus eating with these people, they asked His disciples, “Why does He eat
[MSB] and drink
with tax collectors and sinners?”
¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus told them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”
[MSB] to repentance.”

Questions about Fasting

¹⁸ Now
[BSB] John’s disciples and
[MSB] the disciples of John and of
the Pharisees were often fasting. So people came to Jesus and asked, “Why don’t Your disciples fast like John’s disciples and those of the Pharisees?”
¹⁹ Jesus replied, “How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while He is with them? As long as He is with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

The Patches and the Wineskins

²¹ No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, and a worse tear will result.
²² And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the

1:34 [MSB] GOC, ALT, F35, WH *they knew that He was the Christ* 1:40 A leper was one afflicted with a skin disease. See Leviticus 13. 1:40 [MSB] CT *begging on his knees* 1:41 SBL *Moved with indignation* 1:42 [MSB] CT does not include *when He had said this*. 1:44 See Leviticus 14:1–32. 2:2 [MSB] CT does not include *immediately*. 2:5 [MSB] CT does not include *you*. 2:7 [MSB] CT *Why does this man speak like this? He is blaspheming!* 2:9 [MSB] TR *forgiven you* 2:16 [MSB] CT *the scribes who were Pharisees or the scribes of the Pharisees* 2:16 [MSB] Literally *with tax collectors and sinners*; CT *with sinners and tax collectors* 2:16 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *and drink*; see Luke 5:30. 2:16 [MSB] CT does not include *and drink*. 2:17 [MSB] CT does not include *to repentance*. 2:18 [MSB] CT *John’s disciples and the Pharisees* 2:20 [MSB] Literally *in those days*; CT *in that day*

[MSB] new wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

The Lord of the Sabbath

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was passing through the grainfields, and His disciples began to pick the heads of grain as they walked along.

²⁴ So the Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵ Jesus replied, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ During the high priesthood of Abiathar, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which was lawful only for the priests. And he gave some to his companions as well."

²⁷ Then Jesus declared, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

3 Once again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man with a withered hand was there. ² In order to accuse Jesus, they were watching to see if He would heal on the Sabbath.

³ Then Jesus said to the man with the withered hand, "Stand up among us." ⁴ And He asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" But they were silent.

⁵ Jesus looked around at them with anger and sorrow at their hardness of heart. Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out, and it was restored.

[MSB] as sound as the other.

⁶ At this, the Pharisees went out and began plotting with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Jesus Heals the Multitudes

⁷ So Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea, accompanied by a large crowd from Galilee, Judea, ⁸ Jerusalem, Idumea, the region beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon. The large crowd came to Him when they heard what great things He was doing.

⁹ Jesus asked His disciples to have a boat ready for Him so that the crowd would not crush Him. ¹⁰ For He had healed so many that all who had diseases were pressing forward to touch Him. ¹¹ And when the unclean spirits saw Him, they fell down before Him and cried out, "You are the Son of God!" ¹² But He warned them sternly not to make Him known.

The Twelve Apostles

¹³ Then Jesus went up on the mountain and called for those He wanted, and they came to Him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve of them, whom He designated as apostles, to accompany Him, to be sent out to preach, ¹⁵ and to have authority to

[BSB] drive out [MSB] heal sicknesses and to drive out demons.

[BSB] ¹⁶ These are the twelve He appointed: Simon [MSB] ¹⁶ Simon

(whom He named Peter), ¹⁷ James son of Zebedee and his brother John (whom He named Boanerges, meaning "Sons of Thunder"), ¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

A House Divided

²⁰ Then

[BSB] Jesus went home, [MSB] they went into a house, and once again a crowd gathered, so that

[BSB] He and His disciples [MSB] they

could not even eat. ²¹ When His family heard about this, they went out to take custody of Him, saying, "He is out of His mind."

²² And the scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and, "By the prince of the demons He drives out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them together and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, it cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, it cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan is divided and rises against himself, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷

[BSB] Indeed, no [MSB] No

one can enter a strong man's house to steal his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder his house.

The Unpardonable Sin

²⁸ Truly I tell you, the sons of men will be forgiven all sins and blasphemies, as many as they utter. ²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is

[BSB] guilty of eternal sin." [MSB] subject to eternal judgment."

³⁰ Jesus made this statement because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

2:22 [MSB] CT If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. 2:22 Tischendorf does not include Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins. 2:26 Or the Bread of the Presence 3:1 [MSB] SBL and WH a synagogue 3:5 [MSB] CT does not include as sound as the other. 3:14 [BSB] SBL and WH; ECM, SBL, NE, BYZ, and TR do not include whom He designated as apostles 3:15 [BSB] BYZ and TR include to heal sicknesses, and 3:15 [MSB] CT does not include to heal sicknesses and. 3:16 [BSB] SBL, NE, and WH; ECM, BYZ, and TR do not include These are the twelve He appointed 3:16 [MSB] SBL, NE, and WH These are the twelve He appointed: Simon 3:18 [BSB] Greek Simon the Cananean 3:18 [MSB] Literally Simon the Cananite; CT Simon the Cananean 3:19 Literally who also betrayed Him 3:20 [BSB] Literally Then He comes to a house 3:20 [MSB] CT Then He went into a house or Then He went home 3:22 WH Beezebul; Vulgate Beelzebub 3:27 [MSB] CT But no one or Indeed, no one 3:29 [MSB] Or he is in danger of eternal damnation; CT he is guilty of eternal sin

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

31 Then Jesus'

[RSB] mother and brothers

[MSB] brothers and mother

came and stood outside. They sent someone in to summon Him, and a crowd was sitting around Him. "Look," He was told, "Your mother and brothers

[MSB] and sisters

are outside, asking for You."

33 But Jesus replied, "Who

[RSB] are My mother and

[MSB] is My mother, or who are

My brothers?" ³⁴ Looking at those seated in a circle around Him, He said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God is My brother and sister and mother."

The Parable of the Sower

4 Once again Jesus began to teach beside the sea, and such a large crowd gathered around Him that He got into

[RSB] a

[MSB] the

boat and sat in it, while all the people crowded along the shore.

² And He taught them many things in parables, and in His teaching He said, ³ "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ And as he was sowing, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it.

⁵ Some fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun rose, the seedlings were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the seedlings, and they yielded no crop.

⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it sprouted, grew up, and produced a crop — one bearing thirtyfold, another sixtyfold, and another a hundredfold."

⁹ Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

The Purpose of Jesus' Parables

¹⁰ As soon as Jesus was alone with the Twelve and those around Him, they asked Him about the parable.

¹¹ He replied,

[RSB] "The

[MSB] "To know the

mystery of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to those on the outside everything is expressed in parables, ¹² so that,

'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving,

and ever hearing but never understanding;

otherwise they might turn

and be forgiven."¹³

[MSB] their sins."

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹³ Then Jesus said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand any of the parables?

¹⁴ The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵ Some are like the seeds along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in

[RSB] them.

[MSB] their hearts.

¹⁶ Some are like the seeds sown on rocky ground. They hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But they themselves have no root, and they remain for only a season. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

¹⁸ Others are like the seeds sown among the thorns. They hear the word, ¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²⁰ Still others are like the seeds sown on good soil. They hear the word, receive it, and produce a crop — thirtyfold, sixtyfold, or a hundredfold."

The Lesson of the Lamp

²¹ Jesus also said to them, "Does anyone bring in a lamp to put it under a basket or under a bed? Doesn't he set it on a stand?

²² For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be brought to light.

²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

²⁴ He went on to say, "Pay attention to what you hear. With the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and even more will be added to you.

[MSB] who hear.

²⁵ For whoever has will be given more. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

The Seed Growing Secretly

²⁶ Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day he sleeps and wakes, and the seed sprouts and grows, though he knows not how. ²⁸

[RSB] All

[MSB] For all

by itself the earth produces a crop— first the stalk, then the head, then grain that ripens within. ²⁹ And as soon as the grain is ripe, he swings the sickle, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ Then He asked, "To what can we compare the kingdom of God? With what parable shall we

[RSB] present

[MSB] illustrate

it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds sown upon the earth. ³² But after it is planted, it grows to be the largest of all garden plants and puts forth great branches, so that the birds of the air nest in its shade."

3:31 [MSB] CT *mother and brothers* 3:32 [BSB] ECM, SBL, WH, and TR; NE and BYZ include *and Your sisters*. 3:32 [MSB] ECM, SBL, WH, and TR do not include *and sisters*. 3:33 [MSB] CT *Who are My mother and My brothers?* 3:35 [MSB] Literally *and My sister* 3:35 [MSB] F35 and *My mother* 4:1 [MSB] CT *a boat* 4:4 [MSB] TR *the birds of the air* 4:9 [MSB] GOC and TR *said to them* 4:10 [MSB] CT *literal parables* 4:11 [MSB] CT does not include *To know*. 4:12 [BSB] Isaiah 6:9–10 (see also LXX) 4:12 [MSB] Isaiah 6:9–10 (see also LXX); CT does not include *their sins*. 4:15 *Or the word*; similarly in verses 16, 18, and 20; literally *Now these are the ones* 4:15 [MSB] CT *sown in them* 4:24 [MSB] CT does not include *who hear*. 4:28 [MSB] CT does not include *For*. 4:29 See Joel 3:13, including LXX. 4:30 [MSB] CT *shall we present*

³³ With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, to the extent that they could understand. ³⁴ He did not tell them anything without using a parable. But privately He explained everything to His own disciples.

Jesus Calms the Storm

³⁵ When that evening came, He said to His disciples, “**Let us cross to the other side.**” ³⁶ After they had dismissed the crowd, they took Jesus with them, since He was already in the boat. And there were other

[MSB] little

boats with Him.

³⁷ Soon a violent windstorm came up, and the waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was being swamped. ³⁸ But Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. So they woke Him and said, “Teacher, don’t You care that we are perishing?”

³⁹ Then Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the sea. “**Silence!**” He commanded. “**Be still!**” And the wind died down, and it was perfectly calm.

⁴⁰ “**Why are you so afraid?**” He asked.

[BSB] “Do

[MSB] “How do

you still have no faith?”

⁴¹ Overwhelmed with fear, they asked one another, “Who

[MSB] then

is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

The Demons and the Pigs

5 On the other side of the sea, they arrived in the region of the

[BSB] Gerasenes.

[MSB] Gadarenes.

² As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, He was met by a man with an unclean spirit, who was coming from the tombs. ³ This man had been living in the tombs and could

[BSB] no longer

[MSB] not

be restrained, even with chains. ⁴ Though he was often bound with chains and shackles, he had broken the chains and shattered the shackles. Now there was no one with the strength to subdue him.

⁵ Night and day in the

[BSB] tombs and in the mountains

[MSB] mountains and in the tombs

he kept crying out and cutting himself with stones.

⁶ When the man saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees before Him. ⁷ And he shouted in a loud voice, “What do You want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You before God not to torture me!” ⁸ For Jesus had already declared, “**Come out of this man, you unclean spirit!**”

⁹ “**What is your name?**” Jesus asked.

“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” ¹⁰ And he begged Jesus repeatedly not to send them out of that region.

¹¹ There on the nearby hillside a large herd of pigs was feeding. ¹² So

[MSB] all

the demons begged Jesus, “Send us to the pigs, so that we may enter them.”

[BSB] ¹³ He

[MSB] ¹³ So Jesus immediately

gave them permission, and the unclean spirits came out and went into the pigs, and the herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the water.

¹⁴ Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.

¹⁵ When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons sitting there, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

¹⁶ Those who had seen it described what had happened to the demon-possessed man and also to the pigs. ¹⁷ And the people began to beg Jesus to leave their region.

¹⁸ As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by the demons begged to go with Him. ¹⁹ But Jesus would not allow him. “**Go home to your own people,**” He said, “**and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy He has shown you.**”

²⁰ So the man went away and began to proclaim throughout the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And everyone was amazed.

The Healing Touch of Jesus

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed by boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him beside the sea. ²²

[BSB] A

[MSB] And behold, a

synagogue leader named Jairus arrived, and seeing Jesus, he fell at His feet ²³ and pleaded with Him urgently, “My little daughter is near death. Please come and place Your hands on her, so that she will be

[BSB] healed and

[MSB] healed, and she will

live.”

²⁴ So Jesus went with him, and a large crowd followed and pressed around Him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had borne much agony under the care of many physicians and had spent all she had, but to no avail. Instead, her condition had only grown worse.

²⁷ When the woman heard about Jesus, she came up through the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. ²⁸ For she kept saying, “If only I touch His garments, I will be healed.” ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped, and she sensed in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

³⁰ At once Jesus was aware that power had gone out from Him. Turning to the crowd, He asked, “**Who touched My garments?**”

³¹ His disciples answered, “You can see the crowd pressing in on You, and yet You ask, ‘**Who touched Me?**’”

³² But He kept looking around to see who had done this. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him trembling in fear, and she told Him the whole truth.

4:36 [MSB] CT and GOC other boats

4:37 [MSB] GOC it was already beginning to sink

4:40 [MSB] CT does not include How.

4:41 [MSB] CT does not include then.

5:1 [BSB] BYZ and TR Gadarenes; PT Gergesenes

5:1 [MSB] CT Gerasenes; GOC Gergesenes

5:3 [MSB] CT could no longer be restrained

5:5 [MSB] CT in the tombs and in the mountains

5:12 [MSB] CT they begged 5:13 [MSB]

CT So He gave them permission 5:13 Literally and were drowned in the sea

5:14 [MSB] CT Those tending them

5:20 That is, the Ten

Cities 5:22 [MSB] CT does not include behold.

5:23 [MSB] ECM, NA, SBL, TH, and WH healed and live

³⁴“Daughter,” said Jesus, “**your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be free of your affliction.**”

³⁵While He was still speaking, messengers from the house of Jairus arrived and said, “Your daughter is dead; why bother the Teacher anymore?”

³⁶But Jesus overheard their conversation and

^[MSB] immediately

said to Jairus, “**Do not be afraid; just believe.**” ³⁷And He did not allow anyone to accompany Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

³⁸When

^[BSB] they

^[MSB] He

arrived at the house of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw the commotion and the people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹He went inside and asked, “**Why all this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead, but asleep.**” ⁴⁰And they laughed at Him.

After He had put them all outside, He took the child’s father and mother and His own companions, and went in

^[BSB] to see the child.

^[MSB] where the child was lying.

⁴¹Taking her by the hand, Jesus said, “**Talitha**

^[BSB] koum!”

^[MSB] koumi!”

which means, “**Little girl, I say to you, get up!**” ⁴²Immediately the girl got up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). And

^[BSB] at once

they were utterly astounded. ⁴³Then Jesus gave strict orders that no one should know about this, and He told them to give her something to eat.

The Rejection at Nazareth

6 Jesus went on from there and came to His hometown, accompanied by His disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished. “Where did this man get these ideas?” they asked. “What is this wisdom He has been given? And how can He perform such miracles? ³Isn’t this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? Aren’t His sisters here with us as well?” And they took offense at Him.

⁴Then Jesus said to them, “**Only in his hometown, among his relatives, and in his own household is a prophet without honor.**” ⁵So He could not perform any miracles there, except to lay His hands on a few of the sick and heal them. ⁶And He was amazed at their unbelief. And He went around from village to village, teaching the people.

The Ministry of the Twelve

⁷Then Jesus called the Twelve to Him and began to send them out two by two, giving them authority over unclean spirits. ⁸He instructed them to take nothing but a staff for the journey — no

^[BSB] bread, no bag,

^[MSB] bag, no bread,

no money in their belts — ⁹and to wear sandals, but not a second tunic.

¹⁰And He told them, “When you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. ¹¹If anyone will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that place, as a testimony against them.”

^[MSB] Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.”

¹²So they set out and preached that the people should repent. ¹³They also drove out many demons and healed many of the sick, anointing them with oil.

The Beheading of John

¹⁴Now King Herod heard about

^[BSB] this,

^[MSB] this

for Jesus’ name had become well

^[BSB] known, and people were saying,

^[MSB] known) and he said,

“John the Baptist has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him.” ¹⁵Others were saying, “He is Elijah,” and still others, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.”

¹⁶But when Herod heard this, he said,

^[BSB] “John, whom I beheaded,

^[MSB] “This is John, whom I beheaded; he

has risen from the dead!” ¹⁷For Herod himself had ordered that John be arrested and bound and imprisoned, on account of his brother Philip’s wife Herodias, whom Herod had married. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife!”

¹⁹So Herodias held a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she had been unable, ²⁰because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man. When he heard John’s words, he

^[BSB] was greatly perplexed; yet

^[MSB] did much of what he said; and

he listened to him gladly.

²¹On Herod’s birthday, her opportunity arose. Herod held a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²When the daughter of Herodias came and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” ²³And he swore to her, “Whatever you ask of me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom!”

²⁴Then she went out and asked her mother, “What should I request?”

5:36 Or ignored 5:36 [MSB] CT does not include immediately. 5:38 [MSB] CT they arrived 5:40 [MSB] CT does not include lying. 5:41 [MSB] CT Talitha koum! 5:42 [MSB] CT And at once or And at this 6:3 Joses is a variant of Joseph; see Matthew 13:55. 6:8 [MSB] CT no bread, no bag 6:8 Or copper coins 6:11 [BSB] BYZ and TR include Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town; see Matthew 10:15. 6:11 [MSB] CT does not include Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town; see Matthew 10:15. 6:14 [BSB] Literally they were saying; some manuscripts he was saying 6:14 [MSB] ECM, NA, SBL, WH they were saying 6:15 [MSB] TR or like 6:16 [MSB] CT “John, whom I beheaded, has risen from the dead!” 6:20 [MSB] Literally he did many (things); CT he was greatly perplexed 6:22 Some early manuscripts When his daughter Herodias 6:23 [MSB] NA solemnly swore

And her mother answered, “The head of John the Baptist.”

²⁵ At once the girl hurried back to the king with her request: “I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter immediately.”

²⁶ The king was consumed with sorrow, but because of his oaths and his guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So without delay, the king commanded that John’s head be brought in. He sent an executioner, who went and beheaded him in the prison. ²⁸ The man brought John’s head on a platter and presented it to the girl, who gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When John’s disciples heard about this, they came and took his body and placed it in a tomb.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

³⁰ Meanwhile, the apostles gathered around Jesus and brought Him news of all they had done and taught. ³¹ And He said to them, “**Come with Me privately to a solitary place, and let us rest for a while.**” For many people were coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.

³² So they went away in

[BSB] a
[MSB] the

boat by themselves to a solitary place. ³³ But many people saw them leaving and recognized

[BSB] them.
[MSB] Him.

They ran together on foot from all the towns and arrived before them. ³⁴ When Jesus stepped ashore and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things.

³⁵ By now the hour was already late. So the disciples came to Jesus and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is already late.

³⁶ Dismiss the crowd so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves

[BSB] something
[MSB] food, for they have nothing

to eat.”

³⁷ But Jesus told them, “**You give them something to eat.**”

They asked Him, “Should we go out and spend two hundred denarii to give all of them bread to eat?”

³⁸ “**Go and see how many loaves you have,**” He told them.

And after checking, they said, “Five — and two fish.”

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have the people sit in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, Jesus spoke a blessing and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to His disciples to set before the people. And He divided the two fish among them all.

⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ And there were five thousand men who had eaten the loaves.

Jesus Walks on Water

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After bidding them farewell, He went up on the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷ When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and Jesus was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He could see that the disciples were straining to row, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went out to them, walking on the sea. He intended to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw Him walking on the sea, they cried out, thinking He was a ghost — ⁵⁰ for they all saw Him and were terrified.

But Jesus spoke up at once: “**Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.**”

⁵¹ Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. And the disciples were utterly astounded,

[BSB] 52 for
[MSB] beyond measure, and were marveling. 52 For they had not understood about the

[BSB] loaves, but
[MSB] loaves because

their hearts had been hardened.

Jesus Heals at Gennesaret

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they

[BSB] landed at
[MSB] came to the land of

Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, the people recognized Jesus ⁵⁵ and ran through that whole

[MSB] surrounding region, carrying the sick on mats to wherever they heard He was.

⁵⁶ And wherever He went — villages and towns and countryside — they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged Him just to let them touch the fringe of His cloak. And all who touched Him were healed.

The Tradition of the Elders

7 Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus,

[BSB] 2 and they saw
[MSB] 2 And seeing

some of His disciples eating with hands that were

[BSB] defiled— that is, unwashed.
[MSB] defiled (that is, unwashed), they found fault.

³ Now in holding to the tradition of the elders, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat until they wash their hands ceremonially. ⁴ And on returning from the market, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions for them to observe, including the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and couches for dining.

⁵ So the Pharisees and scribes questioned Jesus: “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead, they eat with

[BSB] defiled
[MSB] unwashed

hands.”

6:32 [MSB] GOC, ECM, NA, SBL, WH a boat

6:33 [MSB] CT recognized them

6:36 [MSB] CT and buy themselves something to eat

6:37 A denarius was customarily a day’s wage for a laborer; see Matthew 20:2.

6:44 [MSB] TR about five thousand 6:48 That is,

between three and six in the morning 6:51 [MSB] CT does not include beyond measure, and were marveling.

6:52 [MSB] CT and GOC

but 6:53 [MSB] CT they came to land at Gennesaret or they landed at Gennesaret

6:55 [MSB] CT the whole region 7:2 [MSB] CT And

they saw some of His disciples eating with hands that were defiled—that is, unwashed.

7:3 Literally until they have washed their hands to the

first 7:4 NE and WH cups, pitchers, and kettles.

7:5 [MSB] CT defiled

⁶ Jesus answered them, “Isaiah prophesied correctly about you hypocrites, as it is written:

‘These people honor Me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from Me.

⁷ They worship Me in vain;
they teach as doctrine the precepts of men.’

⁸ You have disregarded the commandment of God to keep the tradition of

[BSB] men.”
[MSB] men— the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other similar things you do.”

⁹ He went on to say, “You neatly set aside the command of God to maintain your own tradition. ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ ¹¹ But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever you would have received from me is Corban’ (that is, a gift devoted to God), ¹² he is no longer permitted to do anything for his father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by the tradition you have handed down. And you do so in many such matters.”

What Defiles a Man

¹⁴ Once again Jesus called the

[MSB] whole

crowd to Him and said, “All of you, listen to Me and understand: ¹⁵ Nothing that enters a man from the outside can defile him; but the things that come out of a man, these are what defile him.”

[MSB] ¹⁶ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”

¹⁷ After Jesus had left the crowd and gone into the house, His disciples inquired about the parable.

¹⁸ “Are you still so dull?” He asked. “Do you not understand? Nothing that enters a man from the outside can defile him, ¹⁹ because it does not enter his heart, but it goes into the stomach and then is

[BSB] eliminated.” (Thus all foods are clean.)

[MSB] eliminated, thus purifying all foods.”

²⁰ He continued: “What comes out of a man, that is what defiles him.

²¹ For from within the hearts of men come evil thoughts,

[BSB] sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,

[MSB] adultery, sexual immorality, murder, theft,

²² greed, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. ²³ All these evils come from within, and these are what defile a man.”

The Faith of the Gentile Woman

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the region of Tyre.

[MSB] and Sidon.

Not wanting anyone to know He was there, He entered a house, but was unable to escape their notice. ²⁵

[BSB] Instead,
[MSB] For

a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit

[BSB] soon

heard about Jesus, and she came and fell at His feet. ²⁶ Now she was a Greek woman of Syrophenician origin, and she kept asking Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ “First let the children have their fill,”

[BSB] He
[MSB] Jesus

said. “For it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁸ “Yes, Lord,” she replied,

[MSB] “for

“even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

²⁹ Then Jesus told her, “Because of this answer, you may go. The demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ And she went home and found

[BSB] her child lying on the bed, and the demon was gone.

[MSB] the demon was gone, and her daughter was lying on the bed.

The Deaf and Mute Man

³¹ Then Jesus left the region of Tyre and

[BSB] went through Sidon to

[MSB] Sidon and went toward

the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² Some people brought to Him a man who was deaf and hardly able to speak, and they begged Jesus to place His hand on him.

³³ So Jesus took him aside privately, away from the crowd, and put His fingers into the man’s ears. Then He spit and touched the man’s tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, He sighed deeply and said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means, “Be opened!”). ³⁵ Immediately the man’s ears were opened and his tongue was released, and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more He ordered them, the more widely they proclaimed it. ³⁷ The people were utterly astonished and said, “He has done all things well! He makes even the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

The Feeding of the Four Thousand

8 In those days the crowd

[BSB] once again

became very large, and they had nothing to eat. Jesus called

[BSB] the
[MSB] His

disciples to Him and said, ² “I have compassion for this crowd, because they have already been with Me three days and have nothing to eat.

7:7 Isaiah 29:13 (see also LXX) 7:8 [BSB] BYZ and TR include —washings of pots and cups and many such things like these. 7:8 [MSB] CT does not include —the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other similar things you do. 7:9 NA establish 7:10 Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16 7:10 Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 20:9 7:14 [MSB] CT the crowd 7:15 [BSB] BYZ and TR include ¹⁶If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear. 7:16 [MSB] CT does not include verse 16. 7:19 [BSB] Or and then is eliminated, thereby expelling all foods.” (Thus all foods are clean.) 7:21 [BSB] Many texts move adultery to verse 22. 7:21 [MSB] Some texts list these in a different order; some move adultery to verse 22. 7:24 [BSB] WH, BYZ, and TR include and Sidon; see Matthew 15:21. 7:24 [MSB] Most CT do not include and Sidon; see Matthew 15:21. 7:25 [MSB] CT Instead 7:25 [MSB] CT soon heard 7:27 [MSB] CT He said 7:28 [MSB] CT does not include for. 7:28 Or puppies 7:30 [MSB] CT found her child lying on the bed, and the demon was gone 7:31 [MSB] CT of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee 7:31 That is, the Ten Cities 7:35 [BSB] ECM, WH, and SBL do not include Immediately. 7:35 [MSB] ECM, WH, TH, and SBL do not include Immediately. 8:1 [MSB] GOC and CT include once again. 8:1 [MSB] CT the disciples

³If I send them home hungry, they will faint along the way. For some of them have come a great distance."

⁴His disciples replied, "Where in this desolate place could anyone find enough bread to feed all these people?"

⁵"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.

"Seven," they replied.

⁶And He instructed the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then He took the seven loaves, gave thanks and broke them, and gave them to His disciples to set before the people. And they distributed them to the crowd. ⁷They also had a few small fish, and Jesus blessed them and ordered that these be set before them as well.

⁸The people ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ⁹And about four thousand men

[MSB] who had eaten

were present.

And when Jesus had dismissed the crowd, ¹⁰He immediately got into the boat with His disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

The Demand for a Sign

¹¹Then the Pharisees came and began to argue with Jesus, testing Him by demanding from Him a sign from heaven.

¹²Jesus sighed deeply in His spirit and said, "Why does this generation

[BSB] demand

[MSB] seek after

a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation."

¹³And He left them, got back into the boat, and crossed to the other side.

The Leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod

¹⁴Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. ¹⁵"Watch out!" He cautioned them. "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod."

¹⁶So they began to discuss

[BSB] with one another the fact that they had no

[MSB] this with one another, saying, "It is because we have no bread.

¹⁷Aware of their conversation, Jesus asked them, "Why are you debating about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Do you

[MSB] still

have such hard hearts? ¹⁸"Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of broken pieces did you collect?"

"Twelve," they answered.

²⁰"And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of broken pieces did you collect?"

"Seven," they said.

²¹Then He asked them,

[BSB] "Do

[MSB] "How do

you still not understand?"

The Blind Man at Bethsaida

²²When

[BSB] they

[MSB] He

arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then He spit on the man's eyes and placed His hands on

[BSB] him. "Can you see anything?" He asked.

[MSB] him, asking if he could see anything.

²⁴The man looked up and said, "I can see the people, but they look like trees walking around."

²⁵Once again Jesus placed His hands on the man's

[BSB] eyes, and when he opened them

[MSB] eyes and made him look up, and

his sight was restored, and he could see everything clearly. ²⁶Jesus sent him home and said, "Do not go back

[BSB] into

[MSB] or tell anyone in

the village."

Peter's Confession of Christ

²⁷Then Jesus and His disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way, He questioned His disciples: "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹"But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

³⁰And Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about Him.

Christ's Passion Foretold

³¹Then He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke this message quite frankly, and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

³³But Jesus, turning and looking at His disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Take Up Your Cross

³⁴Then Jesus called the crowd to Him along with His disciples, and He told them, "If anyone wants to

[BSB] come

[MSB] follow

after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and for the gospel will save it.

8:3 [MSB] CT literal And 8:9 Menis implied here, that is, in addition to women and children; see Matthew 15:38. 8:9 [MSB] CT and GOC do not include who had eaten. 8:12 [MSB] CT demand 8:17 [MSB] CT does not include still. 8:18 See Deuteronomy 29:4, Isaiah 42:20, Jeremiah 5:21, and Ezekiel 12:2. 8:21 [MSB] CT does not include How. 8:22 [MSB] CT they arrived 8:23 [MSB] CT placed His hands on him. "Can you see anything?" He asked. 8:25 [MSB] CT eyes, and when he opened them, his sight was restored 8:26 [BSB] BYZ and TR "Do not go and tell anyone in the village." 8:26 [MSB] CT "Do not go back into the village." 8:34 [MSB] SBL, TR, and WH come after

36 What

^[BSB] does it profit a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit
^[MSB] shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world yet forfeits his soul? ³⁷ Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in His Father's glory with the holy angels."

The Transfiguration

9 Then Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God arrive with power."

² After six days Jesus took with Him Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There He was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became radiantly white,

^[MSB] as snow,
brighter than any launderer on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And Elijah and Moses appeared before them, talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁶ For they were all so terrified that Peter did not know what else to say.

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him!" ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus admonished them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept this matter to themselves, discussing what it meant to rise from the dead. ¹¹ And they asked Jesus, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

¹² He replied, "Elijah does indeed come first, and he restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected? ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has indeed come, and they have done to him whatever they wished, just as it is written about him."

The Boy with an Evil Spirit

14 When

^[BSB] they
^[MSB] Jesus

returned to the other disciples,

^[BSB] they
^[MSB] He

saw a large crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were filled with awe and ran to greet Him.

¹⁶ "What are you disputing with them?" He asked.

^[MSB] the scribes.

¹⁷ Someone in the crowd replied, "Teacher, I brought Your my son, who has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked Your disciples to drive it out, but they were unable."

¹⁹ "Unbelieving generation!" Jesus replied. "How long must I remain with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to Me."

²⁰ So they brought him, and seeing Jesus, the spirit immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has this been with him?" "From childhood," he said. ²² "It often throws him into the fire or into the water, trying to kill him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

²³ "If
^[BSB] You can?" echoed
^[MSB] you can believe!" said

Jesus. "All things are possible to him who believes!"

²⁴ Immediately the boy's father cried
^[BSB] out,
^[MSB] out with tears, "Lord,

"I do believe; help my unbelief!"

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd had come running, He rebuked the unclean spirit. "You

^[BSB] deaf and mute
^[MSB] mute and deaf

spirit," He said, "I command you to come out and never enter him again."

²⁶ After shrieking and convulsing him violently, the spirit came out. The boy became like a corpse, so that many said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸ After Jesus had gone into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "This kind cannot come out, except by prayer."
^[MSB] and fasting."

The Second Prediction of the Passion

³⁰ Going on from there, they passed through Galilee. But Jesus did not want anyone to know, ³¹ because He was teaching His disciples. He told them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill Him, and

^[BSB] after three days
^[MSB] on the third day

He will rise." ³² But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him about it.

The Greatest in the Kingdom

33 Then

^[BSB] they came to Capernaum. While Jesus
^[MSB] Jesus came to Capernaum. While He
was in the house, He asked them, "What were you discussing
^[MSB] among yourselves

on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the last of all and the servant of all."

8:36 [MSB] CT *What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?* 8:37 [MSB] CT literal *For* 9:3 [MSB] CT does not include *as snow*. 9:5 Or *three tabernacles* 9:7 [MSB] TR and GOC include *saying*. 9:14 [MSB] CT *When they returned to the other disciples, they saw* 9:16 [MSB] CT *He asked them* 9:18 Or *and is withering away* 9:23 [MSB] CT "If You can?" echoed *Jesus* 9:24 [BSB] BYZ and TR *cried out with tears* 9:24 [MSB] CT *cried out*, "I do believe; 9:25 [MSB] Some translators *deaf and mute* 9:29 [BSB] BYZ and TR *prayer and fasting* 9:29 [MSB] CT does not include *and fasting*. 9:31 [MSB] CT *after three days* 9:33 [MSB] Literally *Then He came to Capernaum*; CT *Then they came to Capernaum* 9:33 [MSB] CT does not include *among yourselves*.

³⁶ Then He had a little child stand among them. Taking the child in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me, and whoever welcomes Me welcomes not only Me, but the One who sent Me.”

³⁸ John said to Him, “Teacher, we saw someone

[BSB] else

[MSB] who does not follow us

driving out demons in Your name, and we

[BSB] tried to stop

[MSB] forbade

him, because he does not accompany us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus replied. “For no one who performs a miracle in My name can turn around and speak evil of Me. ⁴⁰ For whoever is not against

[BSB] us is for us.

[MSB] you is for you.

⁴¹ Indeed, if anyone gives you even a cup of water

[BSB] because you bear the name of Christ,

[MSB] in My name because you are Christ’s,

truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward.

Temptations and Trespasses

⁴² But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a

[BSB] large

millstone hung around his neck and to be thrown into the sea.

⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire.

[MSB] ⁴⁴ where ‘their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.’

⁴⁵ If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.

[MSB] into the unquenchable fire, ⁴⁶ where ‘their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.’

⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into

[MSB] the fire of

hell, ⁴⁸ where ‘their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.’

Good Salt

⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire.

[MSB] and every sacrifice will be salted with salt.

⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt loses its saltiness, with what will you season it? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Teachings about Divorce

10 Then Jesus left that place and went into the region of Judea, beyond the Jordan. Again the crowds came to Him and He taught them, as was His custom.

² Some Pharisees came to test Him. “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” they inquired.

³ “What did Moses command you?” He replied.

⁴ They answered, “Moses permitted a man to write his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

⁵ But Jesus told them, “Moses wrote this commandment for you because of your hardness of heart. ⁶ However, from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

¹⁰ When they were back inside the house,

[BSB] the

[MSB] His

disciples asked Jesus about this matter. ¹¹ So He told them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

Jesus Blesses the Children

¹³ Now people were bringing the little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, and the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and told them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them, and blessed them.

The Rich Young Man

¹⁷ As Jesus started on His way, a man ran up and knelt before Him. “Good Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ “Why do you call Me good?” Jesus replied. “No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not

[BSB] murder, do not commit adultery,

[MSB] commit adultery, do not murder,

do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not cheat others, honor your father and mother.”

²⁰ “Teacher,” he replied, “all these I have kept from my youth.”

9:38 [MSB] Or does not accompany us **9:38** [MSB] CT we tried to hinder him **9:40** [MSB] CT and Scrivener TR not against us is for us **9:41** [MSB] CT a cup of water because you bear the name of Christ **9:42** [MSB] CT a large millstone **9:43** Greek Gehenna; also in verses 45 and 47 **9:43** [BSB] BYZ and TR include ⁴⁴where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched; see verse 48 and Isaiah 66:24. **9:44** [MSB] Isaiah 66:24; CT does not include verse 44. **9:45** [BSB] BYZ and TR include ⁴⁶where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched; see verse 48 and Isaiah 66:24. **9:45** [MSB] CT does not include into the unquenchable fire. **9:46** [MSB] Isaiah 66:24; CT does not include verse 46. **9:47** [MSB] GOC and go away **9:47** [MSB] Literally into the hell of fire; CT into hell **9:48** [MSB] F35 the worm **9:48** Isaiah 66:24 **9:49** [BSB] BYZ and TR include and every sacrifice will be salted with salt. **9:49** [MSB] CT does not include and every sacrifice will be salted with salt. **10:4** See Deuteronomy 24:1. **10:6** Genesis 1:27; Genesis 5:2 **10:7** NE and WH do not include and be united to his wife. **10:8** Genesis 2:24 (see also LXX) **10:10** [MSB] CT and GOC the disciples **10:13** [MSB] CT literal rebuked them **10:17** [MSB] F35 someone **10:19** [MSB] CT Do not murder, do not commit adultery **10:19** Exodus 20:12–16; Deuteronomy 5:16–20

21 Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “There is one thing you lack: Go, sell everything you own and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, [MSB] take up the cross, and follow Me.”

22 But the man was saddened by these words and went away in sorrow, because he had great wealth.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

24 And the disciples were amazed at His words.

But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is [MSB] for those who trust in riches

to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

26 They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Who then can be saved?”

27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

28 Peter began to say to Him, “Look, we have left everything and followed You.”

29 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or

[MSB] wife or children or fields for My sake and for the gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundredfold in the present age — houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and fields, along with persecutions — and in the age to come, eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Third Prediction of the Passion

32 As they were going up the road to Jerusalem, Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were amazed, but

[BSB] those who followed [MSB] as they followed, they

were afraid. Again Jesus took the Twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him: 33 “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes. They will condemn Him to death and will deliver Him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock

[MSB] Him and flog

Him and spit on Him and

[BSB] flog Him and kill Him. And after three days

[MSB] kill Him. And on the third day

He will rise again.”

The Request of James and John

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and declared, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.”

36 “What do you want Me to do for you?” He inquired.

37 They answered, “Grant that one of us may sit at Your right hand and the other at Your left in Your glory.”

38 “You do not know what you are asking,” Jesus replied. “Can you drink the cup I will drink,

[BSB] or [MSB] and

be baptized with the baptism I will undergo?”

39 “We can,” the brothers answered.

“You will

[MSB] indeed

drink the cup that I drink,” Jesus said, “and you will be baptized with the baptism that I undergo. 40 But to sit at My right

[BSB] or [MSB] and

left is not Mine to grant. These seats belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their superiors exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Jesus Heals Bartimaeus

46 Next, they came to Jericho. And as Jesus and His disciples were leaving Jericho with a large crowd, a blind

[BSB] beggar [MSB] man

named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting beside the road.

[MSB] begging.

47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

48 Many people admonished him to be silent, but he cried out all the louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

49 Jesus stopped and

[BSB] said, “Call him.”

[MSB] asked for him to be called over.

So they called the blind man. “Take courage!” they said. “Get up! He is calling for you.”

50 Throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus

[BSB] jumped [MSB] rose

up and came to Jesus.

51 “What do you want Me to do for you?” Jesus asked.

“Rabboni,” said the blind man, “let me see again.”

52 “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

The Triumphal Entry

11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to

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10:21 [MSB] GOC If you wish to be perfect, go 10:21 [MSB] CT does not include take up the cross. 10:21 [BSB] BYZ and TR Then come, take up the cross, and follow Me. 10:24 [MSB] CT does not include for those who trust in riches. 10:24 [BSB] BYZ and TR how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter 10:25 [MSB] F35 For it is 10:26 [MSB] WH said to Him 10:29 [MSB] CT does not include or wife. 10:30 [MSB] GOC and F35 include and fathers. 10:32 [MSB] CT those who followed were afraid 10:34 [MSB] CT and spit on Him and flog Him 10:34 [MSB] CT after three days 10:38 [MSB] CT or 10:39 [MSB] CT You will drink 10:40 [MSB] CT or 10:40 Literally Mine to grant, but for whom 10:43 [MSB] CT literal it is not 10:46 [MSB] CT a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting beside the road 10:49 [MSB] CT Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” 10:50 [MSB] CT jumped up 11:1 [MSB] ALT, CT, and TR Bethphage

[BSB] Bethphage
[MSB] Bethsphage

and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent out two of His disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has

[BSB] ever

sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs

[BSB] it and will return it shortly.”

[MSB] it,’ and he will send it here immediately.”

⁴ So they went and found

[BSB] the
[MSB] a

colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. They untied it, ⁵ and some who were standing there asked, “Why are you untying the colt?”

⁶ The disciples answered as Jesus had

[BSB] instructed
[MSB] commanded

them, and the people gave them permission. ⁷ Then they led the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, and He sat on it.

⁸ Many in the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others

[BSB] spread branches they had cut from the fields.
[MSB] cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ The ones who went ahead and those who followed were shouting: “Hosanna!”

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰ “Blessed is the

[BSB] coming kingdom of our father David!”

[MSB] kingdom of our father David that is coming in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest!”

¹¹ Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, He went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

¹² The next day, when they had left Bethany, Jesus was hungry.

¹³ Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if there was any fruit on it. But when He reached it, He found nothing on it except leaves, since it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ Then

[BSB] He

[MSB] Jesus

said to the tree, “May no one ever eat of your fruit again.” And His disciples heard this statement.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹⁵ When they arrived in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began to drive out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling doves. ¹⁶ And He would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷ Then Jesus began to teach them, and He declared, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”

¹⁸ When the

[BSB] chief priests and scribes

[MSB] scribes and chief priests

heard this, they looked for a way to kill Him. For they were afraid of Him, because the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.

¹⁹ And when evening came, Jesus

[BSB] and His disciples

went out of the city.

The Withered Fig Tree

²⁰ As they were walking back in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from its roots. ²¹ Peter remembered it and said, “Look, Rabbi! The fig tree You cursed has withered.”

²² “Have faith in God,” Jesus said to them. ²³

[BSB] “Truly

[MSB] “For truly

I tell you that if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and has no doubt in his heart but believes that it will happen,

[BSB] it

[MSB] whatever he says

will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

²⁵ And when you stand to pray, if you hold anything against another, forgive it, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your trespasses as well.”

[MSB] ²⁶ But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

Jesus’ Authority Challenged

²⁷ After their return to Jerusalem, Jesus was walking in the temple courts, and the chief priests, scribes, and elders came up to Him.

²⁸ “By what authority are You doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave You the authority to do them?”

²⁹ “I will

[MSB] also

11:2 [MSB] CT has *ever sat* 11:3 [MSB] GOC, NA, SBL, TH, and WH *“The Lord needs it and will return it shortly.”* 11:4 [MSB] GOC, ALT, F35, and TR *the colt* 11:6 [MSB] CT *had instructed* 11:8 [MSB] CT *while others spread branches they had cut from the fields* 11:9 [BSB] *Hosanna* is a transliteration of the Hebrew *Hosia-na*, meaning *Save, we pray* or *Save now*, which became a shout of praise; see Psalm 118:25. 11:9 [MSB] *Hosanna* is a transliteration of the Hebrew *Hosia-na*, meaning *Save, we pray* or *Save now*, which became a shout of praise; also in verse 10; see Psalm 118:25. 11:9 Psalm 118:26 11:10 [MSB] CT *does not include in the name of the Lord.* 11:10 Or *“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”* See Psalm 118:25 and Psalm 148:1. 11:11 Literally *the temple*; also in verses 15, 16, and 27 11:14 [MSB] CT *He* 11:17 Isaiah 56:7 11:17 Jeremiah 7:11 11:18 [MSB] CT *chief priests and scribes*; GOC *scribes, Pharisees, and chief priests* 11:19 [BSB] *Literally they went*; BYZ and TR *He went* 11:19 [MSB] *Literally He went*; CT *they went* 11:23 [MSB] CT *Truly* 11:23 [MSB] CT *it will be done for him* 11:24 [MSB] *Literally you are receiving*; CT *you have received* 11:25 [BSB] BYZ and TR include ²⁶But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses; see Matthew 6:15. 11:26 [MSB] CT does not include verse 26; see Matthew 6:15. 11:28 [MSB] GOC Or

ask you one question,” Jesus replied, “and if you answer Me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ³⁰John’s baptism — was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me!”

³¹ They deliberated among themselves:

“^[RSB] what they should answer:
“If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will ask, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ³² But if we say, ‘From men’ ...” they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John truly was a prophet. ³³ So they answered, “We do not know.”

And Jesus replied, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

12 Then Jesus began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a wine vat, and built a watchtower. Then he rented it out to some tenants and went away on a journey.

² At harvest time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ But they seized the servant, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.

⁴ Then he sent them another servant, and

“^[MSB] casting stones
they struck him over the head and
“^[BSB] treated
“^[MSB] sent him away, treating
him shamefully.

⁵ He sent still another, and this one they killed.
He sent many others; some they beat and others they killed.

⁶ Finally, having
“^[MSB] his
one beloved son, he sent him to them.
“^[MSB] last.

“They will respect my son,” he said.
⁷ But the tenants said to one another, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.” ⁸ So they seized the son, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

⁹ What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those

“^[BSB] tenants and
“^[MSB] tenants, and will
give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you never read this Scripture:
“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

¹¹ This is from the Lord,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

¹² At this, the leaders sought to arrest Jesus, for they knew that He had spoken this parable against them. But fearing the crowd, they left Him and went away.

Paying Taxes to Caesar

¹³ Later, they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to catch Jesus in His words. ¹⁴ “Teacher,” they said, “we know that You are honest and seek favor from no one. Indeed, You are impartial and teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay them or not?”

¹⁵ But Jesus saw through their hypocrisy and said, “Why are you testing Me? Bring Me a denarius to inspect.” ¹⁶ So they brought it, and He asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they answered.

“^[BSB] ¹⁷ Then
“^[MSB] ¹⁷ In response

Jesus told them, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

And they marveled at Him.

The Sadducees and the Resurrection

¹⁸ Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and questioned Him: ¹⁹ “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man is to marry his brother’s widow and raise up offspring for him. ²⁰ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died, leaving no children. ²¹ Then the second one married the widow, but he also died and left no children. And the third did likewise. ²² In this way, none of the seven

“^[MSB] who had her
left any children. And last of all, the woman died. ²³ In the resurrection, then, whose wife will she be? For all seven were married to her.”

²⁴ Jesus
“^[BSB] said to
“^[MSB] answered

them, “Aren’t you mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? ²⁵ When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage. Instead, they will be like the angels in heaven.

²⁶ But concerning the dead rising, have you not read about the burning bush in the Book of Moses, how God told him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? ²⁷ He is not the God of the dead, but

“^[BSB] of the living. You
“^[MSB] the God of the living. Therefore you
are badly mistaken!”

The Greatest Commandment

²⁸ Now one of the scribes had come up and heard their debate. Noticing how well Jesus had answered them, he asked Him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”

²⁹ Jesus replied, “This is the most important:
“^[MSB] of all the commandments:

11:29 [MSB] CT I will ask 11:30 [MSB] F35 does not include Answer Me! 12:4 [MSB] CT does not include casting stones. 12:4 [MSB] CT does not include and sent him away. 12:6 [MSB] CT does not include his. 12:6 [MSB] Or finally 12:7 [MSB] GOC But when the tenants saw him coming, they said 12:9 [MSB] SBL and WH do not include then. 12:11 Psalm 118:22–23 12:12 Literally they sought 12:14 [MSB] GOC Tell us then, is it lawful 12:15 A denarius was customarily a day’s wage for a laborer; see Matthew 20:2. 12:17 [MSB] ECM, NA, SBL, and TH do not include In response. 12:19 Deuteronomy 25:5 12:22 [MSB] CT does not include who had her. 12:23 Literally In the resurrection, when they rise, 12:24 [MSB] CT Jesus said to them 12:26 Exodus 3:6 12:27 [MSB] CT and GOC do not include the God. 12:27 [MSB] CT does not include Therefore. 12:29 [MSB] CT does not include of all the commandments.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.’³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

[MSB] This is the first commandment.

³¹ The second,

[MSB] like it,

is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

³² “Right, Teacher,” the scribe replied. “You have stated correctly that God is One and there is no other but Him,³³ and to love Him with all your heart and with all your understanding

[MSB] and with all your soul

and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. This is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

³⁴ When Jesus saw that the man had answered wisely, He said, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

And no one dared to question Him any further.

Whose Son Is the Christ?

³⁵ While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, He asked, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David?”³⁶ Speaking by the Holy Spirit, David himself declared:

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at My right hand

until I

[BSB] put Your enemies under

[MSB] make Your enemies a footstool for

Your feet.”

³⁷

[MSB] Therefore

David himself calls Him ‘Lord.’ So how can He be David’s son?”

And the large crowd listened to Him with delight.

Beware of the Scribes

³⁸ In His teaching Jesus also said,

[MSB] to them,

“Watch out for the scribes. They like to walk around in long robes, to receive greetings in the marketplaces,³⁹ and to have the chief seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.⁴⁰ They defraud widows of their houses, and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will receive greater condemnation.”

The Widow’s Offering

⁴¹ As Jesus was sitting opposite the treasury, He watched the crowd putting money into it. And many rich people put in large amounts.

⁴² Then one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amounted to a small fraction of a denarius.

⁴³ Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more than all the others into the treasury.⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their surplus, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

Temple Destruction and Other Signs

13 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, look at the magnificent stones and buildings!”

² “Do you see all these great buildings?” Jesus replied. “Not one stone

[BSB] here

will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

³ While Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to be fulfilled?”

⁵

[MSB] In response,

Jesus began by telling them, “See to it that no one deceives you.”⁶

[BSB] Many

[MSB] For many

will come in My name, claiming, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many.

⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed.

[BSB] These

[MSB] For these

things must happen, but the end is still to come.⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, as well as famines.

[MSB] and riots.

These are the beginning of birth pains.

Witnessing to All Nations

⁹ So be on your guard.

[BSB] You

[MSB] For you

will be delivered over to the councils and beaten in the synagogues. On My account you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them.¹⁰ And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all the nations.

¹¹ But when they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand

[MSB] or premeditate

what to say. Instead, speak whatever you are given at that time, for it will not be you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

¹² Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rise against their parents and have them put to death.¹³ You will be hated by everyone because of My name, but the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.

The Abomination of Desolation

¹⁴ So when you see the abomination of desolation,

[MSB] spoken of by Daniel the prophet,

12:30 Deuteronomy 6:4–5 12:30 [MSB] CT does not include *This is the first commandment.* 12:31 [MSB] CT does not include *like it.*

12:31 Leviticus 19:18 12:33 [MSB] CT does not include *and with all your soul.* 12:35 Literally *the temple* 12:36 [BSB] Psalm 110:1

12:36 [MSB] Psalm 110:1; CT *until I put Your enemies under Your feet* 12:37 [MSB] CT does not include *Therefore.* 12:38 [MSB] CT does not include *to them.* 12:40 Literally *They devour widows’ houses* 12:42 Greek *put in two lepta, which is a kodrantēs*; a lepton was a Jewish coin of bronze or copper worth about 1/128 of a denarius. 13:2 [MSB] CT *Not one stone here* 13:5 [MSB] CT does not include *In response.*

13:6 [MSB] CT does not include *For*; similarly in verses 7 and 9. 13:8 [MSB] CT does not include *and riots.* 13:11 [MSB] CT does not include *or premeditate.* 13:14 [BSB] See Daniel 9:27, Daniel 11:31, and Daniel 12:11; BYZ and TR include *spoken of by Daniel the prophet.*

13:14 [MSB] See Daniel 9:27, Daniel 11:31, and Daniel 12:11; CT does not include *spoken of by Daniel the prophet.*

standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let no one on the housetop go back inside

[MSB] the house
to retrieve anything from his house. ¹⁶ And let no one in the field return for his cloak.

¹⁷ How miserable those days will be for pregnant and nursing mothers!

¹⁸ Pray that
[BSB] this
[MSB] your flight

will not occur in the winter. ¹⁹ For those will be days of tribulation
[BSB] unseen
[MSB] unmatched

from the beginning of God's creation until now, and never to be seen again. ²⁰ If the Lord had not cut short those days, nobody would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom He has chosen, He has cut them short.

²¹ At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There He is!' do not believe it. ²² For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders

[BSB] to
[MSB] that would

deceive even the elect, if that were possible. ²³ So be on your guard;
[MSB] see,
I have told you everything in advance.

The Return of the Son of Man

²⁴ But in those days, after that tribulation:

'The sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;

²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.'

²⁶ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And He will send out

[BSB] the
[MSB] His

angels to gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁸ Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branches become tender and sprout leaves, you know that summer is near.

²⁹ So also, when you see these things happening, know that He is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.

Readiness at Any Hour

³² No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on your

[BSB] guard and stay alert!
[MSB] guard, stay alert, and pray!

For you do not know when the appointed time will come.

³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey who left his house, put each servant in charge of his own task, and instructed the doorkeeper to keep watch. ³⁵ Therefore keep watch, because you do not know when the master of the house will return — whether in the evening, at midnight, when the rooster crows, or in the morning. ³⁶ Otherwise, he may arrive without notice and find you sleeping. ³⁷ And what I say to you, I say to everyone: Keep watch!"

The Plot to Kill Jesus

14 Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were two days away, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a covert way to arrest Jesus and kill Him. ² "But not during the feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

³ While Jesus was in Bethany reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke open the jar and poured it on Jesus' head.

⁴ Some of those present, however, expressed their indignation to one another:

[MSB] and said,
"Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her.

⁶ But Jesus said, "Leave her alone; why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful deed to Me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them whenever you want. But you will not always have Me. ⁸ She has done what she could to anoint My body in advance of My burial. ⁹ And truly I tell you, wherever

[BSB] the
[MSB] this

gospel is preached in all the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ They were delighted to hear this, and they promised to give him money.

So Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

Preparing the Passover

¹² On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was to be sacrificed, Jesus' disciples asked Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

¹³ So He sent two of His disciples and told them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jug of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and

13:14 Or *where he should not be* 13:15 [MSB] CT does not include *the house*. 13:18 [MSB] CT *Pray that this* 13:22 [MSB] CT literal does not include *even*. 13:23 [MSB] CT does not include *see*. 13:25 Or *and the celestial bodies will be shaken*; see Isaiah 13:10, Isaiah 34:4, and Joel 2:10. 13:26 See Daniel 7:13–14. 13:27 [MSB] CT *the angels* 13:28 Or *this parable* 13:28 [MSB] F35 *one knows* 13:29 Or *it is near* 13:32 [MSB] TR *and* 13:33 [BSB] BYZ and TR *Be on your guard, stay alert, and pray!* 13:33 [MSB] CT *Be on your guard (and) stay alert!* 14:1 Literally *and the Unleavened*; see Exodus 12:14–20. 14:3 Aramaic *Simon the Potter* or *Simon the Jar Maker* 14:4 [MSB] CT does not include *and said*. 14:5 A denarius was customarily a day's wage for a laborer; see Matthew 20:2. 14:7 See Deuteronomy 15:11. 14:9 [MSB] CT *the gospel* 14:12 Literally *On the first day of the Unleavened*; see Exodus 12:14–20.

whichever house he enters, say to the owner, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is

[BSB] My
[MSB] the

guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

¹⁶ So

[BSB] the
[MSB] His

disciples left and went into the city, where they found everything as Jesus had described. And they prepared the Passover.

The Last Supper

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve.¹⁸ And while they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you who is eating with Me will betray Me.”

¹⁹ They began to be grieved and to ask Him one after another, “Surely not I?”

[MSB] And another said, “Is it I?”

²⁰ He answered, “It is one of the Twelve — the one who is dipping his hand into the bowl with Me.²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, spoke a blessing and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take

[BSB] it;
[MSB] and eat;

this is My body.”

²³ Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it.²⁴ He said to them, “This is My blood of the

[MSB] new

covenant, which is poured out for many.²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

²⁷ Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away,

[MSB] on account of Me this night,
for it is written:

‘I will strike the Shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.’

²⁸ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

²⁹ Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I never will.”

³⁰ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.”

³¹ But Peter kept insisting,

[MSB] all the more,

“Even if I have to die with You, I will never deny You.” And all the others said the same thing.

Jesus Prays at Gethsemane

³² Then they came to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus told His disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

³³ He took with Him Peter, James, and John, and began to be deeply troubled and distressed.³⁴ Then He said to them, “My soul is consumed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

³⁵ Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour would pass from Him.³⁶ “Abba, Father,” He said, “all things are possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will.”

³⁷ Then Jesus returned and found them sleeping. “Simon, are you asleep?” He asked. “Were you not able to keep watch for one hour?

³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not enter into temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

³⁹ Again He went away and prayed, saying the same thing.⁴⁰ And again Jesus returned and found them sleeping,

[MSB] —

for their eyes were heavy. And they did not know what to answer Him.

⁴¹ When Jesus returned the third time, He said, “Are you still sleeping and resting? That is enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴² Rise, let us go. See, My betrayer is approaching!”

The Betrayal of Jesus

⁴³ While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a

[MSB] large

crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, scribes, and elders.

⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The One I kiss is the man; arrest Him and lead Him away securely.”⁴⁵ Going directly to Jesus, he said, “Rabbi!”

[MSB] Rabbi!”

and kissed Him.

⁴⁶ Then the men seized Jesus and arrested Him.⁴⁷ And one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸ Jesus asked the crowd, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would an outlaw? ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest Me. But this has happened that the Scriptures would be fulfilled.”

⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted Him and fled.⁵¹ One young man who had been following Jesus was wearing a linen cloth around his body.

[BSB] They

[MSB] The young men

caught hold of him,⁵² but he pulled free of the linen cloth and ran away

[MSB] from them
naked.

14:14 [MSB] CT and GOC My 14:16 [MSB] CT the disciples 14:19 [MSB] CT does not include And another said, “Is it I?” 14:20 Literally the one who is dipping 14:22 [MSB] CT Take it 14:24 [MSB] CT does not include new. 14:24 [BSB] BYZ and TR the new covenant 14:27 [BSB] BYZ and TR include on account of Me this night; see Matthew 26:31. 14:27 [MSB] CT does not include on account of Me this night; see Matthew 26:31. 14:27 Zechariah 13:7 14:31 [MSB] CT does not include all the more. 14:43 [MSB] GOC Judas Iscariot 14:43 [MSB] CT does not include large. 14:45 [MSB] CT “Rabbi!”, GOC “Greetings, Rabbi!” 14:49 Literally the temple 14:51 [MSB] CT They 14:52 [MSB] CT does not include from them.

Jesus before the Sanhedrin

⁵³ They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders, and scribes assembled.

[MSB] with him.

⁵⁴ Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the officers and warmed himself by the fire.

⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were seeking testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ For many bore false witness against Jesus, but their testimony was inconsistent.

⁵⁷ Then some men stood up and testified falsely against Him: ⁵⁸ "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this man-made temple, and in three days I will build another that is made without hands.'" ⁵⁹ But even their testimony was inconsistent.

⁶⁰ So the high priest stood up before them and questioned Jesus, "Have You no answer? What are these men testifying against You?"

⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and made no reply.

Again the high priest questioned Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

⁶² "I am," said Jesus, "and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

⁶³ At this, the high priest tore his clothes and declared, "Why do we need any more witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard the blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

And they all condemned Him as deserving of death.

⁶⁵ Then some of them began to spit on Him. They blindfolded Him, struck Him with their fists, and said to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers

[BSB] received Him with slaps in His face.

[MSB] kept striking Him with the palms of their hands.

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁶ While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came down ⁶⁷ and saw him warming himself there. She looked at Peter and said, "You also were with Jesus the Nazarene."

⁶⁸ But he denied it. "I do not know or even understand what you are talking about," he said. Then he went out to the gateway, and the rooster crowed.

⁶⁹ There the servant girl saw him

[BSB] and again

[MSB] again and

said to those standing nearby, "This man is one of them."

⁷⁰ But he denied it again.

After a little while, those standing nearby said once more to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you too are a Galilean."

[MSB] and your speech is similar."

⁷¹ But he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak!" ⁷² And

[BSB] immediately

the rooster crowed a second time.

Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Jesus Delivered to Pilate

15 Early in the morning, the chief priests, elders, scribes, and the whole Sanhedrin devised a plan. They bound Jesus, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate.

² So Pilate questioned Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

³ And the chief priests began to accuse Him of many things.

⁴ Then Pilate questioned Him again, "Have You no answer? Look how many charges they are

[BSB] bringing

[MSB] testifying

against You!"

⁵ But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

⁶ Now it was Pilate's custom at the feast to release to the people a prisoner of their choosing. ⁷ And a man named Barabbas was imprisoned with

[BSB] the

[MSB] his fellow

rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd

[BSB] went up

[MSB] cried out

and began asking Pilate to keep his custom.

⁹ "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked. ¹⁰ For he knew it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over.

¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead.

Pilate Delivers Up Jesus

¹² So Pilate asked them again, "What then do you want me to do with the One you call the King of the Jews?"

¹³ And they shouted back, "Crucify Him!"

¹⁴ "Why?" asked Pilate. "What evil has He done?"

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify Him!"

¹⁵ And wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed Him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

¹⁶ Then the soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called the whole company together. ¹⁷ They dressed Him in a purple robe, twisted together a crown of thorns, and set it on His head. ¹⁸ And they began to salute Him: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

¹⁹ They kept striking His head with a staff and spitting on Him. And they knelt down and bowed before Him. ²⁰ After they had mocked

14:53 [MSB] ECM, NA, SBL, and WH do not include with him. 14:55 Or the whole Council 14:62 Or the right hand of the Mighty One 14:62 See Psalm 110:1 and Daniel 7:13. 14:65 [MSB] GOC "Prophecy to us! Who hit You?" 14:65 [MSB] CT received Him with slaps in His face 14:68 NE and WH do not include and the rooster crowed. 14:69 [MSB] CT and again 14:70 [BSB] BYZ and TR include and your speech is similar. 14:70 [MSB] CT does not include and your speech is similar. 14:72 [MSB] CT And immediately 15:1 Or the whole Council 15:3 [MSB] GOC and Scrivener TR include but He gave no answer. 15:4 [MSB] CT bringing against You 15:6 Literally Now at the feast he would release to them 15:7 [MSB] CT the rebels 15:8 [MSB] CT went up 15:12 [MSB] ECM, TH, and WH What then should I do 15:18 [MSB] F35 includes saying.

Him, they removed the purple robe and put His own clothes back on Him. Then they led Him out to crucify Him.

The Crucifixion

²¹ Now Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and the soldiers forced him to carry the cross of Jesus.

²² They brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha, which means The Place of the Skull. ²³ There they offered Him wine

[MSB] to drink mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it.

²⁴ And they crucified Him.

They also divided His garments by casting lots to decide what each of them would take.

²⁵ It was the third hour when they crucified Him. ²⁶ And the charge inscribed against Him read:

THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁷ Along with Jesus, they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left.

[MSB] ²⁸ So the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “And He was numbered with the transgressors.”

²⁹ And those who passed by heaped abuse on Him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ come down from the cross and save Yourself!”

³¹ In the same way, the chief priests and scribes mocked Him among themselves, saying, “He saved others, but He cannot save Himself!

³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we may see and believe!”

[MSB] Him!”

And even those who were crucified with Him berated Him.

The Death of Jesus

³³ From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ³⁴ At the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi,

[BSB] lema

[MSB] lima

sabachthani?” which means, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

³⁵ When some of those standing nearby heard this, they said, “Behold, He is calling Elijah.”

³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine. He put it on a reed and held it up for Jesus to drink, saying, “Leave Him alone. Let us see if Elijah comes to take Him down.”

³⁷ But Jesus let out a loud cry and breathed His last. ³⁸ And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

³⁹ When the centurion standing there in front of Jesus saw how He had

[MSB] cried out and

breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

⁴⁰ And there were also women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ These women had followed Jesus and ministered to Him while He was in Galilee, and there were many other women who had come up to Jerusalem with Him.

The Burial of Jesus

⁴² Now it was already evening. Since it was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath), ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent Council member who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God, boldly went to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus.

⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead, so he summoned the centurion to ask if this was so. ⁴⁵ When Pilate had confirmed it with the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

⁴⁶ So Joseph bought a linen cloth, took down the body of Jesus, wrapped it in the cloth, and placed it in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of

[BSB] Joseph

[MSB] Joses

saw where His body was placed.

The Resurrection

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint the body of Jesus. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³ They were asking one another, “Who will roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, even though it was extremely large.

⁵ When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here! See the place where they put Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.’”

15:23 [MSB] CT does not include *to drink*. 15:24 See Psalm 22:18. 15:25 That is, nine in the morning 15:27 *Or insurrectionists*
 15:27 [BSB] BYZ and TR include ²⁸So the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “And He was numbered with the transgressors.” See Isaiah 53:12 and Luke 22:37. 15:28 [MSB] CT does not include verse 28; see Isaiah 53:12 and Luke 22:37. 15:32 [MSB] ALT, CT, and TR do not include *Him*. 15:33 That is, from noon until three in the afternoon 15:34 [MSB] ECM, NA, and SBL *lema*; TR, TH, and WH *lamma*
 15:34 Psalm 22:1 15:36 *Or a sponge with wine vinegar* 15:36 See Psalm 69:21. 15:39 [MSB] CT does not include *cried out and*.
 15:39 [BSB] BYZ and TR *saw how, having cried out, He had breathed His last* 15:40 *Joses* is a variant of *Joseph*; see Matthew 27:56.
 15:44 [MSB] *Or had been dead for some time* 15:47 [BSB] *Or Joses* 15:47 [MSB] *Or Joseph* 16:2 Literally *And very early on the first of the Sabbaths*,

⁸ So the women left the tomb and ran away, trembling and bewildered. And in their fear they did not say a word to anyone.

[BSB + MSB]

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

⁹ Early on the first day of the week, after Jesus had risen, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had driven out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with Him, who were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ And when they heard that Jesus was alive and she had seen Him, they did not believe it.

[BSB + MSB]

Jesus Appears to Two Disciples

¹² After this, Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them as they walked along in the country.

¹³ And they went back and reported it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.

[BSB + MSB]

The Great Commission

¹⁴ Later, as they were eating, Jesus appeared to the Eleven and rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

¹⁵ And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes,

[BSB] with their hands,

and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not harm them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will be made well.”

16:8 [MSB] TR *ran away quickly* **16:8** [BSB] Some early manuscripts end the Gospel of Mark after verse 8. Other manuscripts contain only a short ending, a version of the following: ⁹But they quickly reported all these instructions to Peter's companions. Afterward, Jesus Himself, through them, sent out from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen. **16:8** [MSB] Some manuscripts end the Gospel of Mark after verse 8. Other manuscripts contain only a short ending, a version of the following: ⁹But they quickly reported all these instructions to Peter's companions. Afterward, Jesus Himself, through them, sent out from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen. **16:9** Or *After Jesus had risen early on the first day of the week* **16:14** [MSB] WH *risen from the dead* **16:17** [MSB] TH and WH *will follow* **16:17** [BSB] WH *in tongues* **16:17** [MSB] TH and WH *in tongues* **16:19** [MSB] Most CT *After the Lord Jesus* **16:19** [BSB] ECM, BYZ, and TR *After the LORD* **16:20** [MSB] CT does not include *Amen*.

[BSB + MSB]

The Ascension

¹⁹ After the Lord

[BSB] Jesus

had spoken to them, He was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked through them, confirming His word by the signs that accompanied it.

[MSB] Amen.

Luke

Dedication to Theophilus

1 Many have undertaken to compose an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by the initial eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ Therefore, having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Gabriel Foretells John's Birth

⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah, and whose wife Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and decrees of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well along in years.

⁸ One day while Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

¹⁰ And at the hour of the incense offering, the whole congregation was praying outside.

¹¹ Just then an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and gripped with fear.

¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He shall never take wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ Many of the sons of Israel he will turn back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous — to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁸ "How can I be sure of this?" Zechariah asked the angel. "I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years."

¹⁹ "I am Gabriel," replied the angel. "I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will be silent and unable to speak until the day this comes to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time."

²¹ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he took so long in the temple. ²² When he came out and was unable to speak to them, they realized he had seen a vision in the temple. He kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

²³ And when the days of his service were complete, he returned home.

²⁴ After these days, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. She declared, ²⁵ "The Lord has done this for me. In these days He has shown me favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

Gabriel Foretells Jesus' Birth

²⁶ In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

[MSB] Blessed are you among women!"

²⁹ [MSB] When she saw this,

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ So the angel told her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ Behold, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever. His kingdom will never end!"

³⁴ "How can this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Look, even Elizabeth your relative has conceived a son in her old age, and she who was called barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it happen to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹ In those days Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judah, ⁴⁰ where she entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord's word to her will be fulfilled."

Mary's Song

⁴⁶ Then Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!
⁴⁸ For He has looked with favor on the humble state of His servant.
 From now on all generations will call me blessed.
⁴⁹ For the Mighty One has done great things for me.
 Holy is His name.
⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear Him,
 from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with His arm;
 He has scattered those who are proud
 in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones,
 but has exalted the humble.
⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things,
 but has sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel,
 remembering to be merciful,
⁵⁵ as He promised to our fathers,
 to Abraham and his descendants forever."
⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then
 returned home.

The Birth of John the Baptist

⁵⁷ When the time came for Elizabeth to have her child, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they rejoiced with her.
⁵⁹ On the eighth day, when they came to circumcise the child, they were going to name him after his father Zechariah. ⁶⁰ But his mother replied, "No! He shall be called John."
⁶¹ They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who bears this name." ⁶² So they made signs to his father to find out what he wanted to name the child.
⁶³ Zechariah asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all were amazed. ⁶⁴ Immediately Zechariah's mouth was opened and his tongue was released, and he began to speak, praising God.
⁶⁵ All their neighbors were filled with awe, and people throughout the hill country of Judea were talking about these events. ⁶⁶ And all who heard this wondered in their hearts and asked, "What then will this child become?"

[BSB] For
 [MSB] And

the Lord's hand was with him.

Zechariah's Song

⁶⁷ Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:
⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
 because He has visited and redeemed His people.
⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
 in the house of His servant David,
⁷⁰ as He spoke through His holy prophets,
 those of ages past,
⁷¹ salvation from our enemies
 and from the hand of all who hate us,
⁷² to show mercy to our fathers

and to remember His holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath He swore to our father Abraham,
 to grant us ⁷⁴ deliverance from
 [BSB] hostile hands,
 [MSB] the hands of our enemies,
 that we may serve Him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before Him
 all the days of our lives.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called
 a prophet of the Most High;
 for you will go on before the
 [MSB] presence of the

Lord
 to prepare the way for Him,
⁷⁷ to give to His people the knowledge of salvation
 through the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
 by which the Dawn
 [BSB] will visit
 [MSB] has visited
 us from on high,
⁷⁹ to shine also on those who live in darkness
 and in the shadow of death,
 to guide our feet
 into the path of peace."

⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until the time of his public appearance to Israel.

The Birth of Jesus

2 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that a census should be taken of the whole empire. ² This was the first census to take place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And everyone went to his own town to register.
⁴ So Joseph also went up from Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, since he was from the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child.
⁶ While they were there, the time came for her child to be born.
⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in
 [BSB] a
 [MSB] the
 manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸ And there were shepherds residing in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night. ⁹
 [BSB] Just then
 [MSB] And behold,
 an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! For behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: ¹¹ Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! ¹² And this will be

1:55 [MSB] F35 *until eternity* 1:63 [MSB] F35 *shall be* 1:66 [MSB] CT *For* 1:74 [MSB] CT *does not include our.* 1:75 [MSB] CT *literal all our days.* 1:76 [MSB] CT *before the Lord* 1:78 *Or the Morning Light or the Sunrise* 1:78 [MSB] CT *will visit* 1:80 *Or in the Spirit* 2:1 *Or of the whole land or of the whole world* 2:2 *Or This was the census before* 2:5 [MSB] *Literally his betrothed wife; CT literal his betrothed* 2:7 [MSB] CT *a manger* 2:9 [MSB] CT *does not include behold.*

[BSB] a

[MSB] the

sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a great multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth

[BSB] peace to men on whom His favor rests!”

[MSB] peace, good will toward men!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the Baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ After they had seen the Child, they spread

[MSB] widely

the message they had received about Him. ¹⁸ And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, which was just as the angel had told them.

Jesus Presented at the Temple

²¹ When the eight days before His circumcision had passed, He was named Jesus, the name the angel had given Him before He was conceived.

²² And when the time of

[MSB] their

purification according to the Law of Moses was complete, His parents brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord: “Every firstborn male shall be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer the sacrifice specified in the Law of the Lord: “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

The Prophecy of Simeon

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. And when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for Him what was customary under the Law, ²⁸ Simeon took Him in his arms and blessed God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as You have promised,
You now dismiss Your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
³¹ which You have prepared in the sight of all people,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to Your people Israel.”

[BSB] ³³ The Child’s father and

[MSB] ³³ And Joseph and the Child’s

mother were amazed at what was spoken about Him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to His mother Mary:

“Behold, this Child is appointed to cause
the rise and fall of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be spoken against,
³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed —
and a sword will pierce your soul as well.”

The Prophecy of Anna

³⁶ There was also a prophetess named Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, who was well along in years. She had been married for seven years, ³⁷ and then was a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

³⁸ Coming forward at that moment, she gave thanks to

[BSB] God

[MSB] the Lord

and spoke about the Child to all who were waiting for

[BSB] the redemption of

[MSB] redemption in

Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹ When Jesus’ parents had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong.

[MSB] in spirit.

He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

⁴¹ Every year His parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up

[MSB] to Jerusalem

according to the custom of the Feast.

⁴³ When those days were over and they were returning home, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but

[BSB] His parents

[MSB] Joseph and His mother

were unaware He had stayed. ⁴⁴ Assuming He was in their company, they traveled on for a day before they began to look for Him among their relatives and friends.

⁴⁵ When they could not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for Him. ⁴⁶ Finally, after three days they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astounded at His understanding and His answers.

⁴⁸ When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. “Child, why have You done this to us?” His mother asked. “Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You.”

⁴⁹ “Why were you looking for Me?” He asked. “Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement He was making to them.

2:12 [MSB] WH a sign 2:12 [MSB] TR the manger 2:14 [MSB] Or peace, good will among men; CT peace to men on whom His favor rests or peace to men with whom He is pleased 2:17 [MSB] CT they spread 2:21 [MSB] GOC and TR the Child’s 2:22 [MSB] Scrivener TR her purification 2:23 Exodus 13:2 2:24 Leviticus 12:8 2:27 Literally the temple; also in verse 46 2:33 [MSB] CT the father
2:35 [MSB] WH does not include as well. 2:37 Or was a widow for eighty-four years 2:38 [MSB] CT to God 2:38 [MSB] CT for the redemption of Jerusalem 2:40 [BSB] BYZ and TR became strong in spirit 2:40 [MSB] Or in the Spirit; CT does not include in spirit.
2:42 [MSB] CT does not include to Jerusalem. 2:43 [MSB] CT but His parents 2:49 Or I had to be about My Father’s business

⁵¹ Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But His mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

The Mission of John the Baptist

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for Him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
and every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked ways shall be made straight,
and the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all humanity will see God’s salvation.”

⁷ Then John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit, then, in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The axe lies ready at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ The crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”

¹¹ John replied, “Whoever has two tunics should share with him who has none, and whoever has food should do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Collect no more than you are authorized,” he answered.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

“Do not take money by force or false accusation,” he said. “Be content with your wages.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John could be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered all of them: “I baptize you with water, but One more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in His

[BSB] hand to

[MSB] hand, and He will

clear His threshing floor and

[BSB] to

gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ With these and many other exhortations, John proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹ But when he rebuked Herod the tetrarch regarding his brother’s wife Herodias and all the evils he had done,

²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

The Baptism of Jesus

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as He was praying, heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in a bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven:

[MSB] saying,

“You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”

The Genealogy of Jesus

²³ Jesus Himself was about thirty years old when He began His ministry.

He was regarded as the son of Joseph,

the son of Heli,

²⁴ the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi,

the son of

[BSB] Jannai,

[MSB] Janna,

the son of Joseph,

²⁵ the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum,

the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,

²⁶ the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of

[BSB] Semein,

[MSB] Semei,

the son of Josech, the son of

[BSB] Joda,

[MSB] Judah,

²⁷ the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel,

the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

²⁸ the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam,

the son of

[BSB] Elmadam,

[MSB] Elmodam,

the son of Er,

²⁹ the son of

[BSB] Joshua,

[MSB] Jose,

the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim,

the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,

³⁰ the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph,

the son of

[BSB] Jonam,

[MSB] Jonan,

the son of Eliakim,

³¹ the son of Melea, the son of

[BSB] Menna,

[MSB] Mainan,

the son of Mattatha,

3:2 [MSB] TR *being the high priests Annas and Caiaphas* 3:6 Literally *And all flesh will see God’s salvation*; Isaiah 40:3–5 (see also LXX)
 3:12 [MSB] F35 *baptized by him* 3:14 [MSB] GOC *false accusation or force* 3:16 Or *in water* 3:16 Cited in Acts 13:25 3:16 Or *in the Holy Spirit and in fire* 3:17 [MSB] CT *hand to clear* 3:19 [MSB] TR *his brother Philip’s* 3:22 [MSB] CT *came from heaven*:
 3:23 [MSB] NA, F35, SBL, Stephanus TR, TH *Eli* 3:24 [MSB] F35 and GOC *Matthan*; NA and SBL *Matthat* 3:24 [MSB] CT *Jannai*; GOC *Joanna* 3:25 [MSB] GOC *Eslim* 3:26 [MSB] NA and SBL *Semei*; TH and WH *Semei*; ALT and HF *Semei*; GOC *Semeu*
 3:26 [MSB] CT *Joda* 3:27 [MSB] ALT and TR *Joanna*; F35 and GOC *Joannan* 3:28 [MSB] CT *Elmadam* 3:29 [MSB] CT *Joshua*
 3:30 [MSB] CT and F35 *Jonam*; GOC *Jona* 3:31 [MSB] CT *Menna*; Scrivener TR *Menam*

the son of Nathan, the son of David,
³² the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz,
 the son of
 [BSB] Sala,
 [MSB] Salmon,
 the son of Nahshon,
³³ the son of Amminadab, the son of
 [BSB] Admin, the son of Arni,
 [MSB] Aram,
 the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,
³⁴ the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham,
 the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,
³⁵ the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg,
 the son of Eber, the son of Shalah,
³⁶ the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem,
 the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,
³⁷ the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared,
 the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan,
³⁸ the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam,
 the son of God.

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days He was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and

[MSB] afterward,
 when they had ended, He was hungry.

³ The devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴ But Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

[MSB] but on every word of God.”

⁵ Then the devil led Him up to a high

[BSB] place
 [MSB] mountain

and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ “I will give You authority over all these kingdoms and all their glory,” he said. “For it has been relinquished to me, and I can give it to anyone I wish.” So if you worship me, it will all be Yours.”

⁸ But Jesus answered,

[MSB] “Get behind Me, Satan!
 “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’”

⁹ Then the devil led Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple. “If You are the Son of God,” he said, “throw Yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

‘He will command His angels concerning You
 to guard You carefully,

¹¹ and they will lift You up in their hands,
 so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.’”

¹² But Jesus answered, “It also says, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and the news about Him spread throughout the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He taught in their synagogues and was glorified by everyone.

The Rejection at Nazareth

¹⁶ Then Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. As was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath. And when He stood up to read, ¹⁷ the scroll of

[BSB] the prophet Isaiah

[MSB] Isaiah the prophet
 was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on Me,
 because He has anointed Me
 to preach good news to the poor.
 He has sent Me to
 [MSB] heal the brokenhearted, to
 proclaim liberty to the captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to release the oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ Then He rolled up the scroll, returned it to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on Him,
²¹ and He began by saying, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

²² All spoke well of Him and marveled at the gracious words that came from His lips. “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?” they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to Me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! Do here in Your hometown what we have heard that You did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴ Then He added, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ But I tell you truthfully that there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and great famine swept over all the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to the widow of Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet. Yet not one of them was cleansed— only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ On hearing this, all the people in the synagogue were enraged.

²⁹ They got up, drove Him out of the town, and led Him to the brow

3:32 [BSB] BYZ and TR *Salmon*; see Ruth 4:20–21 and Matthew 1:4–5. 3:32 [MSB] See Ruth 4:20–21 and Matthew 1:4–5; CT *Sala*
 3:33 [BSB] BYZ and TR *Aram*; others *Ram*; see Ruth 4:19 and Matthew 1:3–4. 3:33 [BSB] WH, BYZ, and TR do not include the *son of*
Arni. 3:33 [MSB] CT *Admin*; others *Ram*; see Ruth 4:19 and Matthew 1:3–4; most CT also include the *son of Arni*; GOC, ALT, HF, and F35
 include the *son of Joram*. 3:38 Greek *Enōs*, a variant spelling of Enosh; see Genesis 5:6. 4:1 Or in the wilderness 4:2 [MSB] CT does
 not include *afterward*. 4:4 [BSB] Deuteronomy 8:3; BYZ and TR on *bread alone*, but on *every word of God*. 4:4 [MSB] Deuteronomy 8:3;
 CT does not include *but on every word of God*; GOC *but on every word that comes from the mouth of God*. 4:5 [MSB] CT *led Him up to a high*
place 4:8 [MSB] CT does not include *Get behind Me, Satan!* 4:8 [MSB] TR and GOC *for it is written* 4:8 [BSB] Deuteronomy 6:13;
 BYZ and TR “*Get behind Me, Satan!*” *For it is written...* 4:8 [MSB] Deuteronomy 6:13 4:11 Psalm 91:11–12 4:12 Deuteronomy 6:16
 4:17 [MSB] CT the prophet *Isaiah* 4:18 [MSB] CT does not include to *heal the brokenhearted*. 4:18 [BSB] BYZ and TR *He has sent Me*
to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives 4:19 Or to *proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord*; Isaiah 61:1–2 (see also LXX)
 4:27 A *leper* was one afflicted with a skin disease. See Leviticus 13.

of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw Him over the cliff. ³⁰ But Jesus passed through the crowd and went on His way.

Jesus Expels an Unclean Spirit

³¹ Then He went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath He began to teach the people. ³² They were astonished at His teaching, because His message had authority.

³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon. He cried out in a loud voice, ³⁴ “Ha! What do You want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are — the Holy One of God!”

³⁵ But Jesus rebuked the demon. **“Be silent!”** He said. **“Come out of him!”** At this, the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without harming him.

³⁶ All the people were overcome with amazement and asked one another, “What is this message? With authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷ And the news about Jesus spread throughout the surrounding region.

Jesus Heals at Peter's House

³⁸ After Jesus had left the synagogue, He went to the home of Simon, whose mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever. So they appealed to Jesus on her behalf, ³⁹ and He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once and began to serve them.

⁴⁰ At sunset, all who were ill with various diseases were brought to Jesus, and laying His hands on each one, He healed them. ⁴¹ Demons also came out of many people,

[BSB] shouting, “You are
[MSB] crying out, “You are the Christ,
the Son of God!” But He rebuked the demons and would not allow them to speak, because they knew He was the Christ.

Jesus Preaches in Judea

⁴² At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place, and the crowds were looking for Him. They came to Him and tried to keep Him from leaving. ⁴³ But Jesus told them, **“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well, because that is why I was sent.”**

⁴⁴ And He continued to preach in the synagogues of

[BSB] Judea.
[MSB] Galilee.

The First Disciples

5 On one occasion, while Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret with the crowd pressing in on Him to hear the word of God, ² He saw two boats at the edge of the lake. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³ Jesus got into the boat belonging to Simon and asked him to put out a little from shore. And sitting down, He taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, **“Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”**

⁵ “Master,” Simon replied, “we have worked hard all night without catching anything. But because You say so, I will let down the

[BSB] nets.”
[MSB] net.”

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their

[BSB] nets
[MSB] net

began to tear. ⁷ So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees. “Go away from me, Lord,” he said, “for I am a sinful man.” ⁹ For he and his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were his partners James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

“Do not be afraid,” Jesus said to Simon. **“From now on you will catch men.”** ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats ashore, they left everything and followed Him.

The Leper's Prayer

¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell facedown and begged Him, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”

¹³ Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. **“I am willing,”** He said. **“Be clean!”** And immediately the leprosy left him.

¹⁴ **“Do not tell anyone,”** Jesus instructed him. **“But go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering Moses prescribed for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”**

¹⁵ But the news about Jesus spread all the more, and great crowds came to hear Him and to be healed

[MSB] by Him
of their sicknesses. ¹⁶ Yet He frequently withdrew to the wilderness to pray.

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching, and the Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. People had come from Jerusalem and from every village of Galilee and Judea, and the power of the Lord was present for Him to heal the sick.

¹⁸ Just then some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They tried to bring him inside to set him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but they could not find a way through the crowd. So they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, He said,

[MSB] to the man,

“Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

²¹ But the scribes and Pharisees began thinking to themselves, “Who is this man who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

²² Knowing what they were thinking, Jesus replied, **“Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk?’ ²⁴ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on the earth to forgive sins...”** He said to the paralytic, **“I tell you, get up, pick up your mat, and go home.”**

²⁵ And immediately the man stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God. ²⁶ Everyone was taken with amazement and glorified God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

Jesus Calls Levi

²⁷ After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax booth. “Follow Me,” He told him, ²⁸ and Levi got up, left everything, and followed Him.

²⁹ Then Levi hosted a great banquet for Jesus at his house. A large crowd of tax collectors was there, along with others who were eating with them. ³⁰ But

[BSB] the Pharisees and their scribes

[MSB] their scribes and the Pharisees

complained to Jesus’ disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

³¹ Jesus answered, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

Questions about Fasting

³³ Then they said to Him,
[MSB] “Why do

“John’s disciples and those of the Pharisees frequently fast and pray, but Yours keep on eating and drinking.”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “Can you make the guests of the bridegroom fast while He is with them? ³⁵ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.”

The Patches and the Wineskins

³⁶ He also told them a parable: “No one
[BSB] tears
[MSB] sews

a piece of cloth from a new garment
[BSB] and sews it on
[MSB] onto

an old one. If he does, he will tear the new garment as well, and the patch from the new will not match the old.

³⁷ And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the

[BSB] skins,

[MSB] wineskins,

the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined. ³⁸ Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins.

[MSB] and both are preserved.

³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine
[MSB] immediately
wants new, for he says, “The old is better.””

The Lord of the Sabbath

6

[BSB] 1 One

[MSB] 1 On the second chief

Sabbath Jesus was passing through the grainfields, and His disciples began to pick the heads of grain, rub them in their hands, and eat them. ² But some of the Pharisees asked, “Why are you doing what is unlawful

[MSB] to do

on the Sabbath?”

³ Jesus replied, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He entered the house of God, took the consecrated bread and

[MSB] also

gave it to his companions, and ate what is lawful only for the priests to eat.”

⁵ Then Jesus declared, “The Son of Man is Lord
[MSB] even
of the Sabbath.”

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

⁶ On another Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ Looking for

[BSB] a reason to accuse

[MSB] an accusation against

Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees were watching Him closely to see if He would heal on the Sabbath.

⁸ But Jesus knew their thoughts and said to the man with the withered hand, “Get up and stand among us.” So he got up and stood there.

⁹ Then Jesus said to them, “I ask
[BSB] you, which is lawful on the
[MSB] you one thing: Is it lawful on the

Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?” ¹⁰ And after looking around at all of them, He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and it was restored.

[MSB] as sound as the other.

¹¹ But the scribes and Pharisees were filled with rage and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

The Twelve Apostles

¹² In those days Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and He spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³ When daylight came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also designated as apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom He named Peter, and his brother Andrew; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; ¹⁵ Matthew and Thomas; James son of Alphaeus and Simon called the Zealot; ¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Jesus Heals the Multitudes

¹⁷ Then Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place. A
[BSB] large

crowd of His disciples was there, along with a great number of people from all over Judea, Jerusalem, and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon.

¹⁸ They had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases,

5:30 [MSB] CT the Pharisees and their scribes 5:33 [MSB] CT does not include Why do. 5:36 [MSB] CT No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and sews it 5:37 [MSB] CT the skins 5:38 [MSB] See Matthew 9:17; CT does not include and both are preserved.
5:39 [MSB] CT does not include immediately. 6:1 [BSB] BYZ and TR On the second Sabbath after the first 6:2 [MSB] CT does not include to do. 6:4 Or the Bread of the Presence 6:4 [MSB] CT does not include also. 6:5 [MSB] CT does not include even.
6:7 [MSB] CT for a reason to accuse 6:9 [MSB] CT I ask you, which is lawful 6:10 [MSB] CT does not include as sound as the other.
6:17 [MSB] CT A large crowd

[BSB] and those troubled by unclean spirits
[MSB] along with those troubled by unclean spirits. And they were healed. ¹⁹The entire crowd was trying to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all.

The Beatitudes

²⁰Looking up at His disciples, Jesus said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

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

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For their fathers treated the prophets in the same way.

Woes to the Satisfied

²⁴But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵Woe to you who are well fed,
[BSB] now,

for you will hunger.
Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶Woe to you when
[BSB] all

men speak well of you,
for their fathers treated the false prophets in the same way.

Love Your Enemies

²⁷But to those of you who will listen, I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone takes your cloak, do not withhold your tunic as well. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what is yours, do not demand it back. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?

[BSB] Even

[MSB] For even

sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you?

[BSB] Even

[MSB] For even

sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

³⁵But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶

[BSB] Be

[MSB] Therefore be

merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

³⁷Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the

[MSB] same

measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

³⁹Jesus also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye but fail to notice the beam in your own eye? ⁴²

[BSB] How

[MSB] Or how

can you say, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while you yourself fail to see the beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

A Tree and Its Fruit

⁴³No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

⁴⁴For each tree is known by its own fruit. Indeed, figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor grapes from brambles. ⁴⁵The good man brings good things out of the good treasure of his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil treasure of his heart. For out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.

The House on the Rock

⁴⁶Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ but do not do what I say? ⁴⁷I will show you what he is like who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them: ⁴⁸He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid his foundation on the rock. When the flood came, the torrent crashed against that house but could not shake it, because

[BSB] it was well built.

[MSB] its foundation was on the rock.

⁴⁹But the one who hears My words and does not act on them is like a man who built his house on ground without a foundation. The torrent crashed against that house, and immediately it fell — and great was its destruction!”

The Faith of the Centurion

7 When Jesus had concluded His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum. ²There a highly valued servant of a centurion was sick and about to die. ³When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to ask Him to come and heal his servant. ⁴They came to Jesus and pleaded with Him earnestly, “This man is worthy to have You grant this, ⁵for he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.”

6:18 [MSB] CT of their diseases, and those troubled by unclean spirits were healed 6:26 [MSB] CT, TR, ALT, F35, and GOC all men

6:33 [MSB] CT does not include For. 6:34 [MSB] CT does not include For. 6:36 [MSB] CT does not include Therefore. 6:38 [MSB]

CT does not include same. 6:42 [MSB] CT does not include Or. 6:42 Literally How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother 6:48 [BSB]

BYZ and TR because its foundation was on the rock; see Matthew 7:25. 6:48 [MSB] CT because it was well built; see Matthew 7:25.

6:49 [MSB] Literally a house; F35 his house

⁶ So Jesus went with them. But when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends with the message: “Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy to have You come under my roof. ⁷ That is why I did not consider myself worthy to come to You. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell one to go, and he goes, and another to come, and he comes. I tell my servant to do something, and he does it.”

⁹ When Jesus heard this, He marveled at the centurion. Turning to the crowd following Him, He said, “I tell you, **not even in Israel have I found such great faith.**” ¹⁰ And when the messengers returned to the house, they found the ^[MSB] ailing servant in good health.

Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

¹¹ Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain.

^[MSB] Many of His disciples went with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. ¹² As He approached the town gate, He saw a dead man being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.

¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then He went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. “Young man,” He said, “I tell you, get up!” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak! Then Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ A sense of awe swept over all of them, and they glorified God. “A great prophet has appeared among us!” they said. “God has visited His people!” ¹⁷ And the news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding region.

John's Inquiry

¹⁸ Then John's disciples informed him about all these things. ¹⁹ So John called two of his disciples and sent them to ask

^[BSB] the Lord, ^[MSB] Jesus, “Are You the One who was to come, or should we look for someone else?”

²⁰ When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to ask, ‘Are You the One who was to come, or should we look for someone else?’”

^[BSB] ²¹ At ^[MSB] ²¹ Now at

that very hour Jesus healed many people of their diseases, afflictions, and evil spirits, and He gave sight to many who were blind. ²² So

^[BSB] He ^[MSB] Jesus

replied, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. ²³ Blessed is the one who does not fall away on account of Me.”

Jesus Testifies about John

²⁴ After John's messengers had left, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the wind? ²⁵ Otherwise, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? Look, those who wear elegant clothing and live in luxury are found in palaces.

²⁶ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is the one about whom it is written: ‘Behold, I will send My messenger ahead of You, who will prepare Your way before You.’

²⁸ ^[MSB] For I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater ^[BSB] than John, ^[MSB] prophet than John the Baptist, yet even the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

²⁹ All the people who heard this, even the tax collectors, acknowledged God's justice. For they had received the baptism of John. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.

³¹ “To what, then, can I compare the men of this generation? What are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to one another: ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, ^[MSB] for you, and you did not weep.’

³³ For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon!’ ³⁴ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at this glutton and drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ ³⁵ But wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

A Sinful Woman Anoints Jesus

³⁶ Then one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him, and He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ When a sinful woman from that town learned that Jesus was dining there, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears and wipe them with her hair. Then she kissed His feet and anointed them with the perfume.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, He would know who this is and what kind of woman is touching Him — for she is a sinner!” ⁴⁰ But Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you. “Tell me, Teacher,” he said.

⁴¹ “Two men were debtors to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they were unable to repay him, he forgave both of them.

^[BSB] Which ^[MSB] Tell Me, which one, then, will love him more?”

7:10 [MSB] CT does not include *ailing*. 7:11 [MSB] CT does not include *Many of*. 7:14 Literally *bier*, probably a wooden plank or open coffin 7:19 [MSB] CT *the Lord* 7:21 [MSB] CT does not include *Now*. 7:22 [MSB] CT *So He replied* 7:22 A *leper* was one afflicted with a skin disease. See Leviticus 13. 7:23 Or *who is not offended by Me* 7:24 [MSB] *GC disciples* 7:27 Malachi 3:1 7:28 [MSB] CT I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John 7:31 [MSB] TR And the Lord said, “To what 7:32 [MSB] CT does not include *for you*. 7:39 [MSB] WH *the prophet* 7:41 A denarius was customarily a day's wage for a laborer; see Matthew 20:2. 7:42 [MSB] CT does not include *Tell Me*.

⁴³ “I suppose the one who was forgiven more,” Simon replied.

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

⁴⁴ And turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give Me water for My feet, but she wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with

[BSB] her hair.

[MSB] the hair of her head.

⁴⁵ You did not greet Me with a kiss, but she has not stopped kissing My feet since I arrived. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint My head with oil, but she has anointed My feet with perfume. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven, for she has loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.”

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ But those at the table began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

⁵⁰ And Jesus told the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Women Minister to Jesus

8 Soon afterward, Jesus traveled from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with Him, ² as well as some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ Joanna the wife of Herod’s household manager Chuza, Susanna, and many others. These women were ministering to them out of their own means.

The Parable of the Sower

⁴ While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, He told them this parable: ⁵ “A farmer went out to sow his seed. And as he was sowing, some seed fell along the path, where it was trampled, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the seedlings withered because they had no moisture.

⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the seedlings.

⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it sprang up and produced a crop — a hundredfold.”

As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹ Then His disciples asked Him what this parable meant.

¹⁰ He replied, “The knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, ‘though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’”

¹¹ Now this is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The seeds along the path are those who hear, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

¹³ The seeds on rocky ground are those who hear the word and receive it with joy, but they have no root. They believe for a season, but in the time of testing, they fall away.

¹⁴ The seeds that fell among the thorns are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the worries, riches, and pleasures of this life, and their fruit does not mature.

¹⁵ But the seeds on good soil are those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, cling to it, and by persevering produce a crop.

The Lesson of the Lamp

¹⁶ No one lights a lamp and covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he sets it on a stand, so those who enter can see the light. ¹⁷ For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be made known and brought to light.

¹⁸ Pay attention, therefore, to how you listen. Whoever has will be given more, but whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken away from him.”

Jesus’ Mother and Brothers

¹⁹ Then Jesus’ mother and brothers came to see Him, but they were unable to reach Him because of the crowd. ²⁰ He was told, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see You.”

²¹ But He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and carry it out.”

Jesus Calms the Storm

²² One day Jesus said to His disciples, “Let us cross to the other side of the lake.” So He got into a boat with them and set out.

²³ As they sailed, He fell asleep, and a windstorm came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. ²⁴ The disciples went and woke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!”

Then Jesus

[BSB] got up

[MSB] arose

and rebuked the wind and the raging waters, and they subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ “Where is your faith?” He asked.

Frightened and amazed, they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him!”

The Demons and the Pigs

²⁶ Then they sailed to the region of the

[BSB] Gerasenes,

[MSB] Gadarenes,

across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, He was met by a

[BSB] demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this

[MSB] man from the town who had been demon-possessed for a long time. This

man had not worn clothing or lived in a house, but he stayed in the tombs.

²⁸ When the man saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him, shouting in a loud voice, “What do You want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You not to torture me!” ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was bound with chains and

7:44 [MSB] CT with her hair 7:45 [MSB] GOC she arrived 8:2 [MSB] GOC healed of diseases, afflictions, evil spirits, 8:3 [BSB] TR to Him 8:3 [MSB] F35, TR, and GOC to Him 8:8 [MSB] Literally into; TR literal on 8:10 Isaiah 6:9 (See also LXX) 8:12 [BSB] Literally the ones; also in verses 13, 14, and 15 8:12 [MSB] Literally The ones; similarly in verses 13, 14, and 15 8:16 [MSB] F35 As He said this He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear. No one 8:24 [MSB] CT got up 8:26 [MSB] GOC He sailed 8:26 [BSB] BYZ and TR Gadarenes; Tischendorf Gergesenes; also in verse 37 8:26 [MSB] CT Gerasenes; Tischendorf Gergesenes; also in verse 37 8:27 [MSB] CT met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn

shackles, he had broken the chains and been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ **“What is your name?”** Jesus asked.

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him.

³¹ And

[BSB] the demons

[MSB] he

kept begging Jesus not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² There on the hillside a large herd of pigs was feeding. So the demons begged Jesus to let them enter the pigs, and He gave them permission.

³³ Then the demons came out of the man and went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside. ³⁵ So the people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man whom the demons had left, sitting at Jesus’ feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Meanwhile, those who had seen it reported how the demon-possessed man had been healed.

³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the

[BSB] Gerasenes

[MSB] Gadarenes

asked Jesus to depart from them, because great fear had taken hold of them. So He got into the boat and started back.

³⁸ The man whom the demons had left begged to go with Jesus. But

[BSB] He

[MSB] Jesus

sent him away, saying, ³⁹ **“Return home and describe how much God has done for you.”** So the man went away and proclaimed all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

The Healing Touch of Jesus

⁴⁰ When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. ⁴¹ Just then a synagogue leader named Jairus came and fell at Jesus’ feet. He begged Him to come to his house, ⁴² because his only daughter, who was about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus went with him, the crowds pressed around Him, ⁴³ including a woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years. She had spent all her money on physicians, but no one was able to heal her.

⁴⁴ She came up behind Jesus and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ **“Who touched Me?”** Jesus asked.

But they all denied it. “Master,” said Peter,

[MSB] and those with him,

“the people are crowding and pressing against You.”

[MSB] and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’”

⁴⁶ But Jesus declared, **“Someone touched Me, for I know that power has gone out from Me.”**

⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not escape notice, came trembling and fell down before Him. In the presence of all the people, she explained why she had touched Him and how she had immediately been healed.

[BSB] 48 **“Daughter,”**

[MSB] 48 **“Take courage, daughter,”**

said Jesus, **“your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”**

⁴⁹ While He was still speaking, someone arrived from the house of the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” he told Jairus. “Do not bother the Teacher.”

[BSB] anymore.”

⁵⁰ But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, **“Do not be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”**

⁵¹ When He entered the house, He did not allow anyone to go in

[BSB] with Him

except Peter, John, James, and the child’s father and mother. ⁵² Meanwhile, everyone was weeping and mourning for her. But Jesus said, **“Stop weeping; she is not dead but asleep.”** ⁵³ And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead.

⁵⁴ But Jesus

[BSB] took her by the

[MSB] sent them all outside, took her by the

hand and called out, **“Child, get up!”** ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she got up. And He directed that she be given something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astounded, but Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

The Ministry of the Twelve

9 Then Jesus called the Twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and power to cure diseases.

² And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³ **“Take nothing for the journey,”** He told them, “no

[BSB] staff,

[MSB] staffs,

no bag, no bread, no money, no second tunic. ⁴ Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that area. ⁵ If anyone does not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that town, as a testimony against them.”

⁶ So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.

Herod Tries to See Jesus

⁷ When Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was

[BSB] happening,

[MSB] being done by Him,

he was perplexed. For some were saying that John had risen from the dead, ⁸ others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that a prophet of old had arisen.

⁹ “I behelded John,” Herod said, “but who is this man I hear such things about?” And he kept trying to see Jesus.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

¹⁰ Then the apostles returned and reported to Jesus all that they had done. Taking them away privately, He withdrew to a

[BSB] town

[MSB] deserted place of the city

8:31 [MSB] CT and Scrivener TR *they kept begging* 8:34 [MSB] TR *they ran off, went away,* 8:38 [MSB] CT *But He* 8:43 NE and WH do not include *She had spent all her money on physicians.* 8:45 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *and those who were with him.* 8:45 [MSB] CT does not include *and those with him.* 8:45 [MSB] CT does not include *and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’* 8:48 [MSB] CT does not include *Take courage.* 8:51 [MSB] CT includes *with Him.* 8:51 [MSB] TR *Peter, James, John* 8:54 [MSB] CT does not include *sent them all outside.* 9:1 TR *His twelve disciples* 9:3 [MSB] CT *staff* 9:3 Or *silver coins* 9:3 [MSB] TH and WH *extra* 9:7 [MSB] CT does not include *by Him.* 9:10 [MSB] CT *to a town*

called Bethsaida. ¹¹ But the crowds found out and followed Him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed healing.

¹² As the day neared its end, the Twelve came to Jesus and said, "Dismiss the crowd so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside for lodging and provisions. For we are in a desolate place here."

¹³ But Jesus told them, **"You give them something to eat."**

"We have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered, "unless we go and buy food for all these people." ¹⁴ (There were about five thousand men.)

He told His disciples, **"Have them sit down in groups of**

[BSB] about

fifty each." ¹⁵ They did so, and everyone was seated.

¹⁶ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, Jesus spoke a blessing and broke them. Then He gave them to the disciples to set before the people.

¹⁷ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

Peter's Confession of Christ

¹⁸ One day as Jesus was praying in private and the disciples were with Him, He questioned them: **"Who do the crowds say I am?"**

¹⁹ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that a prophet of old has arisen."

²⁰ **"But what about you?"** Jesus asked. **"Who do you say I am?"**

Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

Christ's Passion Foretold

²¹ Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²² **"The Son of Man must suffer many things,"** He said. **"He must be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and He must be killed and on the third day**

[BSB] be raised to life."

[MSB] rise again."

Take Up Your Cross

²³ Then Jesus said to all of them, **"If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross**

[BSB] daily

and follow Me. ²⁴ **For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.**

²⁵ **What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, yet lose or forfeit his very self?** ²⁶ **If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.** ²⁷ **But I tell you truly, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."**

The Transfiguration

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus had said these things, He took with Him Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray.

²⁹ And as He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became radiantly white. ³⁰ Suddenly two men, Moses and Elijah, began talking with Jesus. ³¹ They appeared in glory and

spoke about His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³² Meanwhile Peter and his companions were overcome by sleep, but when they awoke, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with Him. ³³ As Moses and Elijah were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (vvv He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While Peter was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is My

[BSB] Son, whom I have chosen.

[MSB] beloved Son.

Listen to Him!"

³⁶ After the voice had spoken, only Jesus was present with them. The disciples kept this to themselves, and in those days they did not tell anyone what they had seen.

The Boy with an Evil Spirit

³⁷ The next day, when they came down from the mountain, Jesus was met by a large crowd. ³⁸ Suddenly a man in the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my only child.

³⁹ A spirit keeps seizing him, and he screams abruptly. It throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It keeps mauling him and rarely departs from him. ⁴⁰ I begged Your disciples to drive it out, but they were unable."

⁴¹ **"O unbelieving and perverse generation!"** Jesus replied. **"How long must I remain with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."**

⁴² Even while the boy was approaching, the demon slammed him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

The Second Prediction of the Passion

⁴³ And they were all astonished at the greatness of God.

While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus

[BSB] was doing,

[MSB] had done,

He said to His disciples, ⁴⁴ **"Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men."** ⁴⁵ But they did not understand this statement. It was veiled from them so that they could not comprehend it, and they were afraid to ask Him about it.

The Greatest in the Kingdom

⁴⁶ Then an argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus,

[BSB] knowing

[MSB] seeing

the thoughts of their hearts, had a little child stand beside Him.

⁴⁸ And He said to them, **"Whoever welcomes this little child in My name welcomes Me, and whoever welcomes Me welcomes the One who sent Me. For whoever is the least among all of you, he**

[BSB] is

[MSB] will be

the greatest."

9:14 [MSB] CT of about

9:22 [MSB] CT, GOC, ALT, HF, F35, and TR be raised (to life)

9:23 [MSB] CT, GOC, and TR include daily.

9:33 Or three tabernacles

9:35 [BSB] BYZ and TR This is My beloved Son; see Matthew 17:5.

9:35 [MSB] CT This is My Son, whom I

have chosen; see Matthew 17:5.

9:43 [MSB] CT was doing

9:47 [MSB] CT knowing

9:48 [MSB] CT and GOC he is

49 “Master,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in Your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not accompany us.”

50 “Do not stop him,” Jesus replied, “for whoever is not against

[BSB]

you is for you.”

[MSB]

us is for us.”

The Samaritans Reject Jesus

51 As the day of His ascension approached, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52 He sent messengers on ahead, who went into a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. 53 But the people there refused to welcome Him, because He was heading for Jerusalem.

54 When

[BSB]

the

[MSB]

His

disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do You want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?”

[MSB]

just as Elijah did?”

55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them.

[MSB]

and said, “You do not know what kind of spirit you are.

56

[MSB]

For the Son of Man did not come to destroy the lives of men, but to save them.”

And He and His disciples went on to another village.

The Cost of Discipleship

57 As they were walking along the road, someone said to Jesus,

[MSB]

“Lord,

[MSB]

“I will follow You wherever You go.”

58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.”

59 Then He said to another man, “Follow Me.”

The man replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

60 But Jesus told him, “Let the dead bury their own dead. You, however, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

61 Still another said, “I will follow You, Lord; but first let me bid farewell to my family.”

62 Then Jesus declared, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and then looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two

10 After this, the Lord appointed

[BSB]

seventy-two

[MSB]

seventy

others and sent them two by two ahead of Him to every town and place He was about to visit. 2

[BSB]

And

[MSB]

Therefore

9:50 [MSB] CT and GOC not against you is for you

9:54 [MSB] CT the disciples

9:54 [BSB] BYZ and TR from heaven, just as Elijah did; see 2 Kings 1:10–12.

9:54 [MSB] CT does not include just as Elijah did.

9:55 [BSB] BYZ and TR include and He said, “You do not know what kind of spirit you are of.

56For the Son of Man did not come to destroy the lives of men, but to save them.”

9:55 [MSB] CT does not include and said, “You do not know what kind of spirit you are.

9:56 [MSB] CT does not include For the Son of Man did not come to destroy the lives of men, but to save them.

9:57 [MSB] CT does not include Lord.

9:59 [MSB] WH does not include Lord.

10:1 [BSB] NE, BYZ, and TR seventy; also in verse 17

10:1 [MSB] Most CT seventy-two; also in verse 17

10:2 [MSB] CT And

10:7 See Leviticus 19:13 and Deuteronomy 24:14–15; cited in 1 Timothy 5:18.

10:11 [MSB] CT and GOC to our feet

10:11 [MSB] CT does not include to you.

10:15 [MSB] CT will you be lifted up to heaven? No, you will be brought down

10:19 [MSB] CT have given

10:20 [MSB] TR but rather

He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest.

3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. 4 Carry no purse or bag or sandals. Do not greet anyone along the road.

5 Whatever house you enter, begin by saying, ‘Peace to this house.’

6 If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. 7 Stay at the same house, eating and drinking whatever you are offered. For the worker is worthy of his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

8 If you enter a town and they welcome you, eat whatever is set before you. 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God is near you.’

10 But if you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go into the streets and declare, 11 ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to

[BSB]

our feet,

[MSB]

us,

we wipe off as a testimony against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.’

[MSB]

to you.’

12 I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Woe to the Unrepentant

13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

15 And you, Capernaum,

[BSB]

will you be lifted up to heaven? No, you

[MSB]

who are exalted to heaven,

will be brought down to Hades!

16 Whoever listens to you listens to Me; whoever rejects you rejects Me; and whoever rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.”

The Joyful Return

17 The

[BSB]

seventy-two

[MSB]

seventy

returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in Your name.”

18 So He told them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

19 Behold, I

[BSB]

have given

[MSB]

am giving

you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Jesus' Prayer of Thanksgiving

²¹ At that time Jesus rejoiced in the

[BSB] Holy

Spirit and declared, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was well-pleasing in Your sight.

[BSB] ²² All

[MSB] ²² And turning to the disciples, He said, All

things have been entrusted to Me by My Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him."

²³ Then Jesus turned to the disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. ²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ One day an expert in the law stood up to test Him. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" Jesus replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus said. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Jesus took up this question and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down the same road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³² So too, when a Levite came to that spot and saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³³ But a Samaritan on a journey came upon him, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵ The next day

[MSB] when he departed

he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Take care of him," he said, "and on my return I will repay you for any additional expense."

[BSB] ³⁶ Which

[MSB] ³⁶ So which

of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ "The one who showed him mercy," replied the expert in the law. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Martha and Mary

³⁸ As they traveled along, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at

[BSB] the Lord's

[MSB] Jesus'

feet listening to His message. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations to be made. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha,"

[BSB] the Lord

[MSB] Jesus

replied, "you are worried and

[BSB] upset

[MSB] troubled

about many things. ⁴² But only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, and it will not be taken away from her."

The Lord's Prayer

11 One day in a place where Jesus had just finished praying, one of His disciples requested, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² So Jesus told them, "When you pray, say:

[BSB] 'Father,

[MSB] 'Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

[MSB] Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation."

[MSB] but deliver us from the evil one."

Ask, Seek, Knock

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you goes to his friend at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' because a friend

[BSB] of mine

has come to me on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Do not bother me. My door is already shut, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.'

⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up to provide for him because of his friendship, yet because of the man's persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹ So I tell you: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone

10:21 [MSB] CT in the Holy Spirit 10:22 [MSB] CT and TR do not include *And turning to the disciples, He said.* 10:27 Deuteronomy 6:5 10:27 Leviticus 19:18 10:30 [MSB] Literally *half dead, as he was*; CT literal does not include *as he was.* 10:35 [MSB] CT does not include *when he departed.* 10:35 A denarius was customarily a day's wage for a laborer; see Matthew 20:2. 10:36 [MSB] CT does not include *So.* 10:39 [MSB] CT at the Lord's feet 10:41 [MSB] CT the Lord 10:41 [MSB] CT worried and upset 11:2 [BSB] BYZ and TR Our Father in heaven; see Matthew 6:9. 11:2 [MSB] CT 'Father; see Matthew 6:9. 11:2 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*; see Matthew 6:10. 11:2 [MSB] CT does not include *Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*; see Matthew 6:10. 11:4 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *but deliver us from the evil one*; see Matthew 6:13. 11:4 [MSB] Or from evil; CT does not include *but deliver us from the evil one*; see Matthew 6:13. 11:6 [MSB] GOC, CT, and TR a friend of mine

who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ What father among you, if his son

^[MSB] asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ So if you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

A House Divided

¹⁴ One day Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. And when the demon was gone, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowds were amazed, ¹⁵ but some of them said, "It is by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons, that He drives out demons." ¹⁶ And others tested Him by demanding a sign from heaven.

¹⁷ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste, and a house divided against a house will fall. ¹⁸ If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? After all, you say that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his house, his possessions are secure. ²² But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted, and then he divides up his plunder.

²³ He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

An Unclean Spirit Returns

²⁴ When an unclean spirit comes out of a man, it passes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' ²⁵ On its return, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go

^[BSB] in and dwell there. And the final plight of that man is worse than the first."

True Blessedness

²⁷ As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and blessed are the breasts that nursed You!"

²⁸ But He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

The Sign of Jonah

²⁹ As the crowds were increasing, Jesus said, "This is a wicked generation. It

^[BSB] demands
^[MSB] seeks

a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah. ^[MSB] the prophet.

³⁰ For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so the Son of Man will be a sign to this generation.

³¹ The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and now One greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will stand at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now One greater than Jonah is here.

The Lamp of the Body

³³ No one lights a lamp and puts it in a cellar or under a basket. Instead, he sets it on a stand, so those who enter can see the light.

^[BSB] 34 Your
^[MSB] 34 The

eye is the lamp of

^[BSB] your body. When
^[MSB] the body. So when

your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body is full of darkness. ³⁵ Be careful, then, that the light within you is not darkness. ³⁶ So if your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, you will be radiant, as though a lamp were shining on you."

Woes to Pharisees and Experts in the Law

³⁷ As Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee invited Him to dine with him; so He went in and reclined at the table. ³⁸ But the Pharisee was surprised to see that Jesus did not first wash before the meal.

³⁹ Then the Lord said, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You fools! Did not the One who made the outside make the inside as well? ⁴¹ But give as alms the things that are within you, and behold, everything will be clean for you.

⁴² Woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithes of mint, rue, and every herb, but you disregard justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without neglecting the former.

⁴³ Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the chief seats in the synagogues and the greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴ Woe to you!

^[MSB] scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites!

For you are like unmarked graves, which men walk over without even noticing."

⁴⁵ One of the experts in the law told Him, "Teacher, when You say these things, You insult us as well."

⁴⁶ "Woe to you as well, experts in the law!" He replied. "For you weigh men down with heavy burdens, but you yourselves will not lift a finger to lighten their load.

⁴⁷ Woe to you! For you build tombs for the prophets, but it was your fathers who killed them. ⁴⁸ So you

11:11 [BSB] BYZ and TR if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone, or for a fish; see Matthew 7:9–10.

11:11 [MSB] CT What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?

11:13 [MSB] GOC a good spirit

11:15 WH Beezeboul; Vulgate Beelzebub; also in verses 18 and 19

11:19 [MSB] GOC will your

11:25 [MSB] WH unoccupied, swept clean,

11:26 [MSB] GOC, CT, and TR go in

11:29 [MSB] CT It demands

11:29 [MSB] CT does not include the prophet.

11:30 [MSB] Literally will be; GOC will be a sign

11:33 [MSB] TH does not include or under a basket.

11:34 [MSB] CT Your eye is the lamp of your body

11:34 [BSB] Literally When your eye is sound; see Proverbs 22:9.

11:34 [MSB] Literally So when your eye is sound; see Proverbs 22:9.

11:34 [BSB] Literally when it is evil; see Proverbs 23:6 and Proverbs 28:22.

11:34 [MSB] Literally But when it is evil; see Proverbs 23:6 and Proverbs 28:22.

11:44 [MSB] CT does not include scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites.

11:48 [MSB] CT So you are witnesses consenting

[BSB] are witnesses consenting

[MSB] bear witness and consent

to the deeds of your fathers: They killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹ Because of this, the wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles; some of them they will kill and others they will persecute.'

⁵⁰ As a result, this generation will be charged with the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the foundation of the world, ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, all of it will be charged to this generation.

⁵² Woe to you experts in the law! For you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering."

⁵³ As Jesus

[BSB] went on from there,

[MSB] said these things to them,

the scribes and Pharisees began to oppose Him bitterly and to ply Him with questions about many things, ⁵⁴

[BSB] waiting

[MSB] lying in wait for Him and seeking

to catch Him in something He might say.

[MSB] so that they might accuse Him.

The Leaven of the Pharisees

12 In the meantime, a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling one another. Jesus began to speak first to His disciples: "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ² There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, and nothing hidden that will not be made known. ³ What you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the housetops.

Fear God Alone

⁴ I tell you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear the One who, after you have been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear Him!

⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ⁷ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Confessing Christ

⁸ I tell you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will also confess him before the angels of God. ⁹ But whoever denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

¹¹ When you are brought before synagogues, rulers, and authorities, do not worry about how to defend yourselves or what to say. ¹² For at that time the Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say."

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ But Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed Me judge or executor between you?" ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourselves against

[BSB] every form of

greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

¹⁶ Then He told them a parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced an abundance. ¹⁷ So he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, since I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and will build bigger ones, and there I will store up all my

[BSB] grain

[MSB] crops

and my goods. ¹⁹ Then I will say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry!'"

²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. Then who will own what you have accumulated?'

²¹ This is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich toward God."

Do Not Worry

²² Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³

[BSB] For life

[MSB] Life

is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storehouse or barn; yet God feeds them. How much more valuable you are than the birds!

²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁶ So if you cannot do such a small thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷ Consider how the lilies grow: They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was adorned like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith!

²⁹ And do not be concerned about what you will eat or drink. Do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the Gentiles of the world strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek

[BSB] His kingdom, and

[MSB] the kingdom of God, and all

these things will be added unto you.

11:51 Literally *the house* 11:53 [MSB] CT As *Jesus went on from there* 11:54 [MSB] CT begins this verse with *waiting to catch Him in something*. 11:54 [MSB] CT does not include *so that they might accuse Him*. 12:5 Greek *Gehenna* 12:6 Greek *two assaria*; an assarion was a Roman copper coin worth about 1/16 of a denarius. 12:15 [MSB] CT *against every form of greed* 12:18 [MSB] CT *grain* 12:22 [MSB] TH *the disciples* 12:23 [MSB] CT *For life* 12:25 Or *a single cubit to his height*; a cubit was approximately 18 inches or 45 centimeters. 12:27 NE and Tischendorf *Consider the lilies: They do not spin or weave*. 12:27 [MSB] F35 does not include *Yet*. 12:31 [BSB] BYZ and TR *God's*; see Matthew 6:33. 12:31 [MSB] CT *But seek His kingdom*; see Matthew 6:33. 12:31 [MSB] CT does not include *all*.

Treasures in Heaven

³² Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide yourselves with purses that will not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Readiness at Any Hour

³⁵ Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning. ³⁶ Then you will be like servants waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks, they can open the door for him at once. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds on watch when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve and will have them recline at the table, and he himself will come and wait on them. ³⁸ Even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night and finds them alert, those servants will be blessed.

³⁹ But understand this: If the homeowner had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would

[MSB] have kept watch and would

not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰

[BSB] You

[MSB] Therefore you

also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect."

⁴¹ "Lord," said Peter, "are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone else as well?"

⁴² And the Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their portion at the proper time? ⁴³ Blessed is that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. ⁴⁴ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

⁴⁵ But suppose that servant says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and he begins to beat the menservants and maidservants, and to eat and drink and get drunk. ⁴⁶ The master of that servant will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not anticipate. Then he will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

⁴⁷ That servant who knows his master's will but does not get ready or follow his instructions will be beaten with many blows. ⁴⁸ But the one who unknowingly does things worthy of punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and from him who has been entrusted with much, even more will be demanded.

Not Peace but Division

⁴⁹ I have come to

[BSB] ignite a fire on

[MSB] bring fire to

the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!

⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on, five in one household

will be divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Interpreting the Present Time

⁵⁴ Then Jesus said to the crowds, "As soon as you see a cloud rising

[BSB] in

[MSB] from

the west, you say, 'A shower is coming,' and that is what happens.

⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It will be hot,' and it is. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and sky. Why

[BSB] don't you know how to

[MSB] can't you

interpret the present time?

Reconciling with an Adversary

⁵⁷ And why don't you judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸ Make every effort to reconcile with your adversary while you are on your way to the magistrate. Otherwise, he may drag you off to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and the officer may throw you into prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the very last penny."

A Call to Repentance

13 At that time some of those present told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

² To this

[BSB] He

[MSB] Jesus

replied, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered this way? ³ No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam collapsed on them: Do you think that they were more sinful than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

⁶ Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree that was planted in his vineyard. He went to look for fruit on it but did not find any.

⁷ So he said to the keeper of the vineyard, 'Look, for the past three years I have come to search for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any.

[BSB] Therefore cut

[MSB] Cut

it down! Why should it use up the soil?"

⁸ 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone again this year, until I dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit,

[BSB] next year,

fine. But if not, you can cut it down."

[MSB] next year."

12:38 That is, between nine at night and three in the morning

12:39 [MSB] CT does not include *would have kept watch and.*

12:53 See Micah 7:6.

12:54 [MSB] CT in

12:56 [MSB] GOC, F35, and Scrivener TR *sky and earth*

12:59 Greek *lepton*; that is, a Jewish coin of bronze or copper worth about 1/128

of a denarius **13:2** [MSB] CT *He replied*

13:7 [BSB] SBL, NE, WH *Cut it down!*

12:39 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *he would have stayed awake, and*

12:40 [MSB] CT does not include *Therefore.*

12:49 [MSB] CT and

13:7 [MSB] SBL, NE, WH *Therefore, cut it down!*

13:9 [MSB] CT *If it bears fruit next year, fine. But if not, you can cut it down.*

Jesus Heals a Disabled Woman

¹⁰ One Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman there had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was hunched over and could not stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your disability.” ¹³ Then He placed His hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and began to glorify God.

¹⁴ But the synagogue leader was indignant that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath. “There are six days for work,” he told the crowd. “So come and be healed on those days and not on the Sabbath.”

¹⁵ “You hypocrites!” the Lord replied. “Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it to water?”

¹⁶ Then should not this daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be released from her bondage on the Sabbath day?”

¹⁷ When Jesus said this, all His adversaries were humiliated. And the whole crowd rejoiced at all the glorious things He was doing.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

¹⁸ Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed that a man tossed into his garden. It grew and became a

[MSB] great tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.”

The Parable of the Leaven

²⁰ Again He asked, “To what can I compare the kingdom of God?”

²¹ It is like leaven that a woman took and mixed into three measures of flour, until all of it was leavened.”

The Narrow Door

²² Then Jesus traveled throughout the towns and villages, teaching as He made His way toward Jerusalem. ²³ “Lord,” someone asked Him, “will only a few people be saved?”

Jesus answered, ²⁴ “Make every effort to enter through the narrow

[BSB] door.

[MSB] gate.

For many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ After the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will stand outside knocking and saying, ‘Lord,

[MSB] Lord,

open the door for us.’

But he will reply, ‘I do not know where you are from.’

²⁶ Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

²⁷ And he will answer, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.’

²⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves are thrown out. ²⁹ People will come from east and west and north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And indeed, some who are last will be first, and some who are first will be last.”

Lament over Jerusalem

some Pharisees came to Jesus and told Him, “Leave this place and get away, because Herod wants to kill You.”

[BSB] ³¹ At that very hour,

[MSB] ³¹ On that very day,

³² But Jesus replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘Look, I will keep driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach My goal.’ ³³ Nevertheless, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day, for it is not admissible for a prophet to perish outside of Jerusalem.

³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those sent to her, how often I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were unwilling!

³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. And I tell you that you will not see Me again until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Jesus Heals a Man with Dropsy

14 One Sabbath, Jesus went to eat in the home of a leading Pharisee, and those in attendance were watching Him closely. ² Right there before Him was a man with dropsy. ³ So Jesus asked the experts in the law and the Pharisees, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”

[BSB] or not?”

⁴ But they remained silent.

Then Jesus took hold of the man, healed him, and sent him on his way. ⁵ And He asked them, “Which of you whose son or ox falls into a pit on the Sabbath day will not immediately pull him out?”

⁶ And they were unable to answer these questions.

The Parable of the Guests

⁷ When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, He told them a parable: ⁸ “When you are invited to a wedding banquet, do not sit in the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited. ⁹ Then the host who invited both of you will come and tell you, ‘Give this man your seat.’ And in humiliation, you will have to take the last place.

¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the last place, so that your host will come and tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in front of

[BSB] everyone

[MSB] those

at the table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹² Then Jesus said to the man who had invited Him, “When you host a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or brothers or relatives or rich neighbors. Otherwise, they may invite you in return, and you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you host a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Since they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Parable of the Banquet

¹⁵ When one of those reclining with Him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is

[BSB] everyone

[MSB] he

who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁶ But Jesus replied, “A certain man prepared a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ When it was time for the banquet, he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸ But one after another they all began to make excuses. The first one said, ‘I have bought a field, and I need to go

[MSB] and
see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out. Please excuse me.’

²⁰ Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, so I cannot come.’

[RSB] ²¹ The
[MSB] ²¹ That

servant returned and reported all this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the city, and bring in the poor, the crippled, the

[RSB] blind, and the lame.’
[MSB] lame, and the blind.’

²² ‘Sir,’ the servant replied,

[RSB] ‘what you ordered has been done,
[MSB] ‘it has been done as you ordered,

and there is still room.’

²³ So the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ For I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will taste my banquet.’”

[MSB] For many are called, but few are chosen.””

The Cost of Discipleship

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and He turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters — yes, even his own life — he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.

²⁸ Which of you, wishing to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has the resources to complete it?

²⁹ Otherwise, if he lays the foundation and is unable to finish the work, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man could not finish what he started to build.’

³¹ Or what king on his way to war with another king

[RSB] will
[MSB] does

not first sit down and consider whether he can engage with ten thousand men the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

³² And if he is unable, he will send a delegation while the other king is still far off, to ask for terms of peace.

³³ In the same way, any one of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be My disciple.

Good Salt

³⁴ Salt is good, but if the salt loses its savor, with what will it be seasoned? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile, and it is thrown out.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around to listen to Jesus. ² So the Pharisees and scribes began to grumble: “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the pasture and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, ⁶ comes home, and calls together his friends and neighbors to tell them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep!’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous ones who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ Or what woman who has ten silver coins and loses one of them does not light a lamp, sweep her house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors to say, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who repents.”

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger son said to him, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ After a few days, the younger son got everything together and journeyed to a distant country, where he squandered his wealth in wild living.

¹⁴ After he had spent all he had, a severe famine swept through that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his belly with the pods the pigs were eating, but no one would give him a thing.

¹⁷ Finally he came to his senses and said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have plenty of food, but

[RSB] here I
[MSB] I

am, starving to death! ¹⁸ I will get up and go back to my father and say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’”

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still in the distance, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

²¹ The son declared, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²² But the father said to his servants,

14:15 [BSB] Literally *who will eat bread* 14:15 [MSB] Literally *who will eat breakfast*; CT and TR *who will eat bread* 14:17 [MSB] CT literal it is now 14:18 [MSB] CT does not include *and*. 14:21 [MSB] CT *The servant* 14:21 [MSB] CT and F35 *the blind, and the lame* 14:22 [MSB] CT *what you ordered has been done* 14:24 [MSB] CT, GOC, ALI, HF, F35, and TR do not include *For many are called, but few are chosen*. 14:31 [MSB] CT *will not* 15:8 Greek *ten drachmas*, each worth about a day’s wages 15:16 [MSB] NA, TH, and WH *to be filled* 15:17 [MSB] Or *perishing with hunger* 15:21 WH includes *Make me like one of your hired servants*; see verse 19.

[BSB] 'Quick!

Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again! He was lost and is found!' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ Meanwhile the older son was in the field, and as he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked what was going on.

²⁷ 'Your brother has returned,' he said, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸ The older son became angry and refused to go in. So his father came out and pleaded with him.

²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look, all these years I have served you and never disobeyed a commandment of yours. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

³⁰ But when this son of yours returns from squandering your wealth with prostitutes, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹ 'Son, you are always with me,' the father said, 'and all that is mine is yours. ³² But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

16 Jesus also said to His disciples, "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in to ask, 'What is this I hear about you? Turn in an account of your management, for you cannot be manager any longer.'

³ The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking away my position? I am too weak to dig and too ashamed to beg. ⁴ I know what I will do so that after my removal from management, people will welcome me into their homes.'

⁵ And he called in each one of his master's debtors. 'How much do you owe my master?' he asked the first.

⁶ 'A hundred measures of olive oil,' he answered.

'Take your bill,' said the manager, 'sit down quickly, and write fifty.'

⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?'

'A hundred measures of wheat,' he replied.

'Take your bill and write eighty,' he told him.

⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the sons of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the sons of light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when

[BSB] it is gone,

[MSB] you fail,

they will welcome you into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ Whoever is faithful with very little will also be faithful with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been faithful with worldly wealth, who will entrust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with the belongings of another, who will give you belongings of your own?

¹³ No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

The Law and the Prophets

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all of this and were scoffing at Jesus. ¹⁵ So He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is prized among men is detestable before God.

¹⁶ The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the gospel of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. ¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for a single stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.

¹⁸ Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and

[BSB] he

[MSB] everyone

who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ Now there was a rich man dressed in purple and fine linen, who lived each day in joyous splendor. ²⁰ And a beggar named Lazarus lay at his gate, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² One day the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. And the rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham from afar, with Lazarus by his side.

²⁴ So he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. For I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵ But Abraham answered, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, while you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that even those who wish cannot cross from here to you, nor can anyone cross from there to us.'

²⁷ 'Then I beg you, father,' he said, 'send Lazarus to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also end up in this place of torment.'

²⁹ But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let your brothers listen to them.'

³⁰ 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone is sent to them from the dead, they will repent.'

³¹ Then Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Temptations and Trespasses

17 Jesus said to

15:26 [MSB] Stephanus TR *his* 16:1 [MSB] CT *the disciples* 16:6 Greek 'A hundred baths of oil'; that is, approximately 870 gallons or 3,300 liters 16:7 Greek 'A hundred cors of wheat'; that is, approximately 1,000 bushels or 35,000 liters (probably about 30 tons or 27 metric tons of wheat) 16:9 [MSB] Or *when you die*; CT *when it runs out* 16:16 Or *everyone is urged to enter into it* 16:18 [MSB] CT *he who* 16:21 [MSB] CT *literal with that which fell* 16:22 Greek *into Abraham's bosom*; similarly in verse 23 16:25 [MSB] F35 does not include *here*.

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disciples, “It is inevitable that stumbling blocks will come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him to have a

[MSB] large

millstone hung around his neck and to be thrown into the sea than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.

³ Watch yourselves. If your brother sins,

[MSB] against you,

rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴ Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and

[BSB] seven times returns

[MSB] returns seven times in that day

to say, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

The Power of Faith

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶ And the Lord answered, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷ Which of you whose servant comes in from plowing or shepherding in the field will say,

[BSB] to him,

‘Come at once and sit down to eat?’ ⁸ Instead, won’t he tell him, ‘Prepare my meal and dress yourself to serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you may eat and drink?’ ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what he was told?

[MSB] I think not.

¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything commanded of you, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

The Ten Lepers

¹¹ While Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As He entered one of the villages, He was met by ten lepers. They stood at a distance ¹³ and raised their voices, shouting, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

¹⁴ When Jesus saw them, He said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they were on their way, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He fell facedown at Jesus’ feet in thanksgiving to Him — and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ “Were not all ten cleansed?” Jesus asked. “Where then are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Was no one found except this foreigner to return and give glory to God?”

¹⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well!”

The Coming of the Kingdom

²⁰ When asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The kingdom of God will not come with observable signs. ²¹ Nor will people say, ‘Look, here it is,’ or ‘There it is.’ For you see, the kingdom of God is in your midst.”

²² Then He said to the disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. ²³ People will tell you, ‘Look, there He is!’ or ‘Look, here He is!’ Do not go out or chase after them. ²⁴ For just as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so will be the Son of Man in His day. ²⁵ But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ People were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

²⁸ It was the same in the days of Lot: People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. ²⁹ But on the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

³⁰ It will be just like that on the day the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹ On that day, let no one on the housetop come down to retrieve his possessions. Likewise, let no one in the field return for anything he has left behind. ³² Remember Lot’s wife! ³³ Whoever tries to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it. ³⁴ I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed: one will be taken and the other left. ³⁵ Two women will be grinding grain together: one will be taken and the other left.”

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³⁷ “Where, Lord?” they asked.

Jesus answered, “Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.”

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about

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[MSB] the

need to pray at all times and not lose heart: ² “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected men. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept appealing to him, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’

⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect men, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps pestering me, I will give her justice. Otherwise, she will wear me out with her perpetual requests.’”

⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to the words of the unjust judge. ⁷ Will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, He will promptly carry out justice on their behalf. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹ To some who trusted in their own righteousness and viewed others with contempt, He also told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men — swindlers, evildoers, adulterers — or

17:1 [MSB] CT and GOC *His disciples* 17:2 [MSB] CT and GOC *a millstone* 17:3 [MSB] CT does not include *against you*. 17:4 [MSB] CT does not include *in that day*. 17:9 [MSB] CT does not include *I think not*. 17:12 *A leper* was one afflicted with a skin disease. See Leviticus 13. 17:14 See Leviticus 14:1–32. 17:19 *Or has saved you* 17:21 *Or within you or within your grasp* 17:24 [MSB] WH does not include *in His day*. 17:33 [MSB] CT literal to *keep* 17:35 TR includes ³⁶Two men will be in the field. One will be taken and the other left; see Matthew 24:40. 18:1 [MSB] CT and GOC *their* 18:11 *Or stood and prayed to himself*

even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and pay tithes of all that I acquire.'

¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance, unwilling even to lift up his eyes to heaven. Instead, he beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man, rather than the Pharisee, went home justified. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Jesus Blesses the Children

¹⁵ Now people were even bringing their babies to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them. And when the disciples saw this, they rebuked those who brought them.

¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, anyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

The Rich Young Ruler

¹⁸ Then a certain ruler asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹ "Why do you call Me good?" Jesus replied. "No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother.'"

²¹ "All these I have kept from my youth," he said.

²² On hearing this, Jesus told him, "You still lack one thing: Sell everything you own and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me."

²³ But when the ruler heard this, he became very sad, because he was extremely wealthy.

²⁴ Seeing the man's sadness, Jesus said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ But Jesus said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸ "Look," said Peter, "we have left all we had to follow You."

²⁹ "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or

[BSB] wife or brothers or parents

[MSB] parents or brothers or wife

or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰ will fail to receive many times more in this age — and in the age to come, eternal life."

The Third Prediction of the Passion

³¹ Then Jesus took the Twelve aside and said to them, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything the prophets have written about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³² He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. ³³ They will flog Him and kill Him, and on the third day He will rise again." ³⁴ But the disciples did not understand any of these things. The meaning was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend what He was saying.

Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar

³⁵ As Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting beside the road, begging. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening.

³⁷ "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by," they told him.

³⁸ So he called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹ Those who led the way admonished him to be silent, but he cried out all the louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and directed that the man be brought to Him. When he had come near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want Me to do for you?"

"Lord," he said, "let me see again."

⁴² "Receive your sight!" Jesus replied. "Your faith has healed you."

⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Jesus and Zacchaeus

19 Then Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And there was a man named Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector, who was very wealthy. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but could not see over the crowd because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Him, since Jesus was about to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came to that place, He looked up

[MSB] and saw him

and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down, for I must stay at your house today."

⁶ So Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed Him joyfully. ⁷ And all who saw this began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinful man!"

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, half of my possessions I give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will repay it fourfold."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

The Parable of the Ten Minas

¹¹ While the people were listening to this, Jesus proceeded to tell them a parable, because He was near Jerusalem and they thought the kingdom of God would appear imminently. ¹² So He said, "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to lay claim to his kingship and then return. ¹³ Beforehand, he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Conduct business with this until I return,' he said. ¹⁴ But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want this man to rule over us.'

¹⁵ When he returned from procuring his kingship, he summoned the servants to whom he had given the money, to find out what each one had earned.

¹⁶ The first servant came forward and said, 'Master, your mina has produced ten more minas.'

¹⁷ His master replied, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very small matter, you shall have authority over ten cities.'

18:20 Exodus 20:12–16; Deuteronomy 5:16–20 18:24 [BSB] Literally *Seeing that he had become sorrowful*; SBL, NE, and WH *Seeing him*
 18:24 [MSB] Literally *Seeing that he had become sorrowful*; SBL, NE, TH, and WH *Seeing him* 18:28 [BSB] Literally *left our own*; BYZ and TR *left all* 18:28 [MSB] Literally, *CT left our own*; MT *left all* 18:29 [MSB] *CT home or wife or brothers or parents* 19:5 [MSB] CT does not include *and saw him*. 19:13 That is, he gave each servant one mina. A mina was most likely a silver coin worth a hundred drachmas, that is, about a hundred days' wages. 19:15 [MSB] Literally *who had gained what*

¹⁸ The second servant came and said, ‘Master, your mina has made five minas.’
¹⁹ And to this one he said, ‘You shall have authority over five cities.’
²⁰ Then another servant came and said, ‘Master, here is your mina, which I have laid away in a piece of cloth. ²¹ For I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man. You withdraw what you did not deposit and reap what you did not sow.’
²² His master replied, ‘You wicked servant, I will judge you by your own words. So you knew that I am a harsh man, withdrawing what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then did you not deposit my money in the bank, and upon my return I could have collected it with interest?’
²⁴ Then he told those standing by, ‘Take the mina from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’
²⁵ ‘Master,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’
²⁶ He replied, ‘I tell you that everyone who has will be given more; but the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ²⁷ And these enemies of mine who were unwilling for me to rule over them, bring them here and slay them in front of me.’”

The Triumphal Entry

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
²⁹ As He approached
[MSB] Bethphage
[MSB] Bethsphage
and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, He sent out two of His disciples,
³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying it?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it.’”
³² So those who were sent went out and found it just as Jesus had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked, “Why are you untying the colt?”
³⁴ “The Lord needs it,” they answered. ³⁵ Then they led the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over it, and put Jesus on it.
³⁶ As He rode along, the people spread their cloaks on the road.
³⁷ And as He approached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of disciples began to praise God joyfully in a loud voice for all the miracles they had seen:
³⁸ “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”
“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”
³⁹ But some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!”
⁴⁰ “I tell you,” He answered, “if they remain silent, the very stones will cry out.”

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

⁴¹ As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it
⁴² and said, “If only you,
[MSB] even you,
had known on this day what would bring you peace! But now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you when your enemies will barricade you and surround you and hem you

in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will level you to the ground — you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

⁴⁵ Then Jesus entered the temple courts and began to drive out those who were selling
[MSB] and buying
there. ⁴⁶ He declared to them, “It is written: ‘My house
[BSB] will be
[MSB] is
a house of prayer.’ But you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”
⁴⁷ Jesus was teaching at the temple every day, but the chief priests, scribes, and leaders of the people were intent on killing Him. ⁴⁸ Yet they could not find a way to do so, because all the people hung on His words.

Jesus’ Authority Challenged

20 One day as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courts and proclaiming the gospel, the
[BSB] chief
priests and scribes, together with the elders, came up to Him. ² “Tell us,” they said, “by what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?”
³ “I will also ask you
[BSB] a
[MSB] one
question,” Jesus replied. “Tell Me: ⁴ John’s baptism — was it from heaven, or from men?”
⁵ They deliberated among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will ask, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ ⁶ But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.”
⁷ So they answered that they did not know where it was from.
⁸ And Jesus replied, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

⁹ Then He proceeded to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it out to some tenants, and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed.
¹¹ So he sent another servant, but they beat him and treated him shamefully, sending him away empty-handed.
¹² Then he sent a third, but they wounded him and threw him out.
¹³ “What shall I do?” asked the owner of the vineyard. ‘I will send my beloved son. Perhaps they will respect
[MSB] him when they see him.’

19:20 Greek *soudariō* 19:21 [MSB] GOC includes *and you gather where you scattered no seed.* 19:22 [MSB] GOC includes *and gathering where I scattered no seed.* 19:26 [MSB] CT literal does not include *from him.* 19:29 [MSB] ALT, CT, and TR *Bethphage* 19:32 [MSB] GOC *found the colt standing there* 19:38 Psalm 118:26 19:38 See Psalm 148:1. 19:42 [MSB] CT does not include *even you.* 19:44 Literally *your visitation* 19:45 Literally *the temple* 19:45 [MSB] CT does not include *and buying.* 19:46 [MSB] CT *will be* 19:46 Isaiah 56:7 19:46 Jeremiah 7:11 20:1 Literally *the temple* 20:1 [MSB] CT and TR *chief priests* 20:3 [MSB] CT *a question* 20:5 [MSB] TR and GOC *Why then* 20:13 [MSB] CT does not include *when they see him.*

¹⁴But when the tenants saw the son, they discussed it among themselves and said, "This is the heir.

[BSB] Let

[MSB] Come, let

us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ¹⁵So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

And when the people heard this, they said, "May such a thing never happen!"

¹⁷But Jesus looked directly at them and said, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

"The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone?"

¹⁸Everyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."

Paying Taxes to Caesar

¹⁹When the

[BSB] scribes and chief priests

[MSB] chief priests and scribes

realized that Jesus had spoken this parable against them, they sought to arrest Him that very hour. But they were afraid.

[BSB] of the people.

²⁰So they watched Him closely and sent spies who pretended to be sincere. They were hoping to catch Him in His words in order to hand Him over to the rule and authority of the governor. ²¹"Teacher," they inquired, "we know that You speak and teach correctly. You show no partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. ²²Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

²³But Jesus saw through their duplicity and said to them,

[MSB] "Why do you test Me?"

²⁴"Show

Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?"

"Caesar's," they answered.

²⁵So Jesus told them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²⁶And they were unable to trap Him in His words before the people. And amazed at His answer, they fell silent.

The Sadducees and the Resurrection

²⁷Then some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to question Him. ²⁸"Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man is to marry his brother's widow and raise up offspring for him.

²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a wife but died childless. ³⁰Then the second

[BSB] ³¹ and

[MSB] took her as wife, and he died childless. ³¹ And

the third married the widow, and in the same way all seven died, leaving no children. ³²And last of all, the woman died. ³³So then, in

the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For all seven were married to her."

³⁴Jesus answered, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those who are considered worthy to share in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage. ³⁶In fact, they can no longer die, because they are like the angels. And since they are sons of the resurrection, they are sons of God.

³⁷Even Moses demonstrates that the dead are raised, in the passage about the burning bush. For he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive."

³⁹Some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, You have spoken well!"

⁴⁰And they did not dare to question Him any further.

Whose Son Is the Christ?

⁴¹Then Jesus declared, "How can it be said that the Christ is the Son of David? ⁴²For David himself says in the book of Psalms:

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand

⁴³ until I make Your enemies

a footstool for Your feet."

⁴⁴Thus David calls Him 'Lord.' So how can He be David's son?"

Beware of the Scribes

⁴⁵In the hearing of all the people, Jesus said to His disciples,

⁴⁶"Beware of the scribes. They like to walk around in long robes, and they love the greetings in the marketplaces, the chief seats in the synagogues, and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁷They defraud widows of their houses, and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will receive greater condemnation."

The Poor Widow's Offering

21 Then Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, ²and He saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.

³"Truly I tell you," He said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴For they all contributed

[MSB] to God

out of their surplus, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

Temple Destruction and Other Signs

⁵As some of the disciples were remarking how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and consecrated gifts, Jesus said, ⁶"As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

⁷"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸Jesus answered, "See to it that you are not deceived. For many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near.'

20:14 [MSB] CT does not include *Come*. 20:17 Psalm 118:22 20:19 [MSB] CT *scribes and chief priests* 20:23 [MSB] CT does not include *Why do you test Me?* 20:24 A denarius was customarily a day's wage for a laborer; see Matthew 20:2. 20:27 [MSB] Or *deny there is a resurrection* 20:28 Deuteronomy 25:5 20:30 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *married the widow, and he also died*, 20:30 [MSB] CT does not include *took her as wife, and he died childless*. 20:37 Exodus 3:6 20:40 [MSB] CT literal *For* 20:42 [MSB] CT literal *Even* 20:43 Psalm 110:1 20:45 [MSB] SBL and WH the *disciples* 20:47 Literally *They devour widows' houses* 21:2 Greek *two lepta*; a lepton was a Jewish coin of bronze or copper worth about 1/128 of a denarius. 21:4 [MSB] CT does not include *to God*. 21:8 [MSB] CT does not include *Therefore*.

[BSB] Do
[MSB] Therefore do
not follow them. ⁹When you hear of wars and rebellions, do not be alarmed. These things must happen first, but the end is not imminent.”

Witnessing to All Nations

¹⁰Then He told them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great
[BSB] earthquakes, famines, and pestilences in various places,
[MSB] earthquakes in various places, famines and pestilences,
along with fearful sights and great signs from heaven.
¹²But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. On account of My name they will deliver you to the synagogues and prisons, and they will bring you before kings and governors. ¹³This will be your opportunity to serve as witnesses. ¹⁴So make up your mind not to worry beforehand how to defend yourselves. ¹⁵For I will give you speech and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to
[BSB] resist or contradict.
[MSB] contradict or resist.
¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and
[BSB] brothers and relatives and friends,
[MSB] relatives and friends and brothers,
and some of you will be put to death. ¹⁷And you will be hated by everyone because of My name. ¹⁸Yet not even a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your patient endurance you will gain your souls.

The Destruction of Jerusalem

²⁰But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, you will know that her desolation is near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country stay out of the city. ²²For these are the days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.
²³How miserable those days will be for pregnant and nursing mothers! For there will be great distress upon the land and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations. And Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The Return of the Son of Man

²⁵There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among the nations, bewildered by the roaring of the sea and the surging of the waves. ²⁶Men will faint from fear and anxiety over what is coming upon the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸When these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁹Then Jesus told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹So also, when you see these things

happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.

Be Watchful for the Day

³⁴But watch yourselves, or your hearts will be weighed down by dissipation, drunkenness, and the worries of life — and that day will spring upon you suddenly like a snare. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of all the earth. ³⁶So keep watch at all times, and pray that you may
[BSB] have the strength
[MSB] be deemed worthy
to escape all that is about to happen and to stand before the Son of Man.”
³⁷Every day Jesus taught at the temple, but every evening He went out to spend the night on the Mount of Olives. ³⁸And early in the morning all the people would come to hear Him at the temple.

The Plot to Kill Jesus

22 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ²and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they feared the people.

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

³Then Satan entered Judas Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. ⁴And Judas went to discuss with the chief priests and temple officers how he might betray Jesus to them. ⁵They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶Judas consented, and began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them in the absence of a crowd.

Preparing the Passover

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb was to be sacrificed. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”
⁹“Where do You want us to prepare it?” they asked.
¹⁰He answered, “When you enter the city, a man carrying a jug of water will meet you. Follow him to the house he enters, ¹¹and say to the owner of that house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’” ¹²And he will show you a large upper room, already furnished. Make preparations there.”
¹³So they went and found it just as Jesus had told them. And they prepared the Passover.

The Last Supper

¹⁴When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with His
[MSB] twelve
apostles. ¹⁵And He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before My suffering. ¹⁶For I tell you that I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”
¹⁷After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that I will not drink of the fruit of the vine

21:11 [MSB] CT *great earthquakes, famines, and pestilences in various places* 21:15 [MSB] CT *resist or contradict* 21:16 [MSB] CT *parents and brothers and relatives and friends* 21:23 [MSB] GOC *For at that time* 21:27 See Daniel 7:13–14. 21:36 [MSB] CT *you may have the strength* 21:38 [MSB] GOC *on the mount* 22:1 *Literally the feast of the Unleavened*; see Exodus 12:14–20. 22:4 [MSB] GOC *includes scribes.* 22:14 [MSB] CT *does not include twelve.* 22:17 [MSB] *Literally a cup; GOC the cup*

[BSB] from now on

until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹ And He took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body, given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

²⁰ In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.

²¹ Look! The hand of My betrayer is with Mine on the table. ²² Indeed, the Son of Man will go as it has been determined, but woe to that man who betrays Him.”

²³ Then they began to question among themselves which of them was going to do this.

Who Is the Greatest?

²⁴ A dispute also arose among the disciples as to which of them should be considered the greatest. ²⁵ So Jesus declared, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them call themselves benefactors. ²⁶ But you shall not be like them. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸ You are the ones who have stood by Me in My trials. ²⁹ And I bestow on you a kingdom, just as My Father has bestowed one on Me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at My table

[BSB] in My kingdom

and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you like wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith will not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

[BSB] ³¹ Simon,

[MSB] ³¹ And the Lord said, Simon,

³³ “Lord,” said Peter, “I am ready to go with You even to prison and to death.”

³⁴ But Jesus replied, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will

[BSB] not crow today until

[MSB] certainly not crow today before

you have denied three times that you know Me.”

³⁵ Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you out without purse or bag or sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they answered.

³⁶ “Now, however,” He told them, “the one with a purse should take it, and likewise a bag; and the one without a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷ For I tell you that this Scripture must

[MSB] yet

be fulfilled in Me: ‘And He was numbered with the transgressors.’

For what is written about Me is reaching its fulfillment.”

³⁸ So they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.”

“That is enough,” He answered.

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

³⁹ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and

[BSB] the

[MSB] His

disciples followed Him. ⁴⁰ When He came to the place, He told them, “Pray that you will not enter into temptation.”

⁴¹ And He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, where He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² “Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me. Yet not My will, but Yours be done.”

⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. ⁴⁴ And in His anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵ When Jesus rose from prayer and returned to the disciples, He found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶ “Why are you sleeping?” He asked. “Get up and pray so that you will not enter into temptation.”

The Betrayal of Jesus

⁴⁷ While He was still speaking, a crowd arrived, led by the man called Judas, one of the Twelve. He approached Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

⁴⁹ Those around Jesus saw what was about to happen and said,

[MSB] to Him,

“Lord, should we strike with our swords?” ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹ But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And He touched the man's ear and healed him.

⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, temple officers, and elders who had come for Him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as you would against an outlaw? ⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on Me. But this hour belongs to you and to the power of darkness.”

Peter Denies Jesus

⁵⁴ Then they seized Jesus, led Him away, and took Him into the house of the high priest. And Peter followed at a distance.

⁵⁵ When those present had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated in the firelight and looked intently at him. “This man also was with Him,” she said.

⁵⁷ But Peter denied

[BSB] it.

[MSB] Him.

“Woman, I do not know Him,” he said.

⁵⁸ A short time later, someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.”

But Peter said, “Man, I am not.”

⁵⁹ About an hour later, another man insisted, “Certainly this man was with Him, for he too is a Galilean.”

⁶⁰ “Man, I do not know what you are talking about,” Peter replied. And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

22:18 [MSB] CT from now on until 22:20 Some manuscripts end verse 19 after *This is My body* and do not include verse 20. 22:30 [MSB] CT and TR include in *My kingdom*. 22:31 [MSB] CT does not include *And the Lord said*. 22:34 [MSB] CT and GOC will not

22:34 [MSB] CT until 22:37 [MSB] CT does not include yet. 22:37 Isaiah 53:12 22:39 [MSB] CT the disciples 22:44 Some manuscripts do not include verses 43 and 44. 22:45 [MSB] Scrivener TR His disciples 22:47 [MSB] F35 and GOC include for he

had given them this sign: “Whomever I kiss, He is the One.” 22:49 [MSB] CT does not include to Him. 22:53 Literally the temple

22:57 [MSB] CT and GOC Peter denied it 22:60 [MSB] Literally a rooster; TR the rooster

Then Peter remembered the word that the Lord had spoken to him:

“Before the rooster crows,

[BSB] **today,**

you will deny Me three times.” ⁶² And

[BSB] **he**

[MSB] **Peter**

went outside and wept bitterly.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

⁶³ The men who were holding Jesus began to mock Him and beat Him. ⁶⁴ They blindfolded Him and kept

[MSB] striking Him in the face and

demanding, “Prophesy! Who hit You?” ⁶⁵ And they said many other blasphemous things against Him.

Jesus before the Sanhedrin

⁶⁶ At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and scribes, met together. They led Jesus into their Sanhedrin and said, ⁶⁷ “If You are the Christ, tell us.”

Jesus answered, “If I tell you, you will not believe. ⁶⁸ And if I ask you a question, you will not answer.

[MSB] **Me nor release Me.**

⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

⁷⁰ So they all asked, “Are You then the Son of God?”

He replied, “You say that I am.”

⁷¹ “Why do we need any more testimony?” they declared. “We have heard it for ourselves from His own lips.”

Jesus before Pilate

23 Then the whole council rose and led Jesus away to Pilate.

² And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this man subverting

[BSB] **our**

[MSB] **the**

nation, forbidding payment of taxes to Caesar, and proclaiming Himself to be Christ, a King.”

³ So Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

⁵ But they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people all over Judea with His teaching. He began in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

Jesus before Herod

⁶ When Pilate heard

[BSB] **this,**

[MSB] **of Galilee,**

he asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And learning that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself was in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased. He had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had heard

[MSB] many things

about Him and was hoping to see Him perform a miracle. ⁹ Herod questioned Jesus at great length, but He gave no answer.

¹⁰ Meanwhile, the chief priests and scribes stood there, vehemently accusing Him. ¹¹ And even Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked Him. Dressing Him in a fine robe, they sent Him back to Pilate.

¹² That day

[BSB] Herod and Pilate

[MSB] Pilate and Herod

became friends; before this time they had been enemies.

The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

¹³ Then Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined Him here in your presence and found Him not guilty of your charges against Him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for

[BSB] he sent Him back to us.

[MSB] I sent you back to him.

As you can see, He has done nothing deserving of death. ¹⁶ Therefore I will punish Him and release Him.”

[MSB] ¹⁷ Now Pilate was obliged to release to the people one prisoner at the feast.

¹⁸ But they all cried out in unison: “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” ¹⁹ (Barabbas had been imprisoned for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰ Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate addressed them again, ²¹ but they kept shouting, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

²² A third time he said to them, “What evil has this man done? I have found in Him no offense worthy of death. So after I punish Him, I will release Him.”

²³ But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices for Jesus to be crucified. And their clamor

[MSB] and that of the chief priests

prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate sentenced that their demand be met. ²⁵ As they had requested, he released the one imprisoned for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over to their will.

The Crucifixion

²⁶ As the soldiers led Him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene on his way in from the country, and they put the cross on him to carry behind Jesus.

²⁷ A great number of people followed Him, including women who kept mourning and wailing for Him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ Look, the days are coming when people will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore, and breasts that never nursed!’” ³⁰ At that time

22:62 [MSB] CT *he went outside* 22:64 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *and were striking Him on the face.* 22:64 [MSB] CT *They blindfolded Him and kept demanding* 22:66 Or *their Council* 22:68 [MSB] CT does not include *Me nor release Me.* 22:69 See Psalm 110:1. 23:2 [MSB] CT *our nation* 23:6 [MSB] CT does not include *of Galilee.* 23:8 [MSB] CT does not include *many things.* 23:10 [MSB] GOC *scribes and chief priests* 23:12 [MSB] CT *Herod and Pilate* 23:15 [MSB] CT *for he sent Him back to us* 23:16 [BSB] BYZ and TR include ¹⁷Now Pilate was obligated to release to the people one prisoner at the feast; see Matthew 27:15 and Mark 15:6. 23:17 [MSB] Literally *Now it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast*; CT does not include verse 17; see Matthew 27:15 and Mark 15:6. 23:23 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *and that of the chief priests.* 23:23 [MSB] CT does not include *and that of the chief priests.* 23:25 [MSB] TR *released for them*; GOC *released for them Barabbas*

‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”
and to the hills, “Cover us!”’

³¹ For if men do these things while the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two others, who were criminals, were also led away to be executed with Jesus.

³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals, one on His right and the other on His left.

³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up His garments by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers

^[MSB] with them

sneered at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the

^[BSB] Christ of God, the Chosen One.”

^[MSB] Christ, the Chosen One of God.”

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him and came up to offer Him sour wine.

³⁷ “If You are the King of the Jews,” they said, “save Yourself!”

³⁸ Above Him was posted an inscription:

^[MSB] written in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew:

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there heaped abuse on Him.

^[BSB] “Are You not the Christ?” he said. “Save

^[MSB] “If You are the Christ,” he said, “save

Yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other one rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same judgment? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are receiving what our actions deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he

^[BSB] said, “Jesus,

^[MSB] said to Jesus, “Lord,

remember me when You come into Your kingdom!”

⁴³ And Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵ The sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.

⁴⁶ Then Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit.” And when He had said this, He breathed His last.

⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had happened, he gave glory to God, saying, “Surely this was a righteous man.” ⁴⁸ And when all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all those who knew

Jesus, including the women who had followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching these things.

The Burial of Jesus

⁵⁰ Now there was a Council member named Joseph, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision or action. He was from the Judean town of Arimathea and

^[MSB] himself

was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵² He went to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and placed it in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was beginning.

⁵⁵ The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how His body was placed. ⁵⁶ Then they returned to prepare spices and perfumes. And they rested on the Sabbath, according to the commandment.

The Resurrection

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning,

^[BSB] the women

^[MSB] they and certain other women with them

came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were puzzling over this, suddenly two men in radiant apparel stood beside them.

⁵ As the women bowed their faces to the ground in terror, the two men asked them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?

⁶ He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you while He was still in Galilee: ⁷ **The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.**”

⁸ Then they remembered His words. ⁹ And when they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But their words seemed like nonsense to them, and they did not believe the women.

¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. And after bending down and seeing only the linen cloths,

^[MSB] lying there,

he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

The Road to Emmaus

¹³ That same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ And as they talked and

23:30 Hosea 10:8 23:33 Greek *Kranion*; Vulgate *Calvariae*, rendered in some translations as *Calvary* 23:34 Some manuscripts do not include *Then Jesus said, “Father... what they are doing.”* 23:34 See Psalm 22:18. 23:35 [MSB] CT does not include *with them*.
23:35 See Psalm 22:7. 23:35 [MSB] CT *the Christ of God, the Chosen One* 23:36 Or *to offer Him wine vinegar* 23:38 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *written in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew*; see John 19:20. 23:38 [MSB] CT does not include *written in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew*; see John 19:20. 23:39 [MSB] CT *“Are You not the Christ?” he said. “Save Yourself* 23:42 [MSB] CT *Then he said, “Lord*
23:42 [BSB] BYZ and TR *said to Jesus, “Remember me, Lord,* 23:44 That is, from noon until three in the afternoon 23:45 [BSB] Or *failed or was obscured*; BYZ and TR *became dark* 23:45 [MSB] CT could also be translated as *failed or was obscured*. 23:46 Psalm 31:5
23:47 Or *an innocent man* 23:51 [MSB] CT does not include *himself*. 23:54 Or *was about to begin* 24:1 Literally *But on the first of the Sabbaths*,
24:1 [MSB] CT *they came* 24:3 [MSB] SBL does not include *of the Lord Jesus*. 24:4 [MSB] Or *were greatly perplexed*
24:11 [MSB] CT *literal these* 24:12 [MSB] CT does not include *lying there*. 24:13 Greek *being sixty stadia in distance*; that is, approximately 6.9 miles or 11.1 kilometers

deliberated, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them.

¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing so intently as you walk

[BSB] along?” They stood still, with sadness on their

[MSB] along with sadness on your

faces. ¹⁸

[BSB] One of them, named

[MSB] The one named

Cleopas, asked Him, “Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in recent days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” He asked.

“The events involving Jesus of Nazareth,” they answered. “This man was a prophet, powerful in speech and action before God and all the people. ²⁰ Our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to the sentence of death, and they crucified Him. ²¹ But we were hoping He was the One who would redeem Israel. And besides all this,

[BSB] it

[MSB] today

is the third day since these things took place.

²² Furthermore, some of our women astounded us. They were at the tomb early,

[BSB] this morning,

²³ but they did not find His body. They came and told us they had seen a vision of angels, who said that Jesus was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had described. But Him they did not see.”

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then to enter His glory?”

²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was written in all the Scriptures about Himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village where they were headed, He seemed to be going farther. ²⁹ But they pleaded with Him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.”

So He went in to stay with them. ³⁰ While He was reclining at the table with them, He took bread, spoke a blessing and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus — and He disappeared from their sight.

³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us as He spoke with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³ And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem.

There they found the Eleven and those with them, gathered together

³⁴ and saying, “The Lord has indeed risen and has appeared to Simon!”

³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were describing these events, Jesus Himself stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened, thinking they had seen a spirit.

³⁸ “Why are you troubled,” Jesus asked, “and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself. Touch Me and see — for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” ⁴⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet.

⁴¹ While they were still in disbelief because of their joy and amazement, He asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² So they gave Him a piece of broiled fish,

[MSB] and some honeycomb,

⁴³ and He took

[BSB] it and ate it

[MSB] them and ate them

in front of them.

⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, “These are the words I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.” ⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ And He told them, “This is what is written:

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Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and in His name repentance and forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But remain in the city

[MSB] of Jerusalem

until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension

⁵⁰ When Jesus had led them out as far as Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While He was blessing them, He left them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ praising

[MSB] and blessing

God continually in the temple.

24:21 [MSB] CT it 24:32 [MSB] WH does not include *within us*. 24:36 [MSB] SBL does not include *and said, “Peace be with you.”*
24:42 [BSB] BYZ and TR include *and some honeycomb*. 24:42 [MSB] CT does not include *And thus it is necessary that*. 24:43 [MSB] CT He took (it) and ate (it) 24:46 [MSB] CT does not include *And thus it is necessary that*. 24:47 NA, NE, and WH *repentance for*
24:49 [MSB] TH does not include *And behold*. 24:49 [MSB] CT does not include *of Jerusalem*. 24:53 [MSB] CT does not include *praising and*.

John

The Beginning

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Witness of John

⁶There came a man who was sent from God. His name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify about the Light, so that through him everyone might believe. ⁸He himself was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. ⁹The true Light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹²But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God — ¹³children born not of blood, nor of the desire or will of man, but born of God.

The Word Became Flesh

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵John testified concerning Him. He cried out, saying, “This is He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’” ¹⁶From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is ^[BSB] Himself God and is at the Father’s side, has made Him known.

The Mission of John the Baptist

¹⁹And this was John’s testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He did not refuse to confess, but openly declared, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹“Then who are you?” they inquired. “Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

²³John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“I am a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”

²⁴Then

^[BSB] the Pharisees who had been
^[MSB] those whom the Pharisees had

sent ²⁵asked him, “Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

²⁶“I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands One you do not know. ²⁷He is the One who comes after

^[MSB] me, who is preferred before

me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

²⁸All this happened at Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Jesus the Lamb of God

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is He of whom I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and resting on Him. ³³I myself did not know Him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is He who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

The First Disciples

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus walking by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷And when the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following. “What do you want?” He asked. They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are You staying?” ³⁹“Come and see,” He replied. So they went and saw where He was staying, and spent that day with Him. It was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John’s testimony and followed Jesus. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated as Christ). ⁴²Andrew brought him to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of

1:5 Or *comprehended* 1:14 Or *and tabernacled among us* 1:14 Or *the Only Begotten or the Unique One* 1:18 [MSB] Or *the only begotten Son*; CT *the only begotten God* 1:18 [BSB] Or *but the only begotten God, who*; BYZ and TR *but the only begotten Son, who* 1:18 [BSB] Greek *in the Father’s bosom* 1:18 [MSB] Literally *in the Father’s bosom* 1:23 Isaiah 40:3 (see also LXX) 1:24 [MSB] CT *those sent from the Pharisees or the Pharisees who had been sent* 1:26 Or *in*; also in verse 31 and twice in 33 1:27 [MSB] CT does not include *who is preferred before me*. 1:28 [MSB] F35 *Bithabara*; TR *Bethabara* 1:34 SBL *the Chosen One of God* 1:39 That is, about four in the afternoon 1:42 [MSB] CT *of John*

[BSB] John.

[MSB] Jonah.

You will be called Cephas” (which is translated as Peter).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to set out for Galilee. Finding Philip, He told him, “**Follow Me.**” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the same town as Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the One Moses wrote about in the Law, the One the prophets foretold — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶ “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, He said of him, “**Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is no deceit.**”

⁴⁸ “How do You know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, “**Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.**”

⁴⁹ “Rabbi,” Nathanael answered, “You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “**Do you believe just because I**

[BSB] told you

[MSB] said to you,

I saw you under the fig tree?

You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ Then He declared, “**Truly, truly, I tell you,**

[MSB] from now on

you will all see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

The Wedding at Cana

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, ² and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine ran out, Jesus’ mother said to Him, “They have no more wine.”

⁴ “Woman, what is that to you and to Me?” Jesus replied. “**My hour has not yet come.**”

⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.”

⁶ Now six stone water jars had been set there for the Jewish rites of purification. Each could hold from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus told the servants, “**Fill the jars with water.**”

So they filled them to the brim.

⁸ “Now draw some out,” He said, “**and take it to the master of the banquet.**”

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not know where it was from, but the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, “Everyone serves the fine wine first, and then the cheap wine after the guests are drunk. But you have saved the fine wine until now!”

¹¹ Jesus performed this, the first of His signs, at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹² After this, He went down to Capernaum with His mother and brothers and His disciples, and they stayed there a few days.

¹³ When the Jewish Passover was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ In the temple courts He found men selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ So He made a whip out of cords and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle. He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those selling doves He said, “**Get these out of here! How dare you turn My Father’s house into a marketplace!**”

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for Your house will consume Me.”

¹⁸ On account of this, the Jews demanded, “What sign can You show us to prove Your authority to do these things?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered, “**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again.**”

²⁰ “This temple took forty-six years to build,” the Jews replied, “and You are going to raise it up in three days?”

²¹ But Jesus was speaking about the temple of His body. ²² After He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³ While He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the signs He was doing and believed in His name. ²⁴ But Jesus did not entrust Himself to them, for He knew them all. ²⁵ He did not need any testimony about man, for He knew what was in a man.

Jesus and Nicodemus

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs You are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “**Truly, truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.**”

⁴ “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Can he enter his mother’s womb a second time to be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “**Truly, truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh is born of flesh, but spirit is born of the Spirit. ⁷ Do not be amazed that I said, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.**”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, and yet you people do not accept our testimony.

¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the One who descended from heaven—the Son of Man.

[MSB] who is in heaven.

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in Him may

1:50 [MSB] CT I told you 1:51 [MSB] Or before long; CT does not include from now on. 1:51 See Genesis 28:12. 2:6 Greek two or three metretae; that is, approximately 20.8 to 31.2 gallons (78.8 to 118.1 liters) 2:14 Literally the temple; also in verse 15 2:17 [BSB] Psalm 69:9 2:17 [MSB] TR has consumed Me; Psalm 69:9 2:22 [MSB] TR includes to them. 3:3 Or born from above; also in verse 7. 3:7 The Greek word for you is plural; also in verse 12. 3:13 [BSB] BYZ and TR include who is in heaven. 3:13 [MSB] CT does not include who is in heaven. 3:15 [MSB] CT does not include may not perish, but.

[MSB] not perish, but may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

¹⁹And this is the verdict: The Light has come into the world, but men loved the darkness rather than the Light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come into the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever practices the truth comes into the Light, so that it may be seen clearly that what he has done has been accomplished in God."

John's Testimony about Jesus

²²After this, Jesus and His disciples went into the Judean countryside, where He spent some time with them and baptized.

²³Now John was also baptizing at Aenon near

[BSB] Salim,
[MSB] Salem,

because the water was plentiful there, and people kept coming to be baptized. ²⁴(For John had not yet been thrown into prison.)

²⁵Then a dispute arose between John's disciples and a certain Jew over the issue of ceremonial washing. ²⁶So John's disciples came to him and said, "Look, Rabbi, the One who was with you beyond the Jordan, the One you testified about — He is baptizing, and everyone is going to Him."

²⁷John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but am sent ahead of Him.' ²⁹The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom stands and listens for him, and is overjoyed to hear the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. ³⁰He must increase; I must decrease.

³¹The One who comes from above is above all. The one who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks as one from the earth. The One who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He testifies to what He has seen and heard, yet no one accepts His testimony. ³³Whoever accepts His testimony has certified that God is truthful. ³⁴For the One whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in His hands.

³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever rejects the Son will not see life. Instead, the wrath of God remains on him."

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

4 When

[BSB] Jesus
[MSB] the Lord

realized that the Pharisees were aware

[BSB] He
[MSB] that Jesus

was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John ²(although it was not Jesus who baptized, but His disciples), ³He left Judea and

[BSB] returned
[MSB] went away

to Galilee.

⁴Now He had to pass through Samaria. ⁵So He came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Since Jacob's well was there, Jesus, weary from His journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹"You are a Jew," said the woman. "How can You ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God and who is asking you for a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

¹¹"Sir," the woman replied, "You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where then will You get this living water? ¹²Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. ¹⁴But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a fount of water springing up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I will not get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷"I have no husband," the woman replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are correct to say that you have no husband.

¹⁸In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. You have spoken truthfully."

¹⁹"Sir," the woman said, "I see that You are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say that the place where one must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹"Believe Me, woman," Jesus replied, "a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such as these to worship Him. ²⁴God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

²⁵The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us."

²⁶Jesus answered, "I who speak to you am He."

3:15 Or *everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him*. 3:16 Or *only begotten or unique*; also in verse 18 3:17 [MSB] CT *literal the Son* 3:21 Some translators close this quotation after verse 15. 3:23 [MSB] CT, GOC, ALT, and TR *Salim* 3:25 TR *and the Jews* 3:28 [MSB] CT *literal*, GOC, F35, and TR *testify to me* 3:31 Tischendorf *The One comes from heaven*. 3:36 [MSB] F35 *will remain* 3:36 Some translators close this quotation after verse 30. 4:1 [MSB] NA, SBL, and F35 *When Jesus* 4:1 [BSB] *Literally When therefore Jesus knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus*; NE, WH, BYZ, and TR *When therefore the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus* 4:3 [MSB] CT *went away again or returned* 4:6 That is, about noon 4:9 Tischendorf does not include this sentence.

The Disciples Return and Marvel

²⁷ Just then His disciples returned and were surprised that He was speaking with a woman. But no one asked Him, “What do You want from her?” or “Why are You talking with her?”

²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar, went back into the town, and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” ³⁰ So they left the town and made their way toward Jesus.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples urged Him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

³² But He told them, “**I have food to eat that you know nothing about.**”

³³ So the disciples asked one another, “Could someone have brought Him food?”

³⁴ Jesus explained, “**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.**” ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are still four months until the harvest?’ I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are ripe for harvest.

³⁶ Already the reaper draws his wages and gathers a crop for eternal life, so that

[MSB] both

the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this case the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the hard work, and now you have taken up their labor.”

Many Samaritans Believe

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them, and He stayed two days.

⁴¹ And many more believed because of His message. ⁴² They said to the woman, “We now believe not only because of your words; we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man truly is the

[MSB] Christ, the Savior of the world.”

Jesus Heals the Official’s Son

⁴³ After two days, Jesus left

[BSB] for

[MSB] and went to

Galilee. ⁴⁴ Now He Himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown. ⁴⁵ Yet when He arrived, the Galileans welcomed Him. They had seen all the great things He had done in Jerusalem at the feast, for they had gone there as well.

⁴⁶ So once again

[BSB] He

[MSB] Jesus

came to Cana in Galilee, where He had turned the water into wine. And there was a royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Him to come down and heal his son, who was about to die.

⁴⁸ Jesus said to him, “**Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe.**”

⁴⁹ “Sir,” the official said, “come down before my child dies.”

⁵⁰ “Go,” said Jesus. “**Your son will live.**”

The man took Jesus at His word and departed. ⁵¹ And while he was still on the way, his servants met him with the

[BSB] news that his boy was

[MSB] news: “Your boy is alive.

⁵² So he inquired as to the hour when his son had recovered, and they told him, “The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour.”

⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the very hour in which Jesus had told him, “**Your son will live.**” And he and all his household believed.

⁵⁴ This was now the second sign that Jesus performed after coming from Judea into Galilee.

The Pool of Bethesda

5 Some time later

[BSB] there was a

[MSB] came the

feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool with five covered colonnades, which in Hebrew is called Bethesda. ³ On these walkways lay a great number of the sick, the blind, the lame, and the paralyzed.

[MSB] awaiting the moving of the water. ⁴ For from time to time an angel descended into the pool and stirred the water. As soon as the water was stirred, the first to enter the pool would be healed of his disease.

⁵ One man there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and realized that he had spent a long time in this condition, He asked him, “**Do you want to get well?**”

⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am on my way, someone else goes in before me.”

⁸ Then Jesus told him, “**Get up, pick up your mat, and walk.**”

⁹ Immediately the man was made well, and he picked up his mat and began to walk.

Now this happened on the Sabbath day, ¹⁰ so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “This is the Sabbath! It is unlawful for you to carry your mat.”

¹¹ But he answered, “The man who made me well told me, ‘**Pick up your mat and walk.**’”

¹² “Who is this man who told you to pick

[BSB] it up

[MSB] up your mat

and walk?” they asked.

¹³ But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while the crowd was there.

4:35 [MSB] F35 does not include *still*. 4:35 Literally *white* 4:36 [MSB] CT does not include *both*. 4:42 [MSB] CT does not include *the Christ*. 4:43 [MSB] CT *left for* 4:46 [MSB] CT *He* 4:52 That is, one in the afternoon 5:1 [MSB] ALT, CT, and TR *there was a feast* 5:2 Or in Aramaic 5:2 NA, NE, and WH *Bethzatha* 5:3 Literally *In these* 5:3 [BSB] NE, BYZ, and TR include *awaiting the moving of the waters*. ⁴ For from time to time an angel descended into the pool and stirred the water. As soon as it was stirred, the first to enter the pool would be healed of his disease. 5:3 [MSB] CT does not include *awaiting the moving of the water*. 5:4 [MSB] CT does not include verse 4. 5:12 [MSB] CT to *pick it up*

¹⁴Afterward, Jesus found the man at the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Stop sinning, or something worse may happen to you.”

¹⁵And the man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

The Father and the Son

¹⁶Now because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews began to persecute

[MSB] Him and were seeking to kill

Him. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, “To this very day My Father is at His work, and I too am working.”

¹⁸Because of this, the Jews tried all the harder to kill Him. Not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

¹⁹So Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself, unless He sees the Father doing it. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does. ²⁰The Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. And to your amazement, He will show Him even greater works than these. ²¹For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom He wishes.

²²Furthermore, the Father judges no one, but has assigned all judgment to the Son, ²³so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

²⁴Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment. Indeed, he has crossed over from death to life.

²⁵Truly, truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in Himself, so also He has granted the Son to have life in Himself. ²⁷And He has given Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

²⁸Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice ²⁹and come out — those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

³⁰I can do nothing by Myself; I judge only as I hear. And My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of

[BSB] Him

[MSB] the Father

who sent Me.

Testimonies about Jesus

³¹If I testify about Myself, My testimony is not valid. ³²There is another who testifies about Me, and I know that His testimony about Me is valid.

³³You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴Even though I do not accept human testimony, I say these things so that you may be saved.

³⁵John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you were willing for a season to bask in his light. ³⁶But I have testimony more substantial than that of John. For the works that the Father has given Me to accomplish — the very works I am doing — testify about Me that the Father has sent Me. ³⁷And the Father who sent

Me has Himself testified about Me. You have never heard His voice nor seen His form, ³⁸nor does His word abide in you, because you do not believe the One He sent.

The Witness of Scripture

³⁹You pore over the Scriptures because you presume that by them you possess eternal life. These are the very words that testify about Me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to Me to have life.

⁴¹I do not accept glory from men, ⁴²but I know you, that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³I have come in My Father's name, and you have not received Me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴How can you believe if you accept glory from one another, yet do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, in whom you have put your hope. ⁴⁶If you had believed Moses, you would believe Me, because he wrote about Me. ⁴⁷But since you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

6 After this, Jesus crossed to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias). ²A large crowd followed Him because they saw

[BSB] the

[MSB] His

signs He was performing on the sick. ³Then Jesus went up on the mountain and sat down with His disciples.

⁴Now the Jewish Feast of the Passover was near. ⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶But He was asking this to test him, for He knew what He was about to do.

⁷Philip answered, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to have a small piece.”

⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

⁹“Here is a boy with five barley loaves and two small fish. But what difference will these make among so many?"

¹⁰“Have the people sit down,” Jesus said. Now there was plenty of grass in that place, so the men sat down, about five thousand of them.

¹¹Then Jesus took the

[BSB] loaves and the fish, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated

[MSB] loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those who were seated—and the fish—

as much as they wanted.

¹²And when everyone was full, He said to His disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over, so that nothing will be wasted.”

¹³So they collected them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴When the people saw the sign that Jesus had performed, they began to say, “Truly this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵Then Jesus, realizing that they were about to come and make Him king by force, withdrew

5:16 [MSB] CT does not include *and were seeking to kill Him*. 5:29 See Daniel 12:2. 5:30 [MSB] CT of Him 5:44 [MSB] F35 from others 6:2 [MSB] CT the signs 6:7 A denarius was customarily a day's wage for a laborer; see Matthew 20:2. 6:7 [MSB] CT literal does not include of them. 6:11 [MSB] CT does not include to the disciples, and the disciples. 6:14 [MSB] WH signs 6:14 SBL, NA, NE, and WH He had performed 6:15 [MSB] GOC, CT, F35, and TR withdrew again

[BSB] again
to a mountain by Himself.

Jesus Walks on Water

¹⁶ When evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was already dark, and Jesus had not

[MSB] yet
gone out to them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing, and the sea grew agitated.

¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the sea — and they were terrified.

²⁰ But Jesus spoke up: “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they were willing to take Him into the boat, and at once the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

Jesus the Bread of Life

²² The next day, the crowd that had remained on the other side of the sea realized that

[BSB] only one boat had been there,
[MSB] no other boat had been there except the one that His disciples had entered,

and that Jesus had not boarded it with His disciples, but they had gone away alone. ²³

[BSB] However, some boats from
[MSB] Then other boats, which were from

Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum to look for Him. ²⁵ When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they asked Him, “Rabbi, when did You get here?”

²⁶ Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, it is not because you saw these signs that you are looking for Me, but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on Him God the Father has placed His seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they inquired, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”

²⁹ Jesus replied, “The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked Him, “What sign then will You perform, so that we may see it and believe You? What will You do? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “give us this bread at all times.”

³⁵ Jesus answered, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst. ³⁶ But as I stated, you have seen Me and still you do not believe.

³⁷ Everyone the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but to do the will of Him who sent Me.

³⁹ And this is the will of

[BSB] Him
[MSB] the Father

who sent Me, that I shall lose none of those He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰

[BSB] For it is My Father’s will
[MSB] And it is the will of Him who sent Me

that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

⁴¹ At this, the Jews began to grumble about Jesus because He had said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They were asking, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then can He say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

⁴³ “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus
[MSB] therefore

replied. ⁴⁴ “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: ‘And they will all be taught by God.’

[BSB] Everyone
[MSB] Therefore everyone

who has heard the Father and learned from Him comes to Me — ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except the One who is from God; only He has seen the Father.

⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I tell you, he who believes
[MSB] in Me

has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And this bread, which I will give for the life of the world, is My flesh.”

⁵² At this, the Jews began to argue among themselves, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?”

⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is

[BSB] real
[MSB] truly

food, and My blood is

[BSB] real
[MSB] truly

drink.

⁵⁶ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent Me and I live because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on Me will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your fathers, who ate the manna and died, the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

6:17 [MSB] CT had not yet gone out 6:19 Greek about twenty-five or thirty stadia; that is, approximately 2.87 to 3.45 miles (4.62 to 5.55 kilometers) 6:22 [MSB] CT does not include *except the one that His disciples had entered.* 6:31 Psalm 78:24; see also Exodus 16:4. 6:39 [MSB] CT of Him 6:40 [MSB] CT For it is My Father’s will 6:43 [MSB] CT does not include *therefore.* 6:45 Isaiah 54:13 6:45 [MSB] CT does not include *Therefore.* 6:47 [MSB] CT does not include *in Me.* 6:55 [MSB] CT *real*; twice in this verse 6:58 [MSB] CT literal *the fathers, who ate and died* 6:58 [MSB] F35 *bread of Mine*

Many Disciples Turn Back

⁵⁹ Jesus said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of His disciples said, "This is a difficult teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹ Aware that His disciples were grumbling about this teaching, Jesus asked them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what will happen if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before?"

⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words I

[BSB] have spoken

[MSB] speak

to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴ However, there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him.)

⁶⁵ Then Jesus said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless

[BSB] the

[MSB] My

Father has granted it to him."

⁶⁶ From that time on many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him.

Peter's Confession of Faith

⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the Twelve, "Do you want to leave too?"

⁶⁸ Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe and know that You are the

[BSB] Holy One of

[MSB] Christ, the Son of the living

God."

⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" ⁷¹ He was speaking about

[BSB] Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

[MSB] Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

For although Judas was one of the Twelve, he was later to betray Jesus.

Jesus Teaches at the Feast

7 After this, Jesus traveled throughout Galilee. He did not want to travel in Judea, because the Jews there were trying to kill Him. ² However, the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near. ³ So Jesus' brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go to Judea, so that Your disciples there may see the works You are doing. ⁴ For no one who wants to be known publicly acts in secret. Since You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world." ⁵ For even His own brothers did not believe in Him.

⁶ Therefore Jesus told them, "Although your time is always at hand, My time has not yet come. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me, because I testify that its works are evil. ⁸ Go up to the feast on your own. I am not

[MSB] yet

going up to this feast, because My time has not yet come."

⁹ Having said this,

[MSB] to them,

Jesus remained in Galilee. ¹⁰ But after His brothers had gone up to the feast, He also went — not publicly, but in secret.

¹¹ So the Jews were looking for Him at the feast and asking, "Where is He?"

¹² Many in the crowds were whispering about Him. Some said, "He is a good man."

But others replied, "No, He deceives the people."

¹³ Yet no one would speak publicly about Him for fear of the Jews.

¹⁴ About halfway through the feast, Jesus went up to the temple courts and began to teach. ¹⁵ The Jews were amazed and asked, "How did this man attain such learning without having studied?"

¹⁶ "My teaching is not My own," Jesus replied. "It comes from Him who sent Me. ¹⁷ If anyone desires to do His will, he will know whether My teaching is from God or whether I speak on My own. ¹⁸ He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory, but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is a man of truth; in Him there is no falsehood. ¹⁹ Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps it. Why are you trying to kill Me?"

²⁰ "You have a demon," the crowd replied. "Who is trying to kill You?"

²¹ Jesus answered them, "I did one miracle, and you are all amazed.

²² But because Moses gave you circumcision, you circumcise a boy on the Sabbath (not that it is from Moses, but from the patriarchs.)

²³ If a boy can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses will not be broken, why are you angry with Me for making the whole man well on the Sabbath? ²⁴ Stop judging by outward appearances, and start judging justly."

Is Jesus the Christ?

²⁵ Then some of the people of Jerusalem began to say, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill? ²⁶ Yet here He is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying anything to Him. Have the rulers truly recognized that this is the Christ? ²⁷ But we know where this man is from. When the Christ comes, no one will know where He is from."

²⁸ Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "You know Me, and you know where I am from. I have not come of My own accord, but He who sent Me is true. You do not know Him, ²⁹ but I know Him, because I am from Him and He sent Me."

³⁰ So they tried to seize Him, but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. ³¹ Many in the crowd, however, believed in Him and said, "When the Christ comes, will He perform more signs than this man?"

³² When the Pharisees heard the crowd whispering these things about Jesus, they and the chief priests sent officers to arrest Him. ³³ So Jesus said, "I am with you only a little while longer, and then I am going to the One who sent Me. ³⁴ You will look for Me, but you will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come."

³⁵ At this, the Jews said to one another, "Where does He intend to go that we will not find Him? Will He go where the Jews are dispersed among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? ³⁶ What does He mean by

6:63 [MSB] CT have spoken

6:65 [MSB] CT the Father

6:69 [BSB] BYZ and TR You are the Christ, the Son of the living God

6:69 [MSB] CT You are the Christ, the Holy One of God

6:71 [MSB] CT Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot

7:2 That is, Sukkot, the autumn

feast of pilgrimage to Jerusalem; also translated as the *Feast of Booths* or the *Feast of Shelters* and originally called the *Feast of Ingathering* (see Exodus 23:16 and Exodus 34:22).

7:8 [BSB] NE, WH, BYZ, and TR I am not yet

7:8 [MSB] NA and SBL I am not

7:9 [MSB] CT

Having said this

7:14 Literally the temple; also in verse 28

7:32 [MSB] Literally the Pharisees and the chief priests; CT literal the chief

priests and the Pharisees

7:33 [MSB] TR said to them

7:35 Literally Will He go to the Diaspora among the Greeks; the Jewish people

living outside the land of Israel since the Babylonian exile were referred to as the *Diaspora*.

saying, ‘You will look for Me, but you will not find Me,’ and, ‘Where I am, you cannot come?’”

Living Water

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and called out in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said: ‘Streams of living water will flow from within him.’” ³⁹ He was speaking about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. For the ^[MSB] Holy Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Division over Jesus

⁴⁰ On hearing these words, ^[RSB] some of the people ^[MSB] many of the people therefore said, “This is truly the Prophet.” ⁴¹ Others declared, “This is the Christ.” But still others asked, “How can the Christ come from Galilee? ⁴² Doesn’t the Scripture say that the Christ will come from the line of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?” ⁴³ So there was division in the crowd because of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid a hand on Him.

The Unbelief of the Jewish Leaders

⁴⁵ Then the officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why didn’t you bring Him in?” ⁴⁶ “Never has anyone spoken like this man!” the officers answered. ⁴⁷ “Have you also been deceived?” replied the Pharisees. ⁴⁸ “Have any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in Him? ⁴⁹ But this crowd that does not know the law— they are under a curse.” ⁵⁰ Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus ^[RSB] earlier ^[MSB] by night and who himself was one of them, asked, ⁵¹ “Does our law convict a man without first hearing from him to determine what he has done?” ⁵² “Aren’t you also from Galilee?” they replied. “Look into it, and you will see that no prophet comes out of Galilee.” ^[RSB + MSB] ⁵³ Then each went to his own home.

[BSB + MSB]

The Woman Caught in Adultery

8:1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning He went back into the temple courts. All the people came to Him, and He sat down to teach them. ³ The scribes and Pharisees, however, brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before them ⁴ and ^[MSB] to test Him they said, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such a woman. So what do You say?” ⁶ They said this to test Him, in order to have a basis for accusing Him. But Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with His finger. ^[MSB] not taking notice. ⁷ When they continued to question Him, He straightened up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to cast a stone at her.” ⁸ And again He bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard this, ^[MSB] and were convicted by their consciences, they began to go away one by one, beginning with the older ones, until only Jesus was left, with the woman standing there. ¹⁰ Then Jesus straightened up and ^[RSB] asked her, “Woman, where ^[MSB] saw no one but the woman. And He asked her, “Where are your accusers? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ “No one, Lord,” she answered. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. ^[BSB] “Now go ^[MSB] “Go and sin no more.”

Jesus the Light of the World

¹² Once again, Jesus spoke to the people and said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.” ¹³ So the Pharisees said to Him, “You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not valid.” ¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is valid, because I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I came from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ But even if I do judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone; I am with the Father who sent Me. ¹⁷ Even in your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. ¹⁸ I am One who testifies about Myself, and the Father, who sent Me, also testifies about Me.”

7:39 [BSB] Literally *the Spirit was not yet*; BYZ and TR *the Holy Spirit was not yet* 7:40 [MSB] CT *some of the people said* 7:42 See Micah 5:2. 7:50 [MSB] CT *earlier* 7:52 Some early manuscripts do not include John 7:53 through John 8:11. 8:2 [MSB] ALT and HF *Very early in the morning* 8:2 Literally *the temple*; also in verse 20 8:3 [MSB] GOC, ALT, NA, and WH do not include *to Him*. 8:4 [MSB] CT and *they said* 8:6 [MSB] CT does not include *not taking notice*. 8:7 [MSB] ALT and HF *He looked up* 8:9 [BSB] NE, BYZ, and TR include *and were convicted by their conscience*, 8:9 [MSB] GOC, ALT, HF, NA, and WH do not include *and were convicted by their consciences*. 8:9 [MSB] ALT, HF, F35, and TR include *unto the last*. 8:10 [BSB] NE, BYZ, and TR include *and saw no one but the woman*. 8:10 [MSB] GOC, NA, and WH do not include *and saw no one but the woman*. 8:10 [MSB] ALT, HF, GOC, NA, TR, and WH *Woman, where* 8:10 [BSB] WH and NA *where are they* 8:10 [MSB] GOC, ALT, NA, and WH *are they* 8:11 [MSB] ALT, HF, F35, and TR *Jesus said to her* 8:11 [MSB] GOC, ALT, HF, NA, F35, and WH *Now go* 8:16 Literally *but (it is) I and the Father who sent Me*; NE *but (it is) I and the One who sent Me* 8:17 See Deuteronomy 19:15.

19 “Where is Your Father?” they asked Him.

“You do not know Me or My Father,” Jesus answered. “If you knew Me, you would know My Father as well.”

[BSB] 20 He

[MSB] 20 Jesus

spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts, near the treasury. Yet no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.

21 Again

[BSB] He

[MSB] Jesus

said to them, “I am going away, and you will look for Me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.”

22 So the Jews began to ask, “Will He kill Himself, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’”

23 Then He told them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 That is why I told you that you would die in your sins. For unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

25 “Who are You?” they asked.

“Just what I have been telling you from the beginning,” Jesus replied.

26 “I have much to say about you and much to judge. But the One who sent Me is truthful, and what I have heard from Him, I tell the world.”

27 They did not understand that He was telling them about the Father.

28 So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing on My own, but speak exactly what

[BSB] the

[MSB] My

Father has taught Me. 29 He who sent Me is with Me.

[BSB] He

[MSB] The Father

has not left Me alone, because I always do what pleases Him.”

The Truth Will Set You Free

30 As Jesus spoke these things, many believed in Him. 31 So He said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

33 “We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered. “We have never been slaves to anyone. How can You say we will be set free?”

34 Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 A slave does not remain in the house forever, but a son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

37 I know you are Abraham’s descendants, but you are trying to kill Me because My word has no place within you. 38 I speak of what I have seen in the presence of

[BSB] the

[MSB] My

Father, and you do what you have

[BSB] heard

[MSB] seen

from your father.”

39 “Abraham is our father,” they replied.

“If you were children of Abraham,” said Jesus, “you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you are trying to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham never did such a thing. 41 You are doing the works of your father.”

“We are not illegitimate children,” they declared. “Our only Father is God Himself.”

42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on My own, but He sent Me.

43 Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you are unable to accept My message. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out his desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, refusing to

[BSB] uphold

[MSB] stand in

the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, because he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me!

46 Which of you can prove Me guilty of sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 Whoever belongs to God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

Before Abraham Was Born, I Am

48 The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right to say that You are a Samaritan and You have a demon?”

49 “I do not have a demon,” Jesus replied, “but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. 50 I do not seek My own glory. There is One who seeks it, and He is the Judge. 51 Truly, truly, I tell you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.”

52 “Now we know that You have a demon!” declared the Jews. “Abraham died, and so did the prophets, yet You say that anyone who keeps Your word will never taste death. 53 Are You greater than our Father Abraham? He died, as did the prophets. Who do You claim to be?”

54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory means nothing. The One who glorifies Me is My Father, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ 55 You do not know Him, but I know Him. If I said I did not know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know Him, and I keep His word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.”

57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and You have seen Abraham?”

58 “Truly, truly, I tell you,” Jesus declared, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

59 At this, they picked up stones to throw at Him. But Jesus was hidden and went out of the temple area.

[MSB] going through the midst of them. And so He passed by.

Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind

9 Now as Jesus was passing by, He saw a man blind from birth, 2 and His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

8:20 [MSB] CT He spoke 8:21 [MSB] CT He said 8:28 [MSB] CT the Father 8:29 [MSB] CT He has not left 8:38 [MSB] CT the Father 8:38 [MSB] CT heard 8:44 [MSB] CT to uphold 8:54 [BSB] WH and TR Your 8:54 [MSB] GOC, TH, TR, and WH Your 8:58 Literally before Abraham was, I am! 8:59 [BSB] BYZ and TR include going through the midst of them, and so He passed by. 8:59 [MSB] CT does not include going through the midst of them. And so He passed by.

³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the works of God would be displayed in him.

⁴ While it is daytime,

[BSB] we
[MSB] I

must do the works of Him who sent Me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ When Jesus had said this, He spit on the ground, made some mud, and applied it to the

[BSB] man’s eyes.
[MSB] eyes of the blind man.

⁷ Then He told him, “Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came back seeing.

⁸ At this, his neighbors and those who had formerly seen him

[BSB] begging
[MSB] blind

began to ask, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?”

⁹ Some claimed that he was, but others said,
[BSB] “No, he
[MSB] “He

just looks like him.”

But the man kept saying, “I am the one.”

¹⁰ “How
[BSB] then

were your eyes opened?” they asked.

¹¹ He answered, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and anointed my eyes, and He told me to go to

[MSB] the Pool of
Siloam and wash. So I went and washed and received my sight.”

¹² “Where is He?” they asked.

“I do not know,” he answered.

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened his eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight.

The man answered, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”

¹⁶ Because of this, some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others said, “How can a sinful man perform such signs?”

And there was division among them. ¹⁷ So once again they asked the man who had been blind, “What do you say about Him, since it was your eyes He opened?”

“He is a prophet,” the man replied.

¹⁸ The Jews still did not believe that the man had been blind and had received his sight until they summoned his parents ¹⁹ and asked, “Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? So how is it that he can now see?”

²⁰ His parents answered, “We know he is our son, and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can now see or who opened his eyes, we do not know.

[BSB] Ask him. He is old enough to
[MSB] He is of age. Ask him. He can
speak for himself.”

²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already determined that anyone who confessed Jesus as the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, “He is old enough. Ask him.”

²⁴ So a second time they called for the man who had been blind and said, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”

²⁵ He answered, “Whether He is a sinner I do not know. There is one thing I do know: I was blind, but now I see!”

²⁶ “What did He do to you?” they asked.
[MSB] again.

“How did He open your eyes?”

²⁷ He replied, “I already told you, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”

²⁸ Then they heaped insults on him and said, “You are His disciple; we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this man is from.”

³⁰ “That is remarkable indeed!” the man said. “You do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but He does listen to the one who worships Him and does His will. ³² Never before has anyone heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, He could do no such thing.”

³⁴ They replied, “You were born in utter sin, and you are instructing us?” And they threw him out.

Spiritual Blindness

³⁵ When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, He found the man and said, “Do you believe in the Son of

[BSB] Man?”
[MSB] God?”

³⁶ “Who is He, Sir?” he replied. “Tell me so that I may believe in Him.”

³⁷ “You have already seen Him,” Jesus answered. “He is the One speaking with you.”

³⁸ “Lord, I believe,” he said. And he worshiped Jesus.

³⁹ Then Jesus declared, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind may see and those who see may become blind.”

⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard this, and they asked Him, “Are we blind too?”

⁴¹ “If you were blind,” Jesus replied, “you would not be guilty of sin. But since you

[BSB] claim you can
[MSB] say, ‘We
see, your guilt remains.”

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 “Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² But the one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen for his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

9:4 [BSB] BYZ and TR I must do 9:4 [MSB] CT we must do 9:6 [MSB] CT to his eyes 9:8 [MSB] CT seen him begging 9:9 [MSB] CT No, he just looks 9:10 [MSB] NA and WH How then 9:11 [MSB] CT to go to Siloam 9:14 [MSB] MT literal Now when 9:21 [MSB] CT Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself. 9:26 [MSB] CT does not include again. 9:35 [BSB] BYZ and TR the Son of God 9:35 [MSB] CT the Son of Man 9:39 Literally so that those not seeing may see and those seeing may become blind. Some manuscripts do not include ³⁸“Lord, I believe.”... ³⁹Then Jesus declared.

⁴ When he has brought out

[BSB] all his own,

[MSB] his own sheep,

he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will flee from him because they do not recognize his voice."

⁶ Jesus spoke to them using this illustration, but they did not understand what He was telling them. ⁷ So He said to them again, "Truly, truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came [BSB] before Me

were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd, and the sheep are not his own. When he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf pounces on them and scatters the flock. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired servant and is unconcerned for the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know My sheep and My sheep know Me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them in as well, and they will listen to My voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd.

¹⁷ The reason

[BSB] the

[MSB] My

Father loves Me is that I lay down My life in order to take it up again.

¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

[BSB] ¹⁹ Again there was

[MSB] ¹⁹ Therefore there was again

division among the Jews because of Jesus' message. ²⁰ Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and insane. Why would you listen to Him?"

²¹ But others replied, "These are not the words of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

Jesus at the Feast of Dedication

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple courts in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around Him and demanded, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵ "I already told you," Jesus replied, "but you did not believe. The works I do in My Father's name testify on My behalf. ²⁶ But because you are not My sheep, you refuse to believe.

[MSB] just as I said to you.

²⁷ My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father who has given them to

Me is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

³¹ At this, the Jews again picked up stones to stone Him. ³² But Jesus responded, "I have shown you many good works from

[BSB] the

[MSB] My

Father. For which of these do you stone Me?"

³³ "We are not stoning You for any good work," said the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because You, who are a man,

[BSB] make Yourself out

[MSB] declare Yourself

to be God."

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Is it not written in your Law: 'I have said you are gods'? ³⁵ If he called them gods to whom the word of God came — and the Scripture cannot be broken — ³⁶ then what about the One whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world? How then can you accuse Me of blasphemy for stating that I am the Son of God?"

³⁷ If I am not doing the works of My Father, then do not believe Me. ³⁸ But if I am doing them, even though you do not believe Me, believe the works themselves, so that you may know and

[BSB] understand

[MSB] believe

that the Father is in Me, and I am in

[BSB] the Father."

[MSB] Him."

³⁹ At this, they tried again to seize Him, but He escaped their grasp.

John's Testimony Confirmed

⁴⁰ Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had first been baptizing, and He stayed there. ⁴¹ Many came to Him and said, "Although John never performed a sign, everything he said about this man was true." ⁴² And many in that place believed in Jesus.

The Death of Lazarus

11 At this time a man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (Mary, whose brother Lazarus was sick, was to anoint the Lord with perfume and wipe His feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one You love is sick."

⁴ When Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So on hearing that Lazarus was sick, He stayed where He was for two days, ⁷ and then He said to the disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

⁸ "Rabbi," they replied, "the Jews just tried to stone You, and You are going back there?"

⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? If anyone walks in the daytime, he will not stumble, because he sees by the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks at night, he will stumble, because he has no light."

¹¹ After He had said this, He told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him up."

10:4 [MSB] CT brought out all his own

10:8 [MSB] GOC, CT, F35, and TR All who came before Me

10:8 [BSB] BYZ All who came

10:13 [MSB] Literally The hired servant; CT literal He

10:17 [MSB] CT the Father

10:19 [MSB] CT does not include Therefore.

10:22 That is, Hanukkah, the historic celebration of the Maccabean Revolt and rededication of the temple

10:23 Literally the temple

10:26 [MSB] CT does not include just as I said to you.

10:32 [MSB] CT the Father

10:34 Psalm 82:6

10:38 [MSB] CT understand

10:38 [MSB] CT in the Father

11:2 Literally was the one having anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and having wiped His feet; see John 12:3.

¹² His disciples replied, “Lord, if he is sleeping, he will get better.”
¹³ They thought that Jesus was talking about actual sleep, but He was speaking about the death of Lazarus.
¹⁴ So Jesus told them plainly, “**Lazarus is dead,** ¹⁵ **and for your sake** I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”
¹⁶ Then Thomas called Didymus said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, so that we may die with Him.”

Jesus Comforts Martha and Mary

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had already spent four days in the tomb. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, a little less than two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to [MSB] the women around Martha and Mary to console them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home.
²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give You whatever You ask of Him.”
²³ “**Your brother will rise again,**” Jesus told her.
²⁴ Martha replied, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”
²⁵ Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even though he dies.** ²⁶ **And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?**”
²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she answered, “I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”
²⁸ After Martha had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside to tell her, “The Teacher is here and is asking for you.”
²⁹ And when Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Him.
³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was [BSB] still at the place where Martha had met Him. ³¹ When the Jews who were in the house consoling Mary saw how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, [BSB] supposing [MSB] saying that she was going to the tomb to mourn there. ³² When Mary came to Jesus and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”
³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.
³⁴ “**Where have you put him?**” He asked.
“Come and see, Lord,” they answered.
³⁵ Jesus wept.
³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”
³⁷ But some of them asked, “Could not this man who opened the eyes of the blind also have kept Lazarus from dying?”

Jesus Raises Lazarus

³⁸ Jesus, once again deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “**Take away the stone,**” Jesus said.

“Lord, by now he stinks,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man. “It has already been four days.”
⁴⁰ Jesus replied, “**Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?**”
⁴¹ So they took away the stone.
[MSB] from where the dead man was lying.
Then Jesus lifted His eyes upward and said, “**Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.** ⁴² **I knew that You always hear Me, but I say this for the benefit of the people standing here, so they may believe that You sent Me.**”
⁴³ After Jesus had said this, He called out in a loud voice, “**Lazarus, come out!**”
⁴⁴ The man who had been dead came out with his hands and feet bound in strips of linen, and his face wrapped in a cloth.
“**Unwrap him and let him go,**” Jesus told them.

The Plot to Kill Jesus

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in Him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.
⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, “What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”
⁴⁹ But one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for [BSB] you [MSB] us that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”
⁵¹ Caiaphas did not say this on his own. Instead, as high priest that year, he was prophesying that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵² and not only for the nation, but also for the scattered children of God, to gather them together into one.
⁵³ So from that day on they plotted [MSB] together to kill Him. ⁵⁴ As a result, Jesus no longer went about publicly among the Jews, but He withdrew to a town called Ephraim in an area near the wilderness. And He [BSB] stayed there with the [MSB] spent time there with His disciples.
⁵⁵ Now the Jewish Passover was near, and many people went up from the country to Jerusalem to purify themselves before the Passover.
⁵⁶ They kept looking for Jesus and asking one another as they stood in the temple courts, “What do you think? Will He come to the feast at all?” ⁵⁷ But the chief priests and Pharisees had given [BSB] orders [MSB] an order that anyone who knew where He was must report it, so that they could arrest Him.

11:16 *Didymus means the twin.* 11:18 *Greek about fifteen stadia; that is, approximately 1.72 miles or 2.78 kilometers* 11:19 [MSB] CT does not include the women around. 11:22 [MSB] SBL and WH *Even now* 11:30 [MSB] CT was still 11:31 [MSB] CT supposing 11:33 *Or He was indignant in spirit; similarly in verse 38* 11:41 [MSB] CT does not include from where the dead man was lying. 11:44 *Greek soudario* 11:46 [MSB] F35 all that 11:47 *Or the Council* 11:50 [MSB] CT for you 11:53 [MSB] CT they plotted 11:54 [MSB] CT He stayed there with the disciples 11:56 *Literally the temple* 11:57 [MSB] CT given orders

Mary Anoints Jesus

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus,

[MSB] who had died,

whom He had raised from the dead. ² So they hosted a dinner for Jesus there. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of expensive perfume, made of pure nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot,

[MSB] son of Simon,

who was going to betray Him, asked, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

⁶ Judas did not say this because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. As keeper of the money bag, he used to take from what was put into it.

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "She has kept this perfume in preparation for the day of My burial. ⁸ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have Me."

The Plot to Kill Lazarus

⁹ Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews learned that Jesus was there. And they came not only because of Him, but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹ for on account of him many of the Jews were deserting them and believing in Jesus.

The Triumphal Entry

¹² The next day

[BSB] the
[MSB] a

great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet Him,

[BSB] shouting:

[MSB] crying out:

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Finding a young donkey, Jesus sat on it, as it is written:

¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion.

See, your King is coming,

seated on the colt of a donkey."

¹⁶ At first His disciples did not understand these things, but after Jesus was glorified they remembered what had been done to Him, and they realized that these very things had also been written about Him.

¹⁷ Meanwhile, many people who had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸ That is also why the crowd went out to meet Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.

¹⁹ Then the Pharisees said to one another, "You can see that this is doing you no good. Look how the whole world has gone after Him!"

Jesus Predicts His Death

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the feast. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and requested of him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." ²² Philip relayed this appeal to Andrew, and both of them went and told Jesus.

²³ But Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life will lose it, but whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, My servant will be as well. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? No, it is for this purpose that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify Your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said that an angel had spoken to Him.

³⁰ In response, Jesus said, "This voice was not for My benefit, but yours. ³¹ Now judgment is upon this world; now the prince of this world will be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw everyone to Myself." ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death He was going to die.

³⁴ The crowd replied, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever. So how can You say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

³⁵ Then Jesus told them, "For a little while longer, the Light will be

[BSB] among
[MSB] with

you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of light."

After Jesus had spoken these things, He went away and was hidden from them.

Belief and Unbelief

³⁷ Although Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still did not believe in Him. ³⁸ This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

"Lord, who has believed our message?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹ For this reason they were unable to believe. For again, Isaiah says:

⁴⁰ "He has blinded their eyes

and hardened their hearts,

so that they cannot see with their eyes,

and understand with their hearts,

and turn,

and I would heal them."

12:1 [MSB] CT does not include *who had died*.

12:3 Greek *a litra*; that is, approximately 12 ounces or 340 grams

12:4 [MSB]

CT does not include *son of Simon*.

12:5 A denarius was customarily a day's wage for a laborer; see Matthew 20:2.

12:8 See

Deuteronomy 15:11. 12:9 [MSB] NA, TH, and WH *the large crowd*

12:12 [MSB] NA, SBL, and WH *the great crowd*

12:13 [MSB]

CT *shouting* 12:13 *Hosanna* is a transliteration of the Hebrew *Hosia-na*, meaning *Save, we pray* or *Save now*, which became a shout of praise; see Psalm 118:25. 12:13 Psalm 118:26 12:15 Zechariah 9:9 12:35 [MSB] CT *among* 12:38 Isaiah 53:1 12:40 Isaiah 6:10

41 Isaiah said these things

[BSB] because

[MSB] when

he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about Him. 42 Nevertheless, many of the leaders believed in Him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue.

43 For they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

44 Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in Me does not believe in Me alone, but in the One who sent Me. 45 And whoever sees Me sees the One who sent Me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should remain in darkness.

47 As for anyone who hears My words and does not

[BSB] keep them,

[MSB] believe,

I do not judge him. For I have not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects Me and does not receive My words: The word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

49 I have not spoken on My own, but the Father who sent Me has commanded Me what to say and how to say it. 50 And I know that His command leads to eternal life. So I speak exactly what the Father has told Me to say."

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

13 It was now just before the Passover Feast, and Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the very end. 2

[BSB] The evening meal was underway, and

[MSB] By the time the evening meal had ended,

the devil had already put into the heart of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

3 Jesus knew that the Father had delivered all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was returning to God. 4 So He got up from the supper, laid aside His outer garments, and wrapped a towel around His waist. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel that was around Him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who asked Him, "Lord, are You going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "Never shall You wash my feet!" Peter told Him.

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!"

10 Jesus told him, "Whoever has already bathed needs only to wash his feet, and he will be completely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." 11 For He knew who would betray Him. That is why He said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 When Jesus had washed their feet and put on His outer garments, He reclined with them again and asked, "Do you know what I have done for you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, because I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your

feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example so that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Truly, truly, I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Jesus Predicts His Betrayal

18 I am not speaking about all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the Scripture: 'The one who shares

[BSB] My bread

[MSB] bread with Me

has lifted up his heel against Me.' 19 I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it comes to pass, you will believe that I am He. 20 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever receives the one I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One who sent Me."

21 After Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit and testified, "Truly, truly, I tell you, one of you will betray Me."

22 The disciples looked at one another, perplexed as to which of them He meant. 23 One of His disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at His side. 24 So Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus which one He was talking about. 25

[BSB] Leaning back against

[MSB] Falling back upon

Jesus, he asked, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this morsel after I have dipped it." Then He dipped the morsel and gave it to Judas

[BSB] son of Simon Iscariot.

[MSB] Iscariot, the son of Simon.

27 And when Judas had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to Judas, "What you are about to do, do quickly."

28 But no one at the table knew why Jesus had said this to him.

29 Since Judas kept the money bag, some thought that Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the feast, or to give something to the poor. 30 As soon as he had received the morsel, Judas went out into the night.

Love One Another

31 When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify the Son in Himself — and will glorify Him at once.

33 Little children, I am with you only a little while longer. You will look for Me, and as I said to the Jews, so now I say to you: 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

34 A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

36 "Lord, where are You going?" Simon Peter asked.

Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow Me now, but you will follow

12:41 [MSB] CT because

12:47 [MSB] CT does not keep them

13:1 Or He showed them the full extent of His love.

13:2 [MSB] CT The evening meal being underway or When it was time for the evening meal

13:16 Cited in John 15:20

13:18 [MSB] CT shares My bread

13:18 Psalm 41:9

13:23 Greek was reclining in the bosom of Jesus

13:25 [MSB] CT Leaning back against

13:26 [MSB] CT Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot

13:32 [BSB] WH does not include If God is glorified in Him.

13:32 [MSB] TH and WH do not include If God is glorified in Him.

13:36 [MSB] CT does not include Me.

[MSB] Me
later.”

³⁷ “Lord,” said Peter, “why can’t I follow You now? I will lay down my life for You.”

³⁸ “Will you lay down your life for Me?” Jesus replied. “Truly, truly, I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.

In My Father’s House Are Many Rooms

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe in Me as well. ² In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I

[BSB] go and prepare a place for

[MSB] go, I will prepare a place for

you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know

[BSB] the way to

the place where I am going.”

[MSB] and you know the way.”

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

⁵ “Lord,” said Thomas, “we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you had known Me, you would know My Father as well. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.”

⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus replied, “Philip, I have been with you all this time, and still you do not know Me? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I say to you, I do not speak on My own. Instead, it is the Father dwelling in Me, performing His works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me — or at least believe

[MSB] Me

on account of the works themselves.

¹² Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I am doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to

[BSB] the

[MSB] My

Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me for anything in My name, I will do it.

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ If you love Me,

[BSB] you will

keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to

[BSB] be
[MSB] abide

with you forever — ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you do know Him, for He abides with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.”

²² Judas (not Iscariot) asked Him, “Lord, why are You going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus replied, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words. The word that you hear is not My own, but it is from the Father who sent Me.

²⁵ All this I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you.

Peace I Leave with You

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid. ²⁸ You heard Me say, ‘I am going away, and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because

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[MSB] My

Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe.

³⁰ I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming, and he has no claim on Me. ³¹ But I do exactly what the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.

Get up! Let us go on from here.

Jesus the True Vine

15 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the keeper of the vineyard. ² He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, and every branch that does bear fruit, He prunes to make it even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.

⁵ I am the vine and you are the branches. The one who remains in Me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers. Such branches are gathered up,

14:1 Or *Believe in God* 14:2 Or *If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.* 14:4 [BSB] BYZ and TR *And where I go you know, and the way you know.* 14:4 [MSB] CT *You know the way to the place where I am going.* 14:11 [MSB] CT does not include Me. 14:12 [MSB] CT *the Father* 14:14 [BSB] TR does not include Me. 14:14 [MSB] GOC, ALT, HF, F35, and TR do not include Me. 14:15 [BSB] Or *If you love Me, keep* 14:15 [MSB] CT *If you love Me, you will keep* 14:16 Or *Comforter or Helper or Counselor*; Greek *Paraclete*; also in verse 26 14:16 [MSB] CT *to be* 14:17 WH *and is in you* 14:28 [MSB] NA, SBL, and WH *the Father* 14:30 [MSB] *Literally of the; TR of this*

thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you remain in Me and My words remain in you,
 [MSB] then you will
 ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, proving yourselves to be My disciples.

No Greater Love

⁹As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Remain in My love. ¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. ¹¹I have told you these things so that My joy may

[BSB] be
 [MSB] abide
 in you and your joy may be complete.

¹²This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴You are My friends if you do
 [BSB] what
 [MSB] whatever

I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything I have learned from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will remain — so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you. ¹⁷This is My command to you: Love one another.

The Hatred of the World

¹⁸If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me first. ¹⁹If you were of the world, it would love you as its own. Instead, the world hates you, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.

²⁰Remember the word that I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you as well; if they kept My word, they will keep yours as well. ²¹But they will treat you like this because of My name, since they do not know the One who sent Me. ²²If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin.

²³Whoever hates Me hates My Father as well. ²⁴If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father. ²⁵But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated Me without reason.'

²⁶When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father — the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father — He will testify about Me. ²⁷And you also must testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Persecution Foretold

16¹I have told you these things so that you will not fall away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. In fact, a time is

coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. ³They will do these things because they have not known the Father or Me. ⁴But I have told you these things so that when

[BSB] their
 [MSB] the

hour comes, you will remember that I told you about them. I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

⁵Now, however, I am going to Him who sent Me; yet none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶Instead, your hearts are filled with sorrow because I have told you these things. ⁷But I tell you the truth, it is for your benefit that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

⁸And when He comes, He will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹in regard to sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰in regard to righteousness, because I am going to

[BSB] the
 [MSB] My

Father and you will no longer see Me; ¹¹and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world has been condemned.

¹²I still have much to tell you, but you cannot yet bear to hear it.

¹³However, when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, and He will declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴He will glorify Me by taking from what is Mine and disclosing it to you. ¹⁵Everything that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said that the Spirit will take from what is Mine and disclose it to you.

¹⁶In a little while you will
 [BSB] see Me no more,
 [MSB] not see Me,
 and then after a little while you will see Me."
 [MSB] because I am going away to the Father."

Grief Will Turn to Joy

¹⁷Then some of His disciples asked one another, "Why is He telling us, 'In a little while you will not see Me, and then after a little while you will see Me' and 'Because I am going to the Father?'" ¹⁸They kept asking, "Why is He saying, 'a little while'? We do not understand what He is saying."

¹⁹Aware that they wanted to question Him, Jesus said to them, "Are you asking one another why I said, 'In a little while you will not see Me, and then after a little while you will see Me'?" ²⁰Truly, truly, I tell you, you will weep and wail while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹A woman has pain in childbirth because her time has come; but when she brings forth her child, she forgets her anguish because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

15:7 [MSB] GOC and CT you, ask 15:11 [MSB] CT may be 15:14 [MSB] CT what 15:20 John 13:16 15:25 See Psalm 35:19, Psalm 38:19, and Psalm 69:4. 15:26 Or Comforter or Helper or Counselor; Greek Paraclete 16:3 [MSB] TR includes to you. 16:4 [MSB] CT their 16:7 Or Comforter or Helper or Counselor; Greek Paraclete 16:10 [MSB] CT the Father 16:16 [MSB] CT you will see Me no more 16:16 [BSB] BYZ and TR include because I go away to the Father. 16:16 [MSB] CT does not include because I am going away to the Father.

Ask in My Name

²³In that day you will no longer ask Me anything. Truly, truly, I tell you, whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

²⁵I have spoken these things to you in figures of speech.

[BSB] An

[MSB] But an

hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you this way, but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in My name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and entered the world. In turn, I will leave the world and go to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said,

[MSB] to Him,

"See, now You are speaking plainly and without figures of speech.

³⁰Now we understand that You know all things and that You have no need for anyone to question You. Because of this, we believe that You came from God."

³¹"Do you finally believe?" Jesus replied. ³²"Look, an hour is coming and has already come when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and you will leave Me all alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. ³³I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take courage; I have overcome the world!"

Prayer for the Son

17 When Jesus had spoken these things, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may

[MSB] also

glorify You. ²For You granted Him authority over all people, so that He

[BSB] may

[MSB] will

give eternal life to all those You have given Him. ³Now this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. ⁴I have glorified You on

[BSB] earth by accomplishing

[MSB] earth. I have accomplished

the work You gave Me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world existed.

Prayer for the Disciples

⁶I have revealed Your name to those You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You. ⁸For I have given them the words You gave Me, and they have received them. They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

⁹I ask on their behalf. I do not ask on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those You have given Me; for they are Yours. ¹⁰All I have is Yours, and all You have is Mine; and in them I have been glorified.

¹¹I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You.

Holy Father, protect them by Your name, the name You gave Me, so that they may be one as We are one. ¹²While I was with

[BSB] them, I protected and preserved them by Your name, the name

[MSB] them in the world, I protected and preserved by Your name

those

You gave Me. Not one of them has been lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³But now I am coming to You; and I am saying these things while I am in the world, so that they may have My joy fulfilled within them.

¹⁴I have given them Your word and the world has hated them. For they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁵I am not asking that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them by

[BSB] the

[MSB] Your

truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, I have also sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify Myself, so that they too may be sanctified by the truth.

Prayer for All Believers

²⁰I am not asking on behalf of them alone, but also on behalf of those who will believe in Me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I am in You. May they also be

[MSB] one

in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

²²I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one as We are one — ²³I in them and You in Me — that they may be perfectly

[BSB] united, so

[MSB] united and

that the world may know that You sent Me and have loved them just as You have loved Me.

²⁴Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, that they may see the glory You gave Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵Righteous Father, although the world has not known You, I know You, and they know that You sent Me. ²⁶And I have made Your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love You have for Me may be in them, and I in them."

The Betrayal of Jesus

18 After Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where they entered a garden. ²Now Judas His betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with His disciples. ³So Judas brought a band

16:25 [MSB] CT *An hour* **16:27** WH *from the Father* **16:29** [MSB] CT does not include *to Him*. **17:1** [MSB] CT does not include *also*. **17:2** Literally *all flesh* **17:2** [MSB] CT and TR *may give* **17:4** [MSB] CT *earth by accomplishing* **17:11** [BSB] Literally *Your name, which You gave Me; TR Your name. These You have given Me; similarly in verse 12* **17:11** [MSB] Literally *Your name, which You gave Me; TR Your name—these whom You gave Me—* **17:12** [MSB] CT does not include *in the world*. **17:12** [MSB] CT *preserved them by Your name, the name You gave Me* **17:15** Or *from evil* **17:17** [MSB] CT *the truth* **17:21** [MSB] CT does not include *one*. **17:23** [MSB] CT *so that* **18:2** [BSB] HF and PT *Jesus also* **18:2** [MSB] HF and GOC *Jesus also had*

of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. They arrived at the garden carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons.

⁴ Jesus, knowing all that was coming upon Him, stepped forward and asked them, “Whom are you seeking?”

⁵ “Jesus of Nazareth,” they answered.

Jesus said, “I am He.”

And Judas His betrayer was standing there with them. ⁶ When Jesus said, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

⁷ So He asked them again, “Whom are you seeking?”

“Jesus of Nazareth,” they answered.

⁸ “I told you that I am He,” Jesus replied. “So if you are looking for Me, let these men go.” ⁹ This was to fulfill the word He had spoken: “I have not lost one of those You have given Me.”

¹⁰ Then Simon Peter drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus.

¹¹ “Put your sword back in its sheath!” Jesus said to Peter. “Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given Me?”

¹² Then the band of soldiers, with its commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³ They

^[BSB] brought Him
^[MSB] led Him away

first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be better if one man

^[BSB] died
^[MSB] perished

for the people.

Peter’s First Denial

¹⁵ Now Simon Peter and

^[BSB] another
^[MSB] the other

disciple were following Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he also went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. ¹⁶ But Peter stood outside at the door. Then the disciple who was known to the high priest went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in.

¹⁷ At this, the servant girl watching the door said to Peter, “Aren’t you also one of this man’s disciples?”

“I am not,” he answered.

¹⁸ Because it was cold, the servants and officers were standing around a charcoal fire they had made to keep warm. And Peter was

^[BSB] also
standing with them, warming himself.

Jesus before the High Priest

¹⁹ Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching.

²⁰ “I have spoken openly to the world,” Jesus answered. “I always taught in the synagogues and at the temple, where

^[BSB] all the Jews
^[MSB] the Jews always

come together. I said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why are you asking Me? Ask those who heard My message. Surely they know what I said.”

²² When Jesus had said this, one of the officers standing nearby slapped Him in the face and said, “Is this how You answer the high priest?”

²³ Jesus replied, “If I said something wrong, testify as to what was wrong. But if I spoke correctly, why did you strike Me?”

²⁴ Then Annas sent Him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter’s Second and Third Denials

²⁵ Simon Peter was still standing and warming himself. So they asked him, “Aren’t you also one of His disciples?”

He denied it and said, “I am not.”

²⁶ One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Didn’t I see you with Him in the garden?”

²⁷ Peter denied it once more, and immediately a rooster crowed.

Jesus before Pilate

²⁸ Then they led Jesus away from Caiaphas into the Praetorium. By now it was early morning, and the Jews did not enter the Praetorium, to avoid being defiled and unable to eat the Passover.

²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and asked, “What accusation are you bringing against this man?”

³⁰ “If He were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed Him over to you.”

³¹ “You take Him and judge Him by your own law,” Pilate told them. “We are not permitted to execute anyone,” the Jews

^[MSB] then
replied. ³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to indicate the kind of death He was going to die.

³³ Pilate went back into the Praetorium, summoned Jesus, and asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Are you saying this on your own,” Jesus asked,
^[MSB] him,

“or did others tell you about Me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed You over to me. What have You done?”

³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world; if it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now My kingdom is not of this realm.”

³⁷ “Then You are a king!” Pilate said.

“You say that I am a king,” Jesus answered. “For this reason I was born and have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice.”

³⁸ “What is truth?” Pilate asked.

And having said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against Him. ³⁹ But it is your custom that I release to you one prisoner at the Passover. So then, do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”

⁴⁰ “Not this man,” they
^[MSB] all

shouted, “but Barabbas!” (Now Barabbas was an insurrectionist.)

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. ² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns, set it on His head, and dressed Him in a purple robe. ³ And they

18:9 See John 6:39 and John 17:12. 18:13 [MSB] CT *They brought Him* 18:14 [MSB] CT *died* 18:15 [MSB] CT and Scrivener TR *another* 18:18 [MSB] CT includes *also*. 18:20 [MSB] CT *all the Jews* 18:31 [MSB] CT *the Jews replied* 18:32 See John 12:32–33. 18:34 [MSB] CT *Jesus asked* 18:39 [MSB] F35 *our* 18:40 [MSB] CT *they shouted*

[BSB] went up to Him again and again,
[MSB] kept

saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and slapping Him in the face.

⁴ Once again Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing Him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against Him." ⁵ When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

⁶ As soon as the chief priests and officers saw Him, they shouted, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

"You take Him and crucify Him," Pilate replied, "for I find no basis for a charge against Him."

⁷ "We have a law," answered the Jews, "and according to

[BSB] that
[MSB] our

law He must die, because He declared Himself to be the Son of God."

⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid, ⁹ and he went back into the Praetorium. "Where are You from?" he asked. But Jesus gave no answer.

¹⁰ So Pilate said to Him, "Do You refuse to speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to

[BSB] release You and authority to crucify
[MSB] crucify You and authority to release

You?"

¹¹ Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed Me over to you is guilty of greater sin."

¹² From then on, Pilate tried to release Him, but the Jews kept

[BSB] shouting,
[MSB] crying out,

"If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who declares himself a king is defying Caesar."

¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat on the judgment seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, which in Hebrew is Gabbatha. ¹⁴ It was the day of Preparation for the Passover, about the sixth hour. And Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your King!"

¹⁵ At this, they shouted, "Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!"

"Shall I crucify your King?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," replied the chief priests.

The Crucifixion

¹⁶ Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified, and the soldiers took Him

[MSB] and led Him

away. ¹⁷ Carrying His own cross, He went out to

[MSB] a place called

The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

¹⁸ There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on each side, with Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate also had a notice posted on the cross. It read:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew,

[BSB] Latin, and Greek.

[MSB] Greek, and Latin.

²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but only that He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"

²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided His garments into four parts, one for each soldier, with the tunic remaining. It was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it. Instead, let us cast lots to see who will get it." This was to fulfill the Scripture:

"They divided My garments among them,
and cast lots for My clothing."

So that is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother and her sister, as well as Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." So from that hour, this disciple took her into his home.

The Death of Jesus

²⁸ After this,

[BSB] knowing

[MSB] seeing

that everything had now been accomplished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of sour wine was sitting there. So they soaked a sponge in the wine, put it on a stalk of hyssop, and lifted it to His mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished." And bowing His head, He yielded up His spirit.

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

³¹ It was the day of Preparation, and the next day was a High Sabbath. In order that the bodies would not remain on the cross during the Sabbath, the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies removed. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and those of the other.

³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

³⁵ The one who saw it has testified to this, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you

[BSB] also

may believe.

³⁶ Now these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of His bones will be broken." ³⁷ And, as another Scripture says: "They will look on the One they have pierced."

19:3 [MSB] CT *And they went up to Him again and again, saying* 19:6 [MSB] Literally "Crucify! Crucify Him!"; CT and TR "Crucify! Crucify!" 19:7 [MSB] CT *the law* 19:10 [MSB] CT *authority to release You and authority to crucify You* 19:12 [MSB] CT *kept shouting* 19:13 Or *in Aramaic*; also in verses 17 and 20 19:14 That is, about noon 19:16 [MSB] CT does not include and *led Him away*. 19:17 [MSB] GOC, CT, F35, and TR *literal what is called* 19:20 [MSB] CT *Hebrew, Latin, and Greek* 19:24 Psalm 22:18 19:28 [MSB] CT and TR *knowing* 19:28 See Psalm 22:15. 19:29 Or *A jar of wine vinegar*; similarly in verse 30 19:29 See Psalm 69:21. 19:35 [MSB] CT and GOC *you also* 19:36 Psalm 34:20; see also Exodus 12:46 and Numbers 9:12. 19:37 Zechariah 12:10

The Burial of Jesus

³⁸ Afterward, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus (but secretly for fear of the Jews), asked Pilate to let him remove the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed ^[BSB] His body. ^[MSB] the body of Jesus.

³⁹ Nicodemus, who had previously come to Jesus at night, also brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. ⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² And because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they placed Jesus there.

The Resurrection

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she said, "and we do not know where they have put Him!" ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out for the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down and looked in at the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Simon Peter arrived just after him. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. ⁷ The cloth that had been around Jesus' head was rolled up, lying separate from the linen cloths. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in. And he saw and believed. ⁹ For they still did not understand from the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent down to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ "Woman, why are you weeping?" they asked. "Because they have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I do not know where they have put Him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she did not recognize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ "Woman, why are you weeping?" Jesus asked. "Whom are you seeking?"

Thinking He was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him off, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him, ^[BSB] in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). ¹⁷ "Do not cling to Me," Jesus said, "for I have not yet ascended to ^[BSB] the ^[MSB] My

Father. But go and tell My brothers, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the ^[BSB] disciples, "I have seen the ^[MSB] disciples that she had seen the Lord!" And she told them what He had said to her.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ It was the first day of the week, and that very evening, while the disciples were ^[MSB] gathered together with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you!" He said to them. ²⁰ After He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so also I am sending you." ²² When He had said this, He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands, and put my finger where the nails have been, and put my hand into His side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, His disciples were once again inside with the doors locked, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Book

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Jesus Appears by the Sea of Tiberias

21 Later, by the Sea of Tiberias, Jesus again revealed Himself to the disciples. He made Himself known in this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter told them, "I am going fishing." "We will go with you," they said. So they went out and ^[MSB] immediately got into the boat, but caught nothing that night.

19:38 [MSB] CT His body

19:39 Greek about a hundred litras; that is, approximately 34 kilograms

20:1 Literally Now on the first of the Sabbaths, early,

20:7 Greek soudarion

20:16 [BSB] Or in Aramaic

20:17 [MSB] NA, SBL, and WH the Father

20:19 [MSB] CT were together

20:24 Didymus means the twin.

20:29 [MSB] TR includes Thomas.

20:31 Or may continue to believe

21:1 [BSB] That is, the Sea of Galilee

21:1 [MSB] That is, the Sea of Galilee; ALT and F35 include after He had been raised from the dead.

21:2 Didymus means the twin.

21:3 [MSB] CT does not include immediately.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not recognize that it was Jesus. ⁵ So He called out to them, “Children, do you have any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

⁶ He told them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it there, and they were unable to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it . . .) and jumped into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came ashore in the boat. They dragged in the net full of fish, for they were not far from land, only about a hundred yards.

⁹ When they landed, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus told them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”

¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many, the net was not torn.

¹² “Come, have breakfast,” Jesus said to them. None of the disciples dared to ask Him, “Who are You?” They knew it was the Lord.

¹³ Jesus

[MSB] then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and He did the same with the fish.

¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to

[BSB] the
[MSB] His

disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of

[BSB] John,
[MSB] Jonah,

do you love Me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered, “You know I love You.”

Jesus replied, “Feed My lambs.”

¹⁶ Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of

[BSB] John,
[MSB] Jonah,

do you love Me?”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered, “You know I love You.”

Jesus told him, “Shepherd My sheep.”

¹⁷ Jesus asked a third time, “Simon son of

[BSB] John,
[MSB] Jonah,

do you love Me?”

Peter was deeply hurt that Jesus had asked him a third time, “Do you love Me?”

“Lord, You know all things,” he replied. “You know I love You.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.

¹⁸ Truly, truly, I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and walked where you wanted; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

And after He had said this, He told him, “Follow Me.”

Jesus and the Beloved Disciple

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them. He was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper to ask, “Lord, who is going to betray You?” ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?”

²² Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain until I return, what is that to you? You follow Me!” ²³ Because of this, the rumor spread among the brothers that this disciple would not die. However, Jesus did not say that he would not die, but only, “If I want him to remain until I return, what is that to you?”

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who has written them down. And we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ There are many more things that Jesus did. If all of them were written down, I suppose that not even the world itself would have space for the books that would be written.

[MSB] Amen.

21:8 Greek *about two hundred cubits away*; that is, approximately 300 feet or 91 meters

21:13 [MSB] CT does not include *then*.

21:14 [MSB] CT to the disciples

21:15 [MSB] Or of Jonas; CT of John; also in verses 16 and 17

21:18 Or others

21:20 Greek

reclined on His bosom 21:25 [MSB] CT does not include *Amen*.

Acts

Prologue

1 In my first book, O Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach, ² until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. ³ After His suffering, He presented Himself to them with many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a span of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while they were gathered together, He commanded them: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift the Father promised, which you have heard Me discuss. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

The Ascension

⁶ So when they came together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ Jesus replied, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be

^[BSB] My witnesses
^[MSB] witnesses to Me
in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After He had said this, they watched as He was taken up, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.”

Matthias Replaces Judas

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near the city, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they arrived, they went to the upper room where they were staying: Peter and

^[BSB] John, James
^[MSB] James, John

and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ With one accord they all continued in prayer,

^[MSB] and petition,
along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the

^[BSB] brothers
^[MSB] disciples

(a gathering of about a hundred and twenty) and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers,
^[BSB] the
^[MSB] this

Scripture had to be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit foretold through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in this ministry.”

¹⁸ (Now with the reward for his wickedness Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong and burst open in the middle, and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ This became known to all who lived in Jerusalem, so they called that field in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰ “For it is written in the book of Psalms:

‘May his place be deserted;
let there be no one to dwell in it,’
and,

‘May another take his position.’

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from John’s baptism until the day Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

²³ So they proposed two men: Joseph called

^[BSB] Barsabbas
^[MSB] Barsabas

(also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed, “Lord, You know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to

^[BSB] take up this ministry and apostleship, which
^[MSB] receive a portion in this ministry and apostleship that
Judas abandoned to go to his rightful place.”

²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Holy Spirit at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all

^[BSB] together
^[MSB] with one accord

in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

1:4 Or *eating together* 1:5 Or *For John baptized in water, but in a few days you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit*; cited in Acts 11:16
1:8 [MSB] CT *My witnesses* 1:11 [MSB] Or *staring*; or *gazing up* 1:12 A *Sabbath day’s journey* is 2,000 cubits (approximately 3,000
feet or 914.4 meters) 1:13 [MSB] CT *Peter and John, James and Andrew* 1:14 [MSB] CT does not include *and petition*. 1:15 [MSB]
CT *the brothers* 1:16 [MSB] CT *the* 1:20 Psalm 69:25 1:20 Psalm 109:8 1:23 [MSB] CT and GOC *Barsabbas* 1:25 [MSB]
CT *to take up this* 2:1 That is, Shavuot, the late spring feast of pilgrimage to Jerusalem; it is also known as *the Feast of Harvest* (see
Exodus 23:16) or *the Feast of Weeks* (see Exodus 34:22). 2:1 [MSB] CT *were all together*

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound rang out, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking his own language.

⁷ Astonished and amazed, they asked,

[MSB] one another,

“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ How is it then that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and converts to Judaism; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

¹² Astonished and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ But others mocked them and said, “They are drunk on new wine!”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, lifted up his voice, and addressed the crowd: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen carefully to my words. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It is only the third hour of the day! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days, God says,

I will pour out My Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on My menservants and maidservants

I will pour out My Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness,

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the great and glorious Day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord

will be saved.’

²² Men of Israel, listen to this message: Jesus of Nazareth was a man certified by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. ²³ He was delivered up by God’s set plan and foreknowledge, and you, by the hands of the lawless,

[MSB] took and

put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised Him from the dead, releasing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep Him in its grip.

²⁵ David says about Him:

‘I saw the Lord always before me;

because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will dwell in hope,

²⁷ because You will not abandon my soul to Hades,

nor will You let Your Holy One see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;

You will fill me with joy in Your presence.’

²⁹ Brothers, I can tell you with confidence that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that

[BSB] He would place one of his descendants

[MSB] from his descendants according to the flesh He would raise up the Christ to seat Him

on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that

[BSB] He

[MSB] His soul

was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, to which we are all witnesses.

³³ Exalted, then, to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself says:

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at My right hand

³⁵ until I make Your enemies

a footstool for Your feet.”

³⁶ Therefore let all Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ!”

Three Thousand Believe

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and asked Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of

[BSB] your

sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise belongs to you and your children and to all who are far off — to all whom the Lord our God will call to Himself.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he testified, and he urged them, “Be saved from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who

[MSB] gladly

embraced his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to the believers that day.

The Fellowship of Believers

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ A sense of awe came over everyone, and the apostles performed many wonders and signs.

2:5 Or *staying*; similarly in verse 14 2:7 [MSB] CT does not include *one another*. 2:7 [MSB] HF, NA, F35, SBL, and WH do not include *all*. 2:9 That is, the Roman Province of Asia, located in what is now western Turkey 2:12 [MSB] Or *could* 2:15 That is, nine in the morning 2:21 Joel 2:28–32 (see also LXX) 2:23 [MSB] CT does not include *took and*. 2:25 Literally *I foresaw*; see verse 31. 2:28 Psalm 16:8–11 (see also LXX) 2:30 [MSB] Literally *out of the fruit of his loins* 2:30 [BSB] Literally *on oath that He would place out of the fruit of his loins on his throne*; BYZ and TR *on oath out of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, to raise up Christ to sit on his throne*; Psalm 132:11 2:30 [MSB] CT that God had promised him on oath that He would place one of his descendants on his throne; Psalm 132:11 2:31 [MSB] CT *He was not abandoned* 2:35 Psalm 110:1 2:38 [MSB] NA, SBL, TH, and WH *of your sins* 2:41 [MSB] CT does not include *gladly*. 2:41 Literally *about three thousand souls were added that day* 2:43 Or *fear*

⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common.
⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they shared with anyone who was in need.
⁴⁶With one accord they continued to meet daily in the temple courts and to break bread from house to house, sharing their meals with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to
[BSB] their number
[MSB] the church
daily those who were being saved.

A Lame Man Walks

3 One afternoon Peter and John were going up
[MSB] together
to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those entering the temple courts. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.
⁴Peter looked directly at him, as did John. “Look at us!” said Peter.
⁵So the man gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!”
⁷Taking him by the right hand, Peter helped him up, and at once the man’s feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸He sprang to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and leaping and praising God.
⁹When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰they recognized him as the man who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Peter Speaks in Solomon’s Colonnade

¹¹While the
[BSB] man
[MSB] lame man who had been healed
clung to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and ran to them in the walkway called Solomon’s Colonnade. ¹²And when Peter saw this, he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why are you surprised by this? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?
¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus. You handed Him over and rejected Him before Pilate, even though he had decided to release Him. ¹⁴You rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the Author of life, but God raised Him from the dead, and we are witnesses of this fact.
¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know has been made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through Him that has given him this complete healing in your presence.

¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But in this way God has fulfilled what He foretold through all
[BSB] the prophets, saying that His
[MSB] His prophets, saying that the
Christ would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped away, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus, the Christ, who has been appointed for you.
²¹Heaven must take Him in until the time comes for the restoration of all things, which God announced long ago through
[MSB] all
His holy prophets. ²²For Moses said,
[MSB] to the fathers,
‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers. You must listen to Him in everything He tells you. ²³Everyone who does not listen to Him will be completely cut off from among his people.’
²⁴Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have proclaimed these days. ²⁵And you are sons of the prophets and of the covenant God made with
[BSB] your
[MSB] our
fathers when He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all the families of the earth will be blessed.’ ²⁶When God raised up His
[BSB] Servant,
[MSB] servant Jesus,
He sent Him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

Peter and John before the Sanhedrin

4 While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, ²greatly disturbed that they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in custody until the next day. ⁴But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.
⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and many others from the high priest’s family. ⁷They had Peter and John brought in and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?”
⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people!
[MSB] of Israel!
⁹If we are being examined today about a kind service to a man who was lame, to determine how he was healed, ¹⁰then let this be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone you builders rejected,

2:46 Literally *the temple* 2:47 [MSB] CT to *their number* 3:1 [MSB] CT does not include *together*. 3:1 That is, three in the afternoon 3:2 Literally *the temple*; also in verse 8 3:6 SBL, NE, and WH *In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!* 3:11 [MSB] NA, SBL, TH, and WH *While he clung to* 3:11 Literally *in the colonnade called Solomon’s* 3:13 Or *His child*; also in verse 26
3:18 [MSB] CT *the prophets, (saying) that His* 3:21 [MSB] CT does not include *all*. 3:22 [MSB] CT does not include *to the fathers*.
3:22 Deuteronomy 18:15 3:23 See Deuteronomy 18:19. 3:24 [MSB] ALT, F35, and TR *have foretold* 3:25 [MSB] NA, SBL, TH, and WH *your fathers* 3:25 Genesis 22:18 3:26 [MSB] CT *His Servant* 4:1 [MSB] WH *the chief priests* 4:8 [MSB] CT does not include *of Israel*.

which has become the cornerstone.’

¹² Salvation exists in no one else, for there is no other name

[BSB] under heaven

given to men by which we must be saved.”

The Name Forbidden

¹³ When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they marveled and took note that these men had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ And seeing the man who had been healed standing there with them, they had nothing to say in response. ¹⁵ So they ordered them to leave the Sanhedrin and then conferred together.

¹⁶ “What shall we do with these men?” they asked. “It is clear to everyone living in Jerusalem that a remarkable miracle has occurred through them, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to keep this message from spreading any further among the people, we must

[MSB] strictly

warn them not to speak to anyone in this name.”

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than God. ²⁰ For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

²¹ After further threats they let them go. They could not find a way to punish them, because all the people were glorifying God for what had happened. ²² For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

The Believers’ Prayer

²³ On their release, Peter and John returned to their own people and reported everything that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ When the believers heard this, they lifted up their voices to God with one accord. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “You

[MSB] are God, who

made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them.

²⁵ You spoke

[BSB] by the Holy Spirit

through the mouth of Your servant,

[BSB] our father

David:

‘Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth take their stand

and the rulers gather together

against the Lord

and against His Anointed One.’

²⁷ In fact,

[BSB] this is the very city where

Herod and Pontius Pilate conspired with the Gentiles and the people of Israel against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed. ²⁸ They carried out what Your hand and will had decided beforehand would happen. ²⁹ And now, Lord, consider their threats, and enable Your servants to speak Your word with complete boldness, ³⁰ as You stretch out Your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ After they had prayed, their meeting place was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Sharing among Believers

³² The multitude of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of

[BSB] his

[MSB] their

possessions was his own, but they shared everything they owned.

³³ With great power the apostles continued to give their testimony about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And abundant grace was upon them all.

³⁴ There were no needy ones among them, because those who owned lands or houses would sell their property, bring the proceeds from the sales, ³⁵ and lay them at the apostles’ feet for distribution to anyone as he had need.

[BSB] ³⁶ Joseph,

[MSB] ³⁶ Joses,

a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (vvv meaning Son of Encouragement), ³⁷ sold a field he owned, brought the money, and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

Ananias and Sapphira

5 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ² With his wife’s full knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds for himself, but brought a portion and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

³ Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and withhold some of the proceeds from the land? ⁴ Did it not belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? How could you conceive such a deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God!”

⁵ On hearing these words, Ananias fell down and died. And great fear came over all who heard what had happened. ⁶ Then the young men stepped forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

⁷ About three hours later his wife also came in, unaware of what had happened. ⁸ “Tell me,” said Peter, “is this the price you and your husband got for the land?”

“Yes,” she answered, “that is the price.”

⁹ “How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord?” Peter replied. “Look, the feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”

¹⁰ At that instant she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ And great fear came over the whole church and all who heard about these events.

The Apostles Heal Many

¹² The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people, and with one accord the believers gathered together in Solomon’s Colonnade. ¹³ Although the people regarded them highly, no one else dared to join them. ¹⁴ Yet more and more believers were brought to the Lord — large numbers of both men and women.

4:11 Psalm 118:22 4:12 [MSB] CT, TR, and some MT include *under heaven*. 4:15 *Or the Council* 4:17 [MSB] CT does not include *strictly*. 4:24 [MSB] CT *You made* 4:25 [MSB] CT includes *by the Holy Spirit*. 4:25 *Or child*; also in verses 27 and 30
4:25 [MSB] CT *Your servant, our father David* 4:26 *Or His Christ or His Messiah*; Psalm 2:1–2 4:27 [MSB] CT includes *this is the very city where*. 4:32 [MSB] GOC, ALT, CT, and F35 *his* 4:36 [MSB] CT *Joseph*

¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were healed.

The Apostles Arrested and Freed

¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who belonged to the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They went out ¹⁸ and arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out, saying, ²⁰ “Go, stand in the temple courts and tell the people the full message of this new life.” ²¹ At daybreak the apostles entered the temple courts as they had been told and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they convened the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²² But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they returned with the report: ²³ “We ^[MSB] indeed found the jail securely locked, with the guards posted ^[BSB] at ^[MSB] before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”

The Apostles before the Sanhedrin

²⁴ When ^[MSB] the high priest and the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard this account, they were perplexed as to what was happening. ²⁵ Then someone came in and announced, “Look, the men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people!” ²⁶ At that point, the captain went with the officers and brought the apostles — but not by force, for fear the people would stone them. ²⁷ They brought them in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, where the high priest interrogated them. ²⁸ ^[BSB] “We gave ^[MSB] “Did we not give you strict orders not to teach in this ^[BSB] name,” he said. ^[MSB] name?” he asked. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us responsible for this man’s blood.” ²⁹ But Peter and the other apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging Him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted Him to His right hand as Prince and Savior, in order to grant repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. ³² We are ^[MSB] His witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

Gamaliel's Advice

³³ When the Council members heard this, they were enraged, and they resolved to put the apostles to death. ³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the ^[BSB] men ^[MSB] apostles be put outside for a short time. ³⁵ “Men of Israel,” he said, “consider carefully what you are about to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men ^[BSB] joined ^[MSB] rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and drew away ^[MSB] many people after him. He too perished, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone. Let them go! For if their purpose or endeavor is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you ^[BSB] will not be able to stop them. ^[MSB] cannot stop it. You may even find yourselves fighting against God.” ⁴⁰ At this, they yielded to Gamaliel. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and released them. ⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the ^[BSB] Name. ^[MSB] name of Jesus. ⁴² Every day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

The Choosing of the Seven

6 In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Grecian Jews among them began to grumble against the Hebrew Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve summoned all the disciples and said, “It is unacceptable for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, select from among you seven men confirmed to be full of the ^[MSB] Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will assign this responsibility to them ⁴ and will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, as well as Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to

5:20 Literally *the temple*; also in verses 21, 25, and 42 5:21 *Or the Council*; also in verses 27, 34, and 41 5:23 [MSB] CT does not include *indeed*. 5:23 [MSB] CT *posted at* 5:24 [MSB] CT does not include *the high priest and*. 5:24 Literally *as to what this might be* 5:28 [MSB] CT “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said 5:32 [MSB] CT does not include *His*. 5:33 [BSB] ECM, BYZ, TR, and Tischendorf; or they took counsel; SBL, NE, and WH they wanted 5:33 [MSB] ECM, MT, TR, and Tischendorf; or they took counsel; SBL, NE, and WH they wanted 5:34 [MSB] CT the men 5:36 [MSB] GOC, CT, F35, and TR joined him 5:37 [MSB] CT does not include *many*. 5:39 [MSB] CT you will not be able to stop them 5:41 [MSB] CT for the Name; TR for His name; F35 for the name of the Christ 6:1 Literally *the Hellenists began to grumble against the Hebrews* 6:3 [MSB] CT does not include *Holy*.

Judaism. ⁶They presented these seven to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷So the word of God continued to spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem grew rapidly, and a great number of priests became obedient to the faith.

The Arrest of Stephen

⁸Now Stephen, who was full of

[BSB] grace

[MSB] faith

and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹But resistance arose from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and men from the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. They disputed with Stephen, ¹⁰but they could not stand up to his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke.

¹¹Then they prompted some men to say, “We heard Stephen speak words of blasphemy against Moses and against God.”

¹²So they stirred up the people, elders, and scribes and confronted Stephen. They seized him and brought him before the Sanhedrin, ¹³where they presented false witnesses who said, “This man never stops speaking

[MSB] blasphemies

against this holy place and against the law. ¹⁴For we have heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us.”

¹⁵All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Stephen's Address: The Call of Abraham

7 Then the high priest asked Stephen, “Are these charges true?”

²And Stephen declared: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, ³and told him, ‘Leave your country and your kindred and go to the land I will show you.’ ⁴So Abraham left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After his father died, God brought him out of that place and into this land where you are now living.

⁵He gave him no inheritance here, not even a foot of ground. But God promised to give possession of the land to Abraham and his descendants, even though he did not yet have a child. ⁶God told him that his descendants would be foreigners in a strange land, and that they would be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. ⁷“But I will punish the nation that enslaves them,” God said, “and afterward they will come forth and worship Me in this place.”

⁸Then God gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision, and Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day. And Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs.

Joseph Sold into Egypt

⁹Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him ¹⁰and rescued him from all

his troubles. He granted Joseph favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt, who appointed him ruler over Egypt and all his household.

¹¹Then famine and great suffering swept across

[MSB] the land of

Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers could not find food. ¹²When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers on their first visit. ¹³On their second visit, Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers, and his family became known to Pharaoh. ¹⁴Then Joseph sent for his father Jacob and all his relatives, seventy-five in all.

Israel Oppressed in Egypt

¹⁵So Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our fathers died.

¹⁶Their bones were carried back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor

[BSB] at

[MSB] of

Shechem for a price he paid in silver.

¹⁷As the time drew near for God to fulfill His promise to Abraham, our people in Egypt increased greatly in number. ¹⁸Then another king, who knew nothing of Joseph, arose.

[BSB] over Egypt.

¹⁹He exploited our people and oppressed our fathers, forcing them to abandon their infants so they would die.

The Birth and Adoption of Moses

²⁰At that time Moses was born, and he was beautiful in the sight of God. For three months he was nurtured in his father's house. ²¹When he was set outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. ²²So Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

The Rejection and Flight of Moses

²³When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. ²⁴And when he saw one of them being mistreated, Moses went to his defense and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian who was oppressing him. ²⁵He assumed his brothers would understand that God was using him to deliver them, but they did not.

²⁶The next day he came upon two Israelites who were fighting, and he

[BSB] tried to reconcile them,

[MSB] urged them to make peace,

saying, ‘Men, you are brothers. Why are you mistreating each other?’

²⁷But the man who was abusing his neighbor pushed Moses aside and said, ‘Who made you ruler and judge over us?’ ²⁸Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ ²⁹At this remark, Moses fled to the land of Midian, where he lived as a foreigner and had two sons.

6:5 Literally *and Nicolas, a convert of Antioch* 6:6 Literally *—whom they set before the apostles,* 6:7 [MSB] GOC Jews 6:8 [MSB] CT grace 6:9 Literally *and those from Cilicia and Asia;* the Roman Province of Asia was located in what is now western Turkey. 6:12 Or *the Council;* also in verse 15 6:13 [MSB] CT does not include *blasphemies.* 7:3 Genesis 12:1 7:7 Genesis 15:13–14; Exodus 3:12 7:11 [MSB] CT does not include *the land of.* 7:13 Or *Joseph was made known to or Joseph was recognized by* 7:16 Literally *And they were carried back* 7:16 [MSB] CT *at Shechem* 7:17 [MSB] Literally *the promise He had sworn* 7:20 Or *he was of great status in God's eyes or he was no ordinary child* 7:26 [MSB] CT *he tried to reconcile them in peace* 7:28 Exodus 2:13–14 (see also LXX)

The Call of Moses

³⁰ After forty years had passed, an angel

[MSB] of the Lord

appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. ³¹ When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight. As he approached to look more closely, the voice of the Lord came to him: ³² 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.' Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look.

³³ Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. ³⁴ I have indeed seen the oppression of My people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.'

³⁵ This Moses, whom they had rejected with the words, 'Who made you ruler and judge?' is the one whom God sent to be their ruler and redeemer through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

³⁶ He led them out and performed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, at the Red Sea, and for forty years in the wilderness.

³⁷ This is the same Moses who told the Israelites,

[MSB] 'The Lord our

'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers.' ³⁸ He was in the assembly in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. And he received

[BSB] living words

[MSB] a living word

to pass on to us.

The Rebellion of Israel

³⁹ But our fathers refused to obey him. Instead, they rejected him and in their

[BSB] hearts

[MSB] heart

turned back to Egypt. ⁴⁰ They said to Aaron, 'Make us gods who will go before us! As for this Moses who led us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.'

⁴¹ At that time they made a calf and offered a sacrifice to the idol, rejoicing in the works of their hands. ⁴² But God turned away from them and gave them over to the worship of the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets:

'Did you bring Me sacrifices and offerings
forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

⁴³ You have taken along the tabernacle of Molech
and the star of your god

[BSB] Rephan,

[MSB] Remphan,

the idols you made to worship.

Therefore I will send you into exile
beyond Babylon.'

The Tabernacle of the Testimony

⁴⁴ Our fathers had the tabernacle of the Testimony with them in the wilderness. It was constructed exactly as God had directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen. ⁴⁵ And our fathers who received it brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations God drove out before them. It remained until the time of David, ⁴⁶ who found favor in the sight of God and asked to provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. ⁴⁷ But it was Solomon who built the house for Him.

⁴⁸ However, the Most High does not dwell in

[BSB] houses

[MSB] temples

made by human hands. As the prophet says:

⁴⁹ 'Heaven is My throne

and the earth is My footstool.

What kind of house will you build for Me, says the Lord,
or where will My place of repose be?

⁵⁰ Has not My hand made all these things?'

⁵¹ You stiff-necked people with uncircumcised

[BSB] hearts

[MSB] heart

and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit, just as your fathers did.

⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers fail to persecute? They even killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One. And now you are His betrayers and murderers — ⁵³ you who received the law ordained by angels, yet have not kept it."

The Stoning of Stephen

⁵⁴ On hearing this, the members of the Sanhedrin were enraged, and they gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked intently into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears, cried out in a loud voice, and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ They dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile the witnesses laid their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen appealed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Falling on his knees, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Saul Persecutes the Church

8 And Saul was there, giving approval to Stephen's death.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ² God-fearing men buried Stephen and mourned deeply over him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison.

7:30 [MSB] CT does not include of the Lord. 7:31 [MSB] CT literal does not include to him. 7:32 Exodus 3:6 7:34 Exodus 3:5–10
7:35 Exodus 2:14 7:35 Or Angel; also in verse 38 7:36 [MSB] WH does not include the land of. 7:37 [MSB] CT 'God will raise
up; TR 'The Lord your God will raise up 7:37 Deuteronomy 18:15 7:38 [MSB] CT and TR living words 7:38 NE and WH to you
7:39 [MSB] CT and TR hearts 7:40 Exodus 32:1 7:43 [MSB] ALT and TH Rephan; F35 Rephphan; ECM, NA, and SBL Raiphany; WH
Rompha 7:43 Amos 5:25–27 (see also LXX) 7:46 [BSB] SBL, WH, BYZ, and TR; see also LXX for Psalm 132:5; ECM and NE a dwelling
place for the house of Jacob. 7:46 [MSB] SBL, WH, MT, and TR; see also LXX for Psalm 132:5; ECM and NE a dwelling place for the house
of Jacob 7:48 [MSB] CT houses made by human hands 7:50 Isaiah 66:1–2 7:51 [MSB] CT hearts 7:54 Literally On hearing these
things, they were cut in their hearts,

Philip in Samaria

⁴Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. ⁶The crowds all paid close attention to Philip's message and to the signs they saw him perform. ⁷With loud shrieks, unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed, and many of the paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸So there was great joy in that city.

Simon the Sorcerer

⁹Prior to that time, a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and astounded the people of Samaria. He claimed to be someone great, ¹⁰and

[BSB] all the people,
from the least to the greatest,

[MSB] they
heeded his words and said, "This man is the
[BSB] divine power called the Great Power."
[MSB] great power of God."

¹¹They paid close attention to him because he had astounded them for a long time with his sorcery.

¹²But when they believed Philip as he preached the gospel of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³Even Simon himself believed and was baptized. He followed Philip closely and was astounded by the

[BSB] great signs and miracles
[MSB] miracles and signs

he observed.

¹⁴When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵On their arrival, they prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶For the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of

[BSB] the Lord Jesus.
[MSB] Jesus Christ.

¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸When Simon saw that the

[MSB] Holy
Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money. ¹⁹"Give me this power as well," he said, "so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

²⁰But Peter replied, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! ²¹You have no part or share in our ministry, because your heart is not right

[BSB] before
[MSB] in the sight of

God. ²²Repent, therefore, of your wickedness, and pray to
[BSB] the Lord.

[MSB] God.

Perhaps He will forgive you for the intent of your heart. ²³For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and captive to iniquity."

²⁴Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me, so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

²⁵And after Peter and John had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many of the Samaritan villages.

Philip and the Ethiopian

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go south to the desert road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official in charge of the entire treasury of Candace,

[MSB] the
queen of the Ethiopians. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸and on his return was sitting in his chariot reading Isaiah the prophet.

²⁹The Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to that chariot and stay by it."

³⁰So Philip ran up and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹"How can I," he said, "unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³²The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before the shearer is silent,
so He did not open His mouth.

³³In His humiliation He was deprived of justice.

Who can recount His descendants?

For His life was removed from the earth."

³⁴"Tell me," said the eunuch, "who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"

³⁵Then Philip began with this very Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they traveled along the road and came to some water, the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is there to prevent me from being baptized?"

[MSB] 37

³⁸And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip appeared at Azotus and traveled through that region, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Road to Damascus

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He approached the high priest ²and requested letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he could bring them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

³As Saul drew near to Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?"

⁵"Who are You, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,"

8:5 [MSB] NA, SBL, and WH *the city of Samaria* 8:10 [MSB] CT *and all from the least to the greatest heeded his words* 8:10 [MSB] CT *the divine power called the Great Power* 8:13 [MSB] CT and Stephanus TR *signs and great miracles* 8:16 [MSB] CT, GOC, and TR *of the Lord Jesus* 8:18 [MSB] CT does not include *Holy*. 8:21 [MSB] CT *before God* 8:22 [MSB] CT *to the Lord* 8:24 [MSB] GOC *Pray to God* 8:27 Greek *Kandakē* 8:27 [MSB] CT *Candace, queen* 8:33 Isaiah 53:7-8 (see also LXX) 8:36 TR includes ³⁷And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may be baptized." The eunuch replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 9:5 [BSB] TR includes *"It is hard for you to kick against the goads."*

[RSB] He replied.

[MSB] replied the Lord.

⁶“Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

⁷The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could not see a thing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and he did not eat or drink anything.

Ananias Baptizes Saul

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Here I am, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹“Get up!” the Lord told him. “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.

¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place

[RSB] his hands

[MSB] a hand

on him to restore his sight.”

¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, many people have told me about this man and all the harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.

¹⁴And now he is here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on Your name.”

¹⁵“Go!” said the Lord. “This man is My chosen instrument to carry My name before the Gentiles and their kings, and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for My name.”

¹⁷So Ananias went to the house, and when he arrived, he placed his hands on Saul. “Brother Saul,” he said, “the Lord,

[RSB] Jesus,

who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

¹⁸At that instant, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and his sight was restored. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. And

[RSB] he

[MSB] Saul

spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

Saul Preaches at Damascus

²⁰Saul promptly began to proclaim

[RSB] Jesus

[MSB] Christ

in the synagogues, declaring, “He is the Son of God.”

²¹All who heard him were astounded and asked, “Isn’t this the man who wreaked havoc in Jerusalem on those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?”

²²But Saul was empowered all the more, and he confounded the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

The Escape from Damascus

²³After many days had passed, the Jews conspired to kill him, ²⁴but Saul learned of their plot. Day and night they watched the city gates in order to kill him. ²⁵One night, however,

[RSB] his

[MSB] the

disciples took him and lowered him in a basket through a window in the wall.

Saul in Jerusalem

²⁶When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

²⁷Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and described how Saul had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him on the road to Damascus, and how Saul had spoken boldly in that city in the name of Jesus.

²⁸So Saul stayed with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem and speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

[MSB] Jesus.

²⁹He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried to kill him. ³⁰When the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

The Healing of Aeneas

³¹Then the

[RSB] church

[MSB] churches

throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria experienced a time of peace.

[RSB] It

[MSB] They

grew in strength and numbers, living in the fear of the Lord and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

³²As Peter traveled throughout the area, he went to visit the saints in Lydda. ³³There he found a man named Aeneas who had been paralyzed and bedridden for eight years. ³⁴“Aeneas,” Peter said to him, “Jesus Christ heals you! Get up and put away your mat.” Immediately Aeneas got up, ³⁵and all who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

The Raising of Tabitha

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which is translated as Dorcas), who was always occupied with works of kindness and charity. ³⁷At that time, however, she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upper room. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent

[RSB] two men

to urge him, “Come to

[RSB] us

[MSB] them

without delay.”

³⁹So Peter got up and went with them. On his arrival, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood around him, weeping and

9:5 [MSB] CT does not include *replied the Lord*. TR includes “It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” ⁶And trembling and astonished, the man asked, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” And the Lord said to him: 9:8 Literally he could see nothing or he could see no one 9:12 [MSB] ECM does not include *In a vision*. 9:12 [MSB] CT (his) hands 9:18 [MSB] ALT, F35, and TR restored immediately 9:19 [MSB] CT he 9:20 [MSB] GOC, CT, and F35 Jesus 9:25 [MSB] CT his disciples 9:25 Literally through the wall; see 2 Corinthians 11:33. 9:27 [MSB] F35 the Lord Jesus 9:28 [MSB] CT in the name of the Lord; F35 in the name of Jesus 9:29 Or Hellenists 9:31 [MSB] CT church 9:31 [MSB] CT It grew in strength 9:36 Tabitha in Aramaic and Dorcas in Greek both mean gazelle. 9:37 [MSB] F35 the upper room 9:38 [MSB] GOC, CT, and TR include *two men*. 9:38 [MSB] CT Come to us

showing him the tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Then Peter sent them all out of the room. He knelt down and prayed, and turning toward her body, he said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ Peter took her by the hand and helped her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her to them alive.

⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And Peter stayed for several days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.

Cornelius Sends for Peter

10 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was called the Italian Regiment. ² He and all his household were devout and God-fearing. He gave generously to the people and prayed to God regularly. ³ One day at about the ninth hour, he had a clear vision of an angel of God who came to him and said, “Cornelius!”

⁴ Cornelius stared at him in fear and asked, “What is it, Lord?” The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have ascended as a memorial offering before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa to call for

[BSB] a man named Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among his attendants. ⁸ He explained what had happened and sent them to Joppa.

Peter's Vision

⁹ The next day at about the sixth hour, as the men were approaching the city on their journey, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

¹¹ He saw heaven open and something like a large sheet being let down to earth

[BSB] by [MSB] to him, bound at its four corners. ¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals

[BSB] and reptiles of the earth, [MSB] of the earth, wild beasts, and reptiles, as well as birds of the air. ¹³ Then a voice said to him: “Get up, Peter, kill and eat!”

¹⁴ “No, Lord!” Peter answered. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”

¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time: “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

¹⁶ This happened three times, and

[BSB] all at once [MSB] again

the sheet was taken back up into heaven.

Peter Called to Caesarea

¹⁷ While Peter was puzzling over the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found Simon's house and approached the gate.

¹⁸ They called out to ask if Simon called Peter was staying there.

¹⁹ As Peter continued to reflect on the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold,

[BSB] three men are looking for you. ²⁰ So get up! Go downstairs and accompany them without hesitation, because I have sent them.”

²¹ So Peter went down to the men and said, “Here am I, the one you are looking for. Why have you come?”

²² “Cornelius the centurion has sent us,” they said. “He is a righteous and God-fearing man with a good reputation among the whole Jewish nation. A holy angel instructed him to request your presence in his home so he could hear a message from you.”

²³ So Peter invited them in as his guests. And the next day he [BSB] got ready and went with them, accompanied by some of the brothers from Joppa.

Peter Visits Cornelius

²⁴ The following day

[BSB] he [MSB] they arrived in Caesarea, where Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ As Peter was about to enter, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet to worship him. ²⁶ But Peter helped him up. “Stand up,” he said, “I am only a man myself.”

²⁷ As Peter talked with him, he went inside and found many people gathered together. ²⁸ He said to them, “You know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with a foreigner or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was invited, I came without objection. I ask, then, why have you sent for me?”

³⁰ Cornelius answered: “Four days ago I was in my house [MSB] fasting and praying at this, the ninth hour. Suddenly a man in radiant clothing stood before me ³¹ and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been remembered before God. ³² Therefore send to Joppa for Simon, who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, by the sea.’

[MSB] He will speak to you when he arrives.’ ³³ So I sent for you immediately, and you were kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything

[BSB] the Lord [MSB] God has instructed you to tell us.”

10:3 That is, about three in the afternoon; also in verse 30 **10:5** [MSB] CT *a man named Simon* **10:6** TR includes *He will tell you what you need to do.* **10:9** That is, about noon **10:11** [MSB] CT *being let down to earth by its four corners* **10:12** [MSB] CT *all kinds of four-footed animals and reptiles of the earth* **10:14** Literally *common*; similarly in verses 15 and 28 **10:16** [MSB] CT *all at once* **10:19** [MSB] SBL and MT; ECM and TR *three men*; NE and WH *two men* **10:19** [BSB] ECM and TR; NE and WH *two men are looking for you*; SBL and BYZ *men are looking for you* **10:21** TR *the men sent to him by Cornelius* **10:22** [MSB] F35 *An angel* **10:23** [MSB] GOC and CT *he got ready and went* **10:24** [MSB] CT *he arrived* **10:30** [MSB] CT does not include *fasting and.* **10:30** [BSB] BYZ and TR *Four days ago I was fasting until this hour, and at the ninth hour I was praying in my house.* **10:32** [MSB] CT does not include *He will speak to you when he arrives.* **10:33** [MSB] CT *the Lord*

Good News for the Gentiles

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: “I now truly understand that God does not show favoritism, ³⁵but welcomes those from every nation who fear Him and do what is right. ³⁶He has sent this message to the people of Israel, proclaiming the gospel of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁷You yourselves know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him.

³⁹We are witnesses of all that He did, both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And although they put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰God raised Him up on the third day and caused Him to be seen — ⁴¹not by all the people, but by the witnesses God had chosen beforehand, by us who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. ⁴²And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the One appointed by God to judge the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

The Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard his message. ⁴⁵All the circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they heard them speaking in tongues and exalting God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water to baptize these people? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have!” ⁴⁸So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of

[BSB] Jesus Christ.
[MSB] the Lord.

Then they asked him to stay for a few days.

Peter's Report at Jerusalem

11 The apostles and brothers throughout Judea soon heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers took issue with him ³and said, “You visited uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

⁴But Peter began and explained to them the whole sequence of events: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision of something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came right down to me. ⁶I looked at it closely and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷Then I heard a voice saying to me, ‘**Get up, Peter, kill and eat.**’

⁸‘No, Lord,’ I said, ‘for nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹But the voice spoke

[MSB] to me
from heaven a second time, ‘**Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.**’

¹⁰This happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into heaven.

¹¹Just then three men sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹²The Spirit told me to accompany them without hesitation. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's home. ¹³He told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send

[MSB] men
to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴He will convey to you a message by which you and all your household will be saved.’

¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as He had fallen upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘**John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**’ ¹⁷So if God gave them the same gift He gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to hinder the work of God?”

¹⁸When they heard this, they had no further objections, and they glorified God, saying, “So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.”

The Church at Antioch

¹⁹Meanwhile those scattered by the persecution that began with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the message only to Jews. ²⁰But some of them, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks,

[BSB] as well,
proclaiming the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

²²When news of this reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, they sent

[BSB] Barnabas
[MSB] out Barnabas, that he should go

to Antioch. ²³When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to abide in the Lord with all their hearts.

²⁴Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

²⁵Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. So for a full year they met together with the church and taught large numbers of people. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.

²⁷In those days some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

²⁸One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted through the Spirit that a great famine would sweep across the whole world. (This happened under Claudius.)

[MSB] Caesar.)

²⁹So the disciples, each according to his ability, decided to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰This they did, sending their gifts to the elders with Barnabas and Saul.

10:45 [MSB] WH does not include *All*. 10:48 [MSB] F35 *the Lord Jesus*; CT of *Jesus Christ* 11:2 Literally *those of the circumcision*
11:8 Literally *common*; similarly in verse 9 11:9 [MSB] CT does not include *to me*. 11:13 [MSB] CT and F35 do not include *men*.
11:16 Or ‘*John baptized in water, but in a few days you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit.*’ Acts 1:5 11:17 [MSB] F35 *the Lord Jesus*
11:20 [BSB] Or *the Hellenists* 11:21 [MSB] NA, SBL, TH, and WH *who believed* 11:22 [MSB] ECM, SBL, TH, and WH *they sent*
Barnabas to Antioch 11:28 Or *the entire Roman world* 11:28 [MSB] CT does not include *Caesar*.

James Killed, Peter Imprisoned

12 About that time, King Herod reached out to harm some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.

³And seeing that this pleased the Jews, Herod proceeded to seize Peter during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. ⁴He arrested him and put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

The Rescue of Peter

⁵So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was

[BSB] fervently

[MSB] earnestly

praying to God for him.

⁶On the night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, with sentries standing guard at the entrance to the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him up, saying, “Get up quickly.” And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸“Get dressed and put on your sandals,” said the angel. Peter did so, and the angel told him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.”

⁹So Peter followed him out, but he was unaware that what the angel was doing was real. He thought he was only seeing a vision. ¹⁰They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city, which opened for them by itself. When they had gone outside and walked the length of one block, the angel suddenly left him.

¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent His angel and rescued me from Herod’s grasp and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating.”

¹²And when he had realized this, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered together and were praying. ¹³

[BSB] He

[MSB] Peter

knocked at the outer gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer it. ¹⁴When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed that she forgot to open the gate, but ran inside and announced, “Peter is standing at the gate!”

¹⁵“You are out of your mind,” they told her. But when she kept insisting it was so, they said, “It must be his angel.”

¹⁶But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astounded. ¹⁷Peter motioned with his hand for silence, and he described how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. “Send word to James and to the brothers,” he said, and he left for another place.

¹⁸At daybreak there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. ¹⁹After Herod had searched for him unsuccessfully, he examined the guards and ordered that they be executed. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent some time there.

The Death of Herod

²⁰Now Herod was in a furious dispute with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they convened before him. Having secured the support of Blastus, the king’s chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their region depended on the king’s country for food. ²¹On the appointed day, Herod donned his royal robes, sat on his throne, and addressed the people. ²²And they began to shout, “This is the voice of a god, not a man!”

²³Immediately, because Herod did not give glory to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

²⁴But the word of God continued to spread and multiply.

²⁵When Barnabas and Saul had fulfilled their mission to Jerusalem, they returned, bringing with them John, also called Mark.

Paul’s First Missionary Journey Begins

13 Now in the church at Antioch there were

[MSB] certain

prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch), and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³And after they had fasted and prayed, they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

On Cyprus

⁴So Barnabas and Saul, sent forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. ⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. And John was with them as their helper.

⁶They traveled through the

[BSB] whole

island as far as Paphos, where they found a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, a man of intelligence, summoned Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith.

⁹Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked directly at Elymas ¹⁰and said, “O child of the devil and enemy of all righteousness, you are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery! Will you never stop perverting the straight ways of the Lord? ¹¹Now look, the hand of the Lord is against you, and for a time you will be blind and unable to see the light of the sun.” Immediately mist and darkness

[BSB] came

[MSB] fell

over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

¹²When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

12:1 That is, King Herod Agrippa **12:1** Literally *put forth the hands to mistreat* **12:3** Literally *seize Peter*—now these were the days of the Unleavened; see Exodus 12:14–20. **12:5** [MSB] CT *fervently* **12:13** [MSB] CT *He* **12:20** Or *had become furious* **12:24** [MSB] WH *the Lord* **12:25** [BSB] Or *had fulfilled their mission, they returned to Jerusalem*; NE and TR *had fulfilled their mission, they returned from Jerusalem* **12:25** [MSB] Or *had fulfilled their mission, they returned to Jerusalem*; ALT, NE, and TR *had fulfilled their mission, they returned from Jerusalem*; F35 includes *to Antioch*. **13:1** [MSB] CT does not include *certain*. **13:6** [MSB] CT *the whole island* **13:11** [MSB] CT *came*

In Pisidian Antioch

¹³ After setting sail from Paphos, Paul and his companions came to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ And from Perga, they traveled inland to Pisidian Antioch, where they entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue leaders sent word to them: "Brothers, if you have a word of encouragement for the people, please speak."

¹⁶ Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and began to speak: "Men of Israel and you Gentiles who fear God, listen to me! ¹⁷ The God of the people

[RSB] of Israel

chose our fathers. He made them into a great people during their stay in Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He led them out of that land.

¹⁸ He endured their conduct for about forty years in the wilderness.

¹⁹ And having vanquished seven nations in Canaan, He gave their land to His people as

[RSB] an

[MSB] their

inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years.

After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet.

²¹ Then the people asked for a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, from the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. ²² After removing Saul, He raised up David as their king and testified about him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after My own heart; he will carry out My will in its entirety.'

²³ From the descendants of this man, God has brought to Israel

[RSB] the Savior Jesus,

[MSB] salvation,

as He promised. ²⁴ Before the arrival of Jesus, John preached a baptism of repentance to

[RSB] all the people of

Israel. ²⁵ As John was completing his course, he said, 'Who do you suppose I am? I am not that One. But there is One coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'

²⁶ Brothers, children of Abraham, and you Gentiles who fear God, it is to

[RSB] us

[MSB] you

that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning Him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.

²⁸ And though they found no ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have Him executed.

²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written about Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised Him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days He was seen by those who had accompanied Him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are

[RSB] now

His witnesses to our people.

³² And now we proclaim to you the good news: What God promised our fathers ³³ He has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

'You are My Son;

today I have become Your Father.'

³⁴ In fact, God raised Him from the dead, never to see decay. As He has said:

'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'

³⁵ So also, He says in another Psalm:

'You will not let Your Holy One see decay.'

³⁶ For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep. His body was buried with his fathers and saw decay.

³⁷ But the One whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

³⁸ Therefore let it be known to you, brothers, that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹ Through Him everyone who believes is justified from everything from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. ⁴⁰ Watch out, then, that what was spoken by the prophets does not happen to you:

⁴¹ 'Look, you scoffers,

wonder and perish!

For I am doing a work in your days

that you would never believe,

even if someone told you.'"

A Light for the Gentiles

⁴² As

[RSB] Paul and Barnabas

[MSB] the Jews

were leaving the synagogue, the

[RSB] people urged them

[MSB] Gentiles urged Paul and Barnabas

to continue this message on the next Sabbath. ⁴³ After the synagogue was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ On the following Sabbath, nearly the whole city gathered to hear the word of

[RSB] the Lord.

[MSB] God.

⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and they blasphemously

[MSB] opposed and

contradicted what Paul was saying.

⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "It was necessary to speak the word of God to you first. But since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

'I have made you a light for the Gentiles,

to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and glorified the word of the Lord, and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord spread throughout that region.

13:17 [MSB] GOC, CT, and TR *the people of Israel* 13:19 [MSB] CT *as an inheritance* 13:22 See 1 Samuel 13:14. 13:23 [MSB] CT and TR *the Savior Jesus* 13:24 [MSB] GOC, CT, and TR *to all the people of Israel* 13:25 Luke 3:16; see also Matthew 3:11, Mark 1:7, and John 1:27. 13:26 [MSB] CT *to us* 13:31 [MSB] CT *includes now*. 13:33 Psalm 2:7; literally *today I have begotten You* 13:34 Literally *I will give you the holy, the trustworthy of David*; Isaiah 55:3 13:35 Psalm 16:10 13:40 [MSB] CT *literal does not include to you*. 13:41 Habakkuk 1:5 (see also LXX) 13:42 [MSB] CT *As they were leaving, they urged* 13:44 [MSB] CT *of the Lord* 13:45 [MSB] CT *blasphemously contradicted* 13:47 Isaiah 49:6

⁵⁰ The Jews, however, incited the religious women of prominence and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and drove them out of their district. ⁵¹ So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Paul and Barnabas at Iconium

14 At Iconium, Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue, where they spoke so well that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who affirmed the message of His grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders.

⁴ The people of the city were divided. Some sided with the Jews, and others with the apostles. ⁵ But when the Gentiles and Jews, together with their rulers, set out to mistreat and stone them, ⁶ they found out about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding region, ⁷ where they continued to preach the gospel.

The Visit to Lystra and Derbe

⁸ In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. ⁹ This man was listening to the words of Paul, who looked intently at him and saw that he had faith to be healed. ¹⁰ In a loud voice Paul called out, “Stand up on your feet!” And the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹ When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices in the Lycaonian language: “The gods have come down to us in human form!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside

[BSB] the

[MSB] their

city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates, hoping to offer a sacrifice along with the crowds.

¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul found out about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵ “Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In past generations, He let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet He has not left Himself without testimony to His goodness: He gives you rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling

[BSB] your

[MSB] our

hearts with food and gladness.”

¹⁸ Even with these words, Paul and Barnabas could hardly stop the crowds from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹ Then some Jews arrived from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, presuming he was dead. ²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. And the next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

Strengthening the Disciples

²¹ They preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. “We must endure many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

²³ Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church, praying and fasting as they entrusted them to the Lord, in whom they had believed.

²⁴ After passing through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

²⁶ From Attalia they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had just completed. ²⁷ When they arrived, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them, and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they spent a long time there with the disciples.

The Dispute over Circumcision

15 Then some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” ²

[BSB] And

[MSB] Therefore

after engaging these men in sharp debate, Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question.

³ Sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, recounting the conversion of the Gentiles and bringing great joy to all the brothers. ⁴ On their arrival in Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and apostles and elders, to whom they reported all that God had done through them.

The Council at Jerusalem

⁵ But some believers from the party of the Pharisees stood up and declared, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses.” ⁶ So the apostles and elders met to look into this matter.

⁷ After much

[BSB] discussion,

[MSB] debate,

Peter got up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among

[BSB] you

[MSB] us

that the Gentiles would hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. ⁸ And God, who knows the heart, showed His approval by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as He did to us. ⁹ He made no distinction between us and them, for He cleansed their hearts by faith.

¹⁰ Now then, why do you test God by placing on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear? ¹¹ On the contrary, we believe it is through the grace of the Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

14:13 [MSB] CT the city 14:17 [MSB] TR us 14:17 [MSB] CT your 14:28 [MSB] CT literal does not include there. 15:2 [MSB] CT And after 15:3 [MSB] NA, SBL, TH, and WH both Phoenicia 15:4 [MSB] GOC includes and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 15:7 [MSB] CT discussion 15:7 [MSB] CT and F35 you 15:11 [MSB] TR the Lord Jesus Christ

¹²The whole assembly fell silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul describing the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. ¹³When they had finished speaking, James declared, “Brothers, listen to me! ¹⁴Simon has told us how God first visited the Gentiles to take from them a people to be His own. ¹⁵The words of the prophets agree with this, as it is written:

¹⁶‘After this I will return and rebuild
the fallen tent of David.

Its ruins I will rebuild,
and I will restore it,

¹⁷so that the remnant of men may seek the Lord,
and all the Gentiles who are called by My name,
says the Lord who does

[BSB] these
[MSB] all these
things

¹⁸that have been known for ages.’

[MSB] Known for ages to God are all His works.

¹⁹It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not cause trouble for the Gentiles who are turning to God. ²⁰Instead, we should write and tell them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals, and from blood.

²¹For Moses has been proclaimed in every city from ancient times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”

The Letter to the Gentile Believers

²²Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to select men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas called Barsabbas and Silas, two leaders among the brothers, ²³and sent them with this letter:

The
[BSB] apostles and the elders, your
[MSB] apostles, elders, and

brothers,

To the brothers among the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:
Greetings.

²⁴It has come to our attention that some went out from us without our authorization and unsettled you, troubling your minds by
[BSB] what they said.

[MSB] saying that you must be circumcised and keep the law.

²⁵So we all agreed to

[BSB] choose men to send
[MSB] send chosen men

to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ²⁶men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to tell you in person the same things we are writing.

²⁸It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond these essential requirements: ²⁹You must abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled

animals, and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things.

Farewell.

The Believers at Antioch Rejoice

³⁰So the men were sent off and went
[BSB] down

to Antioch, where they assembled the congregation and delivered the letter. ³¹When the people read it, they rejoiced at its encouraging message.

³²Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers. ³³After spending some time there, they were sent off by the brothers in peace to return to

[BSB] those who had sent them.
[MSB] the apostles. ³⁴

³⁵But Paul and Barnabas remained at Antioch, along with many others, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord.

Paul's Second Missionary Journey Begins

³⁶Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit
[BSB] the
[MSB] our

brothers in every town where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, to see how they are doing.” ³⁷Barnabas wanted to take John,

[BSB] also
called Mark. ³⁸But Paul thought it best not to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work.

³⁹Their disagreement was so sharp that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of

[BSB] the Lord.
[MSB] God.

⁴¹And he traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Timothy Joins Paul and Silas

16 Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where he found a disciple named Timothy, the son of a believing Jewish woman and a Greek father. ²The brothers in Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. ³Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, so he took him and circumcised him on account of the Jews in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

⁴As they went from town to town, they delivered the decisions handed down by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. ⁵So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

Paul's Vision of the Macedonian

⁶After the Holy Spirit had prevented them from speaking the word in the province of Asia, they traveled through the region of Phrygia

15:14 Greek *Simeon*, a variant of Simon 15:18 [BSB] Amos 9:11–12 (see also LXX); BYZ and TR *says the Lord, who does all these things.*
¹⁸Known unto God are all His works from the ages. 15:18 [MSB] CT *says the Lord who does these things* ¹⁸that have been known for ages.’
15:22 [MSB] ALT, F35, and TR *Barsabas* 15:23 [MSB] CT *The apostles and elders, (your) brothers* 15:24 [BSB] BYZ and TR *by saying that you must be circumcised and keep the law.* 15:24 [MSB] CT *troubling your minds by what they said* 15:25 [MSB] CT *choose men to send* 15:30 [MSB] CT *went down* 15:33 [BSB] TR includes ³⁴Silas, however, decided to remain there. 15:33 [MSB] CT *to those who had sent them.* TR includes ³⁴But it seemed good to Silas to remain there. 15:36 [MSB] CT *the brothers* 15:37 [MSB] CT and F35 *John, also called* 15:40 [MSB] CT *of the Lord* 16:6 Literally *in Asia*; Asia was a Roman province in what is now western Turkey.

and Galatia.⁷ And when they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit

[BSB] of Jesus

would not permit them.⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

⁹ During the night, Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and pleading with him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

¹⁰ As soon as Paul had seen the vision, we got ready to leave for Macedonia, concluding that

[BSB] God

[MSB] the Lord

had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Lydia's Conversion in Philippi

sailed from Troas straight to Samothrace, and the following day on to Neapolis.¹² From there we went to the Roman colony of Philippi, the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

[BSB] 11 We

[MSB] 11 Therefore we

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city

[BSB] gate

along the river, where it was customary to find a place of prayer. After sitting down, we spoke to the women who had gathered there.

¹⁴ Among those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.¹⁵ And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, “If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

Paul and Silas Imprisoned

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl with a spirit of divination, who earned a large income for her masters by fortune-telling.¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to

[BSB] you

[MSB] us

the way of salvation!”

¹⁸ She continued this for many days. Eventually Paul grew so aggravated that he turned and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” And the spirit left her at that very moment.

¹⁹ When the girl's owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities in the marketplace.²⁰ They brought them to the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews and are throwing our city into turmoil²¹ by promoting customs that are unlawful for us Romans to adopt or practice.”

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered that they be stripped and beaten with rods.

²³ And after striking them with many blows, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to guard them securely.²⁴ On receiving

this order, he placed them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

The Conversion of the Jailer

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.²⁶ Suddenly a strong earthquake shook the foundations of the prison. At once all the doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose.

²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, presuming that the prisoners had escaped.²⁸ But Paul called out in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself! We are all here!”

²⁹ Calling for lights, the jailer rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.³⁰ Then he brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus

[MSB] Christ

and you will be saved, you and your household.”³² Then Paul and Silas spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his house.

³³ At that hour of the night, the jailer took them and washed their wounds. And without delay, he and all his household were baptized.

³⁴ Then he brought them into his home and set a meal before them. So he and all his household rejoiced that they had come to believe in God.

An Official Apology

³⁵ When daylight came, the magistrates sent their officers with the order: “Release those men.”

³⁶ The jailer informed Paul: “The magistrates have sent orders to release you. Now you may go on your way in peace.”

³⁷ But Paul said to the officers, “They beat us publicly without a trial and threw us into prison, even though we are Roman citizens. And now do they want to send us away secretly? Absolutely not! Let them come themselves and escort us out!”

³⁸ So the officers relayed this message to the magistrates, who were alarmed to hear that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens.³⁹ They came to appease them and led them out, requesting that they leave the city.⁴⁰ After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house to see the brothers and encourage them. Then they left the city.

The Uproar in Thessalonica

17 When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.² As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbaths he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,³ explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,” he declared.⁴ Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few leading women.

⁵ The

[BSB] Jews, however, became jealous. So they

[MSB] unbelieving Jews, however,

16:7 [MSB] CT *the Spirit of Jesus* 16:10 [MSB] CT *that God* 16:11 [MSB] CT does not include *Therefore*. 16:12 Literally we went to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia—a colony 16:13 [MSB] CT *the city gate* 16:16 Greek *a spirit of Python*; that is, a spirit of divination named after the mythical serpent slain by Apollo 16:17 [MSB] GOC, ALT, and F35 *and Silas* 16:17 [MSB] CT *to you* 16:31 [MSB] CT *the Lord Jesus* 16:32 [MSB] WH *of God*

brought in some troublemakers from the marketplace, formed a mob, and sent the city into an uproar. They raided Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas, hoping to bring them out to the people. ⁶ But when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have now come here, ⁷ and Jason has welcomed them into his home. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, named Jesus!" ⁸ On hearing this, the crowd and city officials were greatly disturbed. ⁹ And they collected bond from Jason and the others and then released them.

The Character of the Bereans

¹⁰ As soon as night had fallen, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went into the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now the Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these teachings were true. ¹² As a result, many of them believed, along with quite a few prominent Greek women and men. ¹³ But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that Paul was also proclaiming the word of God in Berea, they went there themselves to incite ^[BSB] and agitate the crowds. ¹⁴ The brothers immediately sent Paul ^[MSB] away as if to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained in Berea. ¹⁵ Those who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then returned with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.

Paul in Athens

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply disturbed in his spirit to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and God-fearing Gentiles, and in the marketplace with those he met each day. ¹⁸ Some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others said, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was proclaiming the good news of Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ So they took Paul and brought him to the Areopagus, where they asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you are bringing some strange notions to our ears, and we want to know what they mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing more than hearing and articulating new ideas.

Paul's Address in the Areopagus

²² Then Paul stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and examined your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore

^[BSB] what ^[MSB] Him whom you worship as something unknown, I now proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made by human hands. ²⁵ Nor is He served by ^[BSB] human hands, ^[MSB] the hands of men, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one ^[BSB] man ^[MSB] blood He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. ^[BSB] 27 God ^[MSB] 27 The Lord

intended that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ "For in Him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, 'We are His offspring.' ²⁹ Therefore, being offspring of God, we should not think that the Divine Being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by man's skill and imagination. ³⁰ Although God overlooked the ignorance of earlier times, He now commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the Man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead." ³² When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some began to mock him, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this topic." ³³ At that, Paul left the Areopagus. ³⁴ But some joined him and believed, including Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others who were with them.

Paul Ministers in Corinth

18 After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to visit them, ³ and he stayed and worked with them because they were tentmakers by trade, just as he was. ⁴ Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks alike. ⁵ And when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul ^[BSB] devoted himself fully to the word, ^[MSB] was compelled by the Spirit, testifying to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ. ⁶ But when they opposed and insulted him, he shook out his garments and told them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

17:5 [MSB] CT *The Jews, however, became jealous. So they brought in some troublemakers from the marketplace* 17:11 Literally *with great eagerness, every day examining the Writings, whether these things were so.* 17:13 [MSB] CT *to incite and agitate* 17:14 [MSB] CT *sent Paul (away to go)* 17:19 Or *Ares Hill or Mars Hill*; also in verse 22 and added for clarity in verse 33 17:22 Literally *in the middle* 17:23 [MSB] CT *Therefore what* 17:25 [MSB] CT *human hands* 17:26 [BSB] Literally *From one*; BYZ and TR *From one blood* 17:26 [MSB] CT *From one man* 17:27 [MSB] Literally *that they would seek the Lord*; CT *that they would seek God* 17:28 This is probably a quote from the Cretan philosopher Epimenides of Knossos. 17:28 This is probably a quote from the poem "Phainomena" by the Cilician philosopher Aratus. 17:34 Literally *some men* 18:5 [MSB] CT *Paul devoted himself fully to the word*

⁷ So Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of

[BSB] Titus

Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his whole household believed in the Lord. And many of the Corinthians who heard the message believed and were baptized.

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking; do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you and no one will lay a hand on you, because I have many people in this city.”

¹¹ So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching the word of God among the Corinthians.

Paul before Gallio

¹² While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews coordinated an attack on Paul and brought him before the judgment seat. ¹³ “This man is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law,” they said.

¹⁴ But just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio told the Jews, “If this matter involved a wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to hear your complaint. ¹⁵ But since it is a dispute about words and names and your own law, settle it yourselves.

[MSB] For

I refuse to be a judge of such things.” ¹⁶ And he drove them away from the judgment seat.

¹⁷ At this,

[BSB] the crowd

[MSB] all the Greeks

seized Sosthenes the synagogue leader and beat him in front of the judgment seat. But none of this was of concern to Gallio.

Paul Returns to Antioch

¹⁸ Paul remained in Corinth for quite some time before saying goodbye to the brothers. He had his head shaved in Cenchrea to keep a vow he had made, and then he sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila.

¹⁹ When

[BSB] they

[MSB] he

reached Ephesus, Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue there and reasoned with the Jews. ²⁰ When they asked him to stay

[MSB] with them

for a while longer, he declined. ²¹ But as he left, he said, “I

[MSB] must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem, but I will come back to you if God is willing.” And he set sail from Ephesus.

²² When Paul had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church at Jerusalem. Then he went down to Antioch.

Paul's Third Missionary Journey Begins

²³ After Paul had spent some time in Antioch, he traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

²⁴ Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, well versed in the Scriptures.

²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord and was fervent in spirit. He spoke and taught accurately about

[BSB] Jesus,

[MSB] the Lord,

though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When

[BSB] Priscilla and Aquila

[MSB] Aquila and Priscilla

heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

²⁷ When Apollos resolved to cross over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. On his arrival, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed.

²⁸ For he powerfully refuted the Jews in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

The Holy Spirit Received at Ephesus

19 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the interior and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?”

“No,” they answered, “we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

³ “Into what, then, were you baptized?” Paul asked.

“The baptism of John,” they replied.

⁴ Paul explained: “John’s baptism was

[MSB] indeed

a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the One coming after him, that is, in

[MSB] Christ

Jesus.”

⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

Paul Ministers in Ephesus

⁸ Then Paul went into the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some of them stubbornly refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way, Paul took his disciples and left the synagogue to conduct daily discussions in the lecture hall of

[MSB] a man named

Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that everyone who lived in the province of Asia, Jews and Greeks alike, heard the word of the Lord.

[MSB] Jesus.

¹¹ God did extraordinary miracles through the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were

18:7 [BSB] ECM; SBL, NE, and WH *Titius Justus*; BYZ and TR *Justus*

18:15 [MSB] CT does not include *For*.

18:17 [BSB] Literally *they all*; BYZ and TR *all the Greeks*

18:17 [MSB] CT *they all*

18:19 [MSB] CT *they reached*

18:20 [MSB] CT does not include *with them*.

18:21 [MSB] CT does not include *I must by all means keep*

this coming feast in Jerusalem, but.

18:21 [BSB] BYZ and TR *I must by all means keep this feast that comes in Jerusalem, but I will come*

back 18:22 Literally *he went up and greeted the church*

18:25 [BSB] BYZ and TR *about the Lord* 18:25 [MSB] CT *about Jesus*

18:26 [MSB] CT *Priscilla and Aquila*

19:1 Or *the highland* 19:4 [MSB] CT does not include *indeed*.

19:4 [MSB] CT *in Jesus*; GOC

in Jesus Christ 19:9 [MSB] CT of *Tyrannus*

19:10 Literally *in Asia*; Asia was a Roman province in what is now western Turkey;

similarly in verses 22, 26, 27, and 31.

19:10 [MSB] CT of *the Lord*

19:12 Greek *soudaria*

19:12 [MSB] CT *were taken*

[BSB] taken

[MSB] brought

to the sick, and the diseases and evil spirits left them.

Seven Sons of Sceva

¹³ Now there were some itinerant Jewish exorcists who tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those with evil spirits. They would say, “I command you by Jesus, whom Paul proclaims.” ¹⁴ Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

¹⁵ But one day the evil spirit responded, “Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?” ¹⁶ Then the man with the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them.

[BSB] all.

The attack was so violent that they ran out of the house naked and wounded.

¹⁷ This became known to all the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, and fear came over all of them. So the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. ¹⁸ Many who had believed now came forward, confessing and disclosing their deeds. ¹⁹ And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books and burned them in front of everyone. When the value of the books was calculated, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord powerfully continued to spread and prevail.

The Riot in Ephesus

²¹ After these things had happened, Paul resolved in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem, passing through Macedonia and Achaia. “After I have been there,” he said, “I must see Rome as well.” ²² He sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he stayed for a time in the province of Asia.

²³ About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. ²⁴ It began with a silversmith named Demetrius who made silver shrines of Artemis, bringing much business to the craftsmen.

²⁵ Demetrius assembled the craftsmen, along with the workmen in related trades. “Men,” he said, “you know that this business is our source of prosperity. ²⁶ And you can see and hear that not only in Ephesus, but in nearly the whole province of Asia, this Paul has persuaded a great number of people to turn away. He says that man-made gods are no gods at all. ²⁷ There is danger not only that our business will fall into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited and her majesty deposed — she who is worshiped by all the province of Asia and the whole world.”

²⁸ When the men heard this, they were enraged and began shouting, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” ²⁹ Soon the whole city was in disarray. They rushed together into the theatre, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul’s traveling companions from Macedonia.

³⁰ Paul wanted to go before the assembly, but the disciples would not allow him. ³¹ Even some of Paul’s friends who were officials of the province of Asia sent word to him, begging him not to venture into the theatre.

³² Meanwhile the assembly was in turmoil. Some were shouting one thing and some another, and most of them did not even know why they were there. ³³ The Jews in the crowd pushed Alexander forward,

[BSB] to explain himself,

and he motioned for silence so he could make his defense to the people. ³⁴ But when they realized that he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for about two hours: “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” ³⁵ Finally the city clerk quieted the crowd and declared, “Men of Ephesus, doesn’t everyone know that the city of Ephesus is guardian of the temple of the great

[MSB] goddess

Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven? ³⁶ Since these things are undeniable, you ought to be calm and not do anything rash. ³⁷ For you have brought these men here, though they have neither robbed our temple nor blasphemed

[BSB] our

[MSB] your

goddess.

³⁸ So if Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open and proconsuls are available. Let them bring charges against one another there. ³⁹ But if you are seeking anything

[BSB] beyond this,

[MSB] concerning other matters,

it must be settled in a legal assembly. ⁴⁰ For we are in jeopardy of being charged with rioting for today’s events, and we have no justification to account for this commotion.”

⁴¹ After he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

Paul in Macedonia and Greece

20 When the uproar had ended, Paul sent for the disciples. And

[BSB] after encouraging them,

he said goodbye to them and left for Macedonia. ² After traveling through that area and speaking many words of encouragement, he arrived in Greece, ³ where he stayed three months. And when the Jews formed a plot against him as he was about to sail for Syria, he decided to go back through Macedonia.

⁴ Paul was accompanied

[BSB] by Sopater son of Pyrrhus

[MSB] into the province of Asia by Sopater

from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia. ⁵ These men went on ahead and waited for us in Troas. ⁶ And after the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we sailed from Philippi, and five days later we rejoined them in Troas, where we stayed seven days.

Eutychus Revived at Troas

⁷ On the first day of the

19:19 Or *fifty thousand pieces of silver*. A drachma was a silver coin worth about one day’s wages. 19:21 Or *resolved in spirit* 19:23 Literally *there arose no little disturbance* 19:24 Literally *bringing no little business* 19:29 [MSB] CT literal *the city* 19:31 Or *friends who were Asiarchs* 19:35 [MSB] CT does not include *goddess*. 19:37 [MSB] CT *our* 19:39 [MSB] CT *anything beyond this* 20:1 [MSB] CT includes *after encouraging them*. 20:3 [MSB] Literally *the decision was made* 20:4 [MSB] Literally *into Asia*; Asia was a Roman province in what is now western Turkey; twice in this verse and also in verses 16 and 18; CT does not include *into the province of Asia*. 20:4 [MSB] CT *Sopater son of Pyrrhus* 20:4 [BSB] Literally *from Asia*; Asia was a Roman province in what is now western Turkey; also in verses 16 and 18. 20:6 Literally *after the days of the Unleavened*; see Exodus 12:14–20.

[BSB] week we

[MSB] week, the disciples

came together to break bread. Since Paul was ready to leave the next day, he talked to them and kept on speaking until midnight.

⁸ Now there were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. ⁹ And a certain young man named Eutychus, seated in the window, was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell from the third story and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down, threw himself on the young man, and embraced him. “Do not be alarmed!” he said. “He is still alive!”

¹¹ Then Paul went back upstairs, broke bread, and ate. And after speaking until daybreak, he departed. ¹² And the people were greatly relieved to take the boy home alive.

From Troas to Miletus

¹³ We went

[BSB] on ahead

to the ship and sailed to Assos, where we were to take Paul aboard. He had arranged this because he was going there on foot. ¹⁴ And when he met us at Assos, we took him aboard and went on to Mitylene. ¹⁵ Sailing on from there, we arrived the next day opposite Chios. The day after that we arrived at

[BSB] Samos, and

[MSB] Samos. And after remaining at Trogyllium, on the following day we came to Miletus.

¹⁶ Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, because he was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of Pentecost.

Paul's Farewell to the Ephesians

¹⁷ From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.

¹⁸ When they came to him, he said, “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I arrived in the province of Asia. ¹⁹ I served the Lord with great humility and with

[MSB] many

tears, especially in the trials that came upon me through the plots of the Jews. ²⁰ I did not shrink back from declaring anything that was helpful to you as I taught you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ testifying to Jews and Greeks alike about repentance to God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

[BSB] Christ.

²² And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in town after town the Holy Spirit warns

[BSB] me

that chains and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I consider my life of no value to me, if only I may finish my course

[MSB] with joy

and complete the ministry I have received from the Lord Jesus — the ministry of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

²⁵ Now I know that none of you among whom I have preached the kingdom

[MSB] of God

will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷ For I did not shrink back from declaring to you the whole will of God.

[BSB] ²⁸ Keep

[MSB] ²⁸ Therefore keep

watch over yourselves and the entire flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of

[MSB] the Lord and

God, which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹

[BSB] I know

[MSB] For I know this,

that after my departure, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number, men will rise up and distort the truth to draw away disciples after them.

³¹ Therefore be alert and remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³² And now I commit you,

[MSB] brothers,

to God and to the word of His grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all who are sanctified.

³³ I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands of mine have ministered to my own needs and those of my companions. ³⁵ In everything, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus Himself: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

³⁶ When Paul had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. ³⁷ They all wept openly as they embraced Paul and kissed him. ³⁸ They were especially grieved by his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

Paul's Journey to Jerusalem

21 After we had torn ourselves away from them, we sailed directly to Cos, and the next day on to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. ² Finding a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we boarded it and set sail. ³ After sighting Cyprus and passing south of it, we sailed on to Syria and landed at Tyre, where the ship was to unload its cargo.

⁴ We sought out

[BSB] the

disciples in Tyre and stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they kept telling Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. ⁵ But when our time there had ended, we set out on our journey. All the disciples, with their wives and children, accompanied us out of the city and knelt down on the beach to pray with us. ⁶ And after we had said our farewells, we went aboard the ship, and they returned home.

⁷ When we had finished our voyage from Tyre, we landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for a day.

20:7 [MSB] CT we came together 20:8 [MSB] TR they were 20:13 [MSB] GOC, NA, SBL, TR, and WH went on ahead to 20:15 [BSB] BYZ and TR and, after remaining at Trogyllium, 20:15 [MSB] CT does not include after remaining at Trogyllium. 20:16 That is, Shavuot, the late spring feast of pilgrimage to Jerusalem; it is also known as the Feast of Harvest (see Exodus 23:16) or the Feast of Weeks (see Exodus 34:22). 20:19 [MSB] CT and with tears 20:21 [BSB] ECM, TR, and Tischendorf; SBL, NE, BYZ, and WH our Lord Jesus 20:23 [MSB] CT warns me 20:24 [MSB] CT does not include with joy. 20:25 [MSB] CT does not include of God. 20:26 See Ezekiel 33:8–9. 20:28 [MSB] CT does not include Therefore. 20:28 [BSB] Tischendorf of the Lord; BYZ and PT of the Lord and God 20:28 [MSB] CT the church of God 20:28 Or with the blood of His own Son. 20:29 [MSB] CT begins the verse with I know. 20:32 [MSB] CT does not include brothers. 21:4 [MSB] CT the disciples

Paul Visits Philip the Evangelist

⁸ Leaving the next day,
[BSB] we
[MSB] Paul and his companions
went on to Caesarea and stayed at the home of Philip the evangelist,
who was one of the Seven. ⁹ He had four unmarried daughters who
prophesied.
¹⁰ After we had been there several days, a prophet named Agabus
came down from Judea. ¹¹ Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt,
bound his own feet and hands, and said, "The Holy Spirit says: 'In
this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and
hand him over to the Gentiles.'" ¹² When we heard this, we and the
people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.
¹³ Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my
heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem
for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴ When he would not be dissuaded,
we quieted down and said, "The Lord's will be done."
¹⁵ After these days, we packed up and went on to Jerusalem. ¹⁶ Some
of the disciples from Caesarea accompanied us, and they took us to
stay at the home of Mnason the Cypriot, an early disciple.

Paul's Arrival at Jerusalem

¹⁷ When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us joyfully.
¹⁸ The next day Paul went in with us to see James, and all the elders
were present. ¹⁹ Paul greeted them and recounted one by one the
things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.
²⁰ When they heard this, they glorified
[BSB] God.
[MSB] the Lord.

Then they said to Paul, "You see, brother, how many thousands of
Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law. ²¹ But
they are under the impression that you teach all the Jews who live
among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise
their children or observe our customs. ²² What then should we do?
[BSB] They will certainly
[MSB] Certainly a multitude will gather, for they will
hear that you have come.
²³ Therefore do what we advise you. There are four men with us
who have taken a vow. ²⁴ Take these men, purify yourself along with
them, and pay their expenses so they can have their heads shaved.
Then everyone will know that there is no truth to these rumors about
you, but that you also live in obedience to the law.
²⁵ As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision
[MSB] that they should observe no such thing, except
that they must abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood,
from the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality."
²⁶ So the next day Paul took the men and purified himself along
with them. Then he entered the temple to give notice of the date
when their purification would be complete and the offering would
be made for each of them.

Paul Seized at the Temple

²⁷ When the seven days were almost over, some Jews from the
province of Asia saw Paul at the temple. They stirred up the whole
crowd and seized him, ²⁸ crying out, "Men of Israel, help us! This is
the man who teaches everyone everywhere against our people and
against our law and against this place. Furthermore, he has brought
Greeks into the temple and defiled this holy place." ²⁹ For they had
[BSB] previously
seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they assumed
that Paul had brought him into the temple.
³⁰ The whole city was stirred up, and the people rushed together.
They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the
gates were shut. ³¹ While they were trying to kill him, the commander
of the Roman regiment received a report that all Jerusalem was in
turmoil. ³² Immediately he took some soldiers and centurions and
ran down to the crowd. When the people saw the commander and
the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.
³³ The commander came up and arrested Paul, ordering that he be
bound with two chains. Then he asked who he was and what he had
done.
³⁴ Some in the crowd were
[BSB] shouting
[MSB] crying out
one thing, and some another. And since the commander could not
get at the truth because of the uproar, he ordered that Paul be
brought into the barracks. ³⁵ When Paul reached the steps, he had to
be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob. ³⁶ For
the crowd that followed him kept shouting, "Away with him!"

Paul Addresses the Crowd

³⁷ As they were about to take Paul into the barracks, he asked the
commander, "May I
[BSB] say something
[MSB] speak
to you?"
"Do you speak Greek?" he replied. ³⁸ "Aren't you the Egyptian who
incited a rebellion some time ago and led four thousand members
of the Assassins into the wilderness?"
³⁹ But Paul answered, "I am a Jew from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of
no ordinary city. Now I beg you to allow me to speak to the people."
⁴⁰ Having received permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned
to the crowd. A great hush came over the crowd, and he addressed
them in Hebrew:

Paul's Defense to the Crowd

22 "Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense before
you." ² When they heard him speak to them in Hebrew,
they became even more quiet.
Then Paul declared, ³ "I am
[MSB] indeed

21:8 [MSB] CT *Leaving the next day, we went on* 21:8 See Acts 6:5. 21:11 [MSB] TR *hands and feet* 21:20 [MSB] CT *they glorified God*
21:22 [MSB] CT does not include *a multitude will gather, for*. 21:25 [MSB] CT does not include *should observe no such thing, except that they*. 21:27 Literally from Asia; Asia was a Roman province in what is now western Turkey. 21:29 [MSB] CT and TR *previously seen*
21:31 Literally *the commander of the cohort* 21:34 [MSB] CT *were shouting* 21:37 [MSB] CT and TR *May I say something* 21:40 Or in Aramaic; literally in the Hebrew language 22:2 Or in Aramaic; literally in the Hebrew language 22:3 [MSB] CT does not include *indeed*.

a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but raised in this city. I was educated at the feet of Gamaliel in strict conformity to the law of our fathers. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.

⁴I persecuted this Way even to the death, detaining both men and women and throwing them into prison, ⁵as the high priest and the whole Council can testify about me. I even obtained letters from them to their brothers in Damascus, and I was on my way to apprehend these people and bring them to Jerusalem to be punished.

⁶About noon as I was approaching Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. ⁷I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?'

⁸'Who are You, Lord?' I asked.

'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,' He replied.

⁹My companions saw the light,

[MSB] and were terrified,

but they could not understand the voice of the One speaking to me.

¹⁰Then I asked, 'What should I do, Lord?'

'Get up and go into Damascus,' He told me. 'There you will be told all that you have been appointed to do.'

¹¹Because the brilliance of the light had blinded me, my companions led me by the hand into Damascus. ¹²There a man named Ananias, a devout observer of the law who was highly regarded by all the Jews living there, ¹³came and stood beside me. 'Brother Saul,' he said, 'receive your sight.' And at that moment I could see him.

¹⁴Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear His voice. ¹⁵You will be His witness to everyone of what you have seen and heard.

¹⁶And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized, and wash your sins away, calling on

[BSB] His name.'

[MSB] the name of the Lord.'

¹⁷Later, when I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying at the temple, I fell into a trance ¹⁸and saw the Lord saying to me, 'Hurry! Leave Jerusalem quickly, because the people here will not accept your testimony about Me.'

¹⁹'Lord,' I answered, 'they know very well that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in You.

²⁰And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval

[MSB] to his death

and watching over the garments of those who killed him.'

²¹Then He said to me, 'Go! I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'

Paul the Roman Citizen

²²The crowd listened to Paul until he made this statement. Then they lifted up their voices and shouted, "Rid the earth of him! He is not fit to live!"

²³As they were

[BSB] shouting

[MSB] crying out

and throwing off their cloaks and tossing dust into the air, ²⁴the commander ordered that Paul be brought into the barracks. He

directed that Paul be flogged and interrogated to determine the reason for this outcry against him.

²⁵But as

[BSB] they

[MSB] he

stretched him out to strap him down, Paul said to the centurion standing there, "Is it lawful for you to flog a Roman citizen without a trial?"

²⁶On hearing this, the centurion went and reported it to the commander.

[BSB] "What are you going to

[MSB] "Consider what you are about to

do?" he said. "This man is a Roman citizen."

²⁷The commander went to Paul and asked, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?"

"Yes," he answered.

²⁸"I paid a high price for my citizenship," said the commander.

"But I was born a citizen," Paul replied.

²⁹At once those who were about to interrogate Paul stepped back, and the commander himself was alarmed when he realized that he had put a Roman citizen in chains.

³⁰The next day the commander, wanting to learn the real reason Paul was accused by the Jews, released him

[MSB] from the bonds

and ordered the chief priests and

[BSB] the

[MSB] their

whole Sanhedrin to assemble. Then he brought Paul down and had him stand before them.

Paul before the Sanhedrin

23 Paul looked directly at the Sanhedrin and said, "Brothers, I have conducted myself before God in all good conscience to this day."

²At this, the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near Paul to strike him on the mouth.

³Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! You sit here to judge me according to the law, yet you yourself violate the law by commanding that I be struck."

⁴But those standing nearby said, "How dare you insult the high priest of God!"

⁵"Brothers," Paul replied, "I was not aware that he was the high priest, for it is written: 'Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.'"

⁶Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and

[BSB] the

others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. It is because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial."

⁷As soon as he had said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸For the Sadducees say that there is neither a resurrection nor angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.

22:9 [MSB] CT does not include *and were terrified*. 22:12 [MSB] GOC, HF, and F35 *In Damascus* 22:16 [MSB] CT *calling on His name* 22:18 Literally *saw Him* 22:20 Or *martyr* 22:20 [MSB] CT does not include *to his death*. 22:23 [MSB] CT *were shouting* 22:25 [MSB] GOC, ALT, CT, F35, and Scrivener TR *as they stretched him out* 22:30 [MSB] CT does not include *from the bonds*. 22:30 [BSB] Or *the whole Council* 22:30 [MSB] Or *their whole Council*; CT *the whole Sanhedrin* 23:1 Or *the Council*; also in verses 6, 15, 20, and 28 23:5 Exodus 22:28 (see also LXX) 23:6 [MSB] F35 *Pharisees and others Sadducees* 23:7 [MSB] *and Sadducees* is implied but not included in MT; CT, GOC, ALT, HF, F35, and TR include *and Sadducees*.

⁹ A great clamor arose, and some scribes from the party of the Pharisees got up and contended sharply, “We find nothing wrong with this man.

[BSB] What if
[MSB] If

a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?”

[MSB] let us not fight against God.”

¹⁰ The dispute grew so violent that the commander was afraid they would tear Paul to pieces. He ordered the soldiers to go down and remove him by force and bring him into the barracks.

¹¹ The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, “Take courage!

[MSB] Paul!

As you have testified about Me in Jerusalem, so also you must testify in Rome.”

The Plot to Kill Paul

¹² When daylight came,

[MSB] some of

the Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. ¹³ More than forty of them were involved in this plot. ¹⁴ They went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We have bound ourselves with a solemn oath not to eat anything until we have killed Paul. ¹⁵ Now then, you and the Sanhedrin petition the commander to bring him down to you

[MSB] tomorrow

on the pretext of examining his case more carefully. We are ready to kill him on the way.”

¹⁶ But when the son of Paul’s sister heard about the plot, he went into the barracks and told Paul. ¹⁷ Then Paul called one of the centurions and said, “Take this young man to the commander; he has something to tell him.”

¹⁸ So the centurion took him to the commander and said, “Paul the prisoner sent and asked me to bring this young man to you. He has something to tell you.”

¹⁹ The commander took the young man by the hand, drew him aside, and asked, “What do you need to tell me?”

²⁰ He answered, “The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul to the Sanhedrin tomorrow on the pretext of acquiring more information about him. ²¹ Do not let them persuade you, because more than forty men are waiting to ambush him. They have bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they have killed him; they are ready now, awaiting your consent.”

²² So the commander dismissed the young man and instructed him, “Do not tell anyone that you have reported this to me.”

Paul Sent to Felix

²³ Then he called two of his centurions and said, “Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea in the third hour of the night. ²⁴ Provide mounts for Paul to take him safely to Governor Felix.” ²⁵ And he wrote the following letter:

²⁶ Claudius Lysias,
To His Excellency, Governor Felix:
Greetings.

²⁷ This man was seized by the Jews, and they were about to kill him when I came with my troops to rescue him. For I had learned that he is a Roman citizen, ²⁸ and since I wanted to

[BSB] understand
[MSB] know

their charges against him, I brought him down to their Sanhedrin.

²⁹ I found that the accusation involved questions about their own law, but there was no charge worthy of death or imprisonment.

³⁰ When I was informed that there was a plot

[MSB] by the Jews

against the man, I sent him to you at once. I also instructed his accusers to present their case against him before you.

[MSB] Farewell.

³¹ So the soldiers followed their orders and brought Paul by night to Antipatris. ³² The next day they returned to the barracks and let the horsemen go on with him. ³³ When the horsemen arrived in Caesarea, they delivered the letter to the governor and presented Paul to him.

³⁴ The governor read the letter and asked what province Paul was from. Learning that he was from Cilicia, ³⁵ he said, “I will hear your case when your accusers arrive.” Then he ordered that Paul be kept under guard in Herod’s Praetorium.

Tertullus Prosecutes Paul

24 Five days later the high priest Ananias came down with

[BSB] some
[MSB] the

elders and a lawyer named Tertullus, who presented to the governor their case against Paul.

² When Paul had been called in, Tertullus opened the prosecution: “Because of you, we have enjoyed a lasting peace, and your foresight has brought

[BSB] improvements
[MSB] worthy reforms

to this nation. ³ In every way and everywhere, most excellent Felix, we acknowledge this with all gratitude. ⁴ But in order not to delay you any further, I beg your indulgence to hear us briefly.

⁵ We have found this man to be a pestilence, stirring up dissension among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes, ⁶ and he even tried to desecrate the temple; so we seized him.

[MSB] 7

⁸ By examining him yourself, you will be able to learn the truth about all our charges against him.”

⁹ The Jews concurred, asserting that these charges were true.

Paul’s Defense to Felix

¹⁰ When the governor motioned for Paul to speak, he began his response: “Knowing that you have been a judge over this nation for

23:9 [MSB] CT *What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?* 23:11 [MSB] CT does not include *Paul*. 23:12 [MSB] CT does not include *some of*. 23:15 [MSB] CT does not include *tomorrow*. 23:16 Or *the ambush* 23:23 That is, at nine tonight 23:28 [MSB] CT to *understand* 23:30 [MSB] CT does not include *by the Jews*. 23:30 [MSB] NA, SBL, and WH do not include *Farewell*. 24:1 [MSB] CT *some elders* 24:1 Or *an orator* 24:2 [MSB] CT *brought improvements* 24:6 TR includes *and we would have judged him according to our law*. ⁷But Lysias the commander came with great force and took him out of our hands, ⁸ordering his accusers to come before you. 24:10 [MSB] F35 *a righteous judge*

many years, I gladly make my defense.¹¹ You can verify for yourself that no more than twelve days ago I went up to

[BSB] Jerusalem to worship.

[MSB] worship in Jerusalem.

¹² Yet my accusers did not find me debating with anyone in the temple or riling up a crowd in the synagogues or in the city.¹³ Nor can they prove

[BSB] to you

any of their charges against me.

¹⁴ I do confess to you, however, that I worship the God of our fathers according to the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is

[BSB] laid down by the Law and written in

[MSB] written throughout the Law and

the Prophets,¹⁵ and I have the same hope in God that they themselves cherish, that there will be a resurrection of

[BSB] the dead— of

both the righteous and the wicked.¹⁶ In this hope, I strive always to maintain a clear conscience before God and man.

¹⁷ After several years, then, I returned to Jerusalem to bring alms to my people and to present offerings.¹⁸ At the time they found me in the temple, I was ceremonially clean and was not inciting a crowd or an uproar. But there are some Jews from the province of Asia

¹⁹ who ought to appear before you and bring charges, if they have anything against me.²⁰ Otherwise, let these men state for themselves any crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin,²¹ unless it was this one thing I called out as I stood in their presence:

'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am

[BSB] on trial before

[MSB] being tried by

you today.'

The Verdict Postponed

Felix, who was well informed about the Way, adjourned the hearing and said, "When Lysias the commander comes, I will decide your case."²³ He ordered the centurion to keep Paul under guard, but to allow him some freedom and permit his friends to

[MSB] come and

[BSB] 22 Then

[MSB] 22 On hearing these things minister to his needs.

²⁴ After several days, Felix returned with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess. He sent for Paul and listened to him speak about faith in Christ.

[BSB] Jesus.

²⁵ As Paul expounded on righteousness, self-control, and the coming judgment, Felix became frightened and said, "You may go for now. When I find the time, I will call for you."²⁶ At the same time, he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe.

[MSB] to release him.

So he sent for Paul frequently and talked with him.

²⁷ After two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And wishing to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

Paul's Trial before Festus

25 Three days after his arrival in the province, Festus went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem,² where the

[BSB] chief priests

[MSB] high priest

and Jewish leaders presented their case against Paul. They urged Festus³ to grant them a concession against Paul by summoning him to Jerusalem, because they were preparing an ambush to kill him along the way.

⁴ But Festus replied, "Paul is being held in Caesarea, and I myself am going there soon.⁵ So if this man has done anything wrong, let some of your leaders come down with me and accuse him there."

⁶ After spending

[BSB] no more than eight or

[MSB] more than

ten days with them, Festus went down to Caesarea. The next day he sat on the judgment seat and ordered that Paul be brought in.

⁷ When Paul arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him,

[BSB] bringing

[MSB] laying against Paul

many serious charges that they could not prove.

⁸ Then Paul made his defense: "I have committed no offense against the law of the Jews or against the temple or against Caesar."

⁹ But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem to stand trial before me on these charges?"

Paul Appeals to Caesar

¹⁰ Paul replied, "I am standing before the judgment seat of Caesar, where I ought to be tried. I have done nothing wrong to the Jews, as you yourself know very well.¹¹ If, however, I am guilty of anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die. But if there is no truth to their accusations against me, no one has the right to hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar!"

¹² Then Festus conferred with his council and replied, "You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go!"

Festus Consults Agrippa

¹³ After several days had passed, King Agrippa and Bernice came down to Caesarea to pay their respects to Festus.¹⁴ Since

[BSB] they were

[MSB] he was

staying several days, Festus laid out Paul's case before the king: "There is a certain man whom Felix left in prison.¹⁵ While I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and elders of the Jews presented their case and requested a judgment against him.¹⁶ I told them that it is not the Roman custom to hand a man over

[MSB] to die

24:11 [MSB] CT *I went up to Jerusalem to worship* 24:13 [MSB] CT includes *to you*. 24:14 [MSB] GOC and CT *everything that is laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets* 24:15 [MSB] CT does not include *of the dead—* 24:18 Literally *from Asia*; Asia was a Roman province in what is now western Turkey. 24:20 [MSB] CT literal does not include *in me*. 24:20 Or *the Council* 24:21 [MSB] CT *I am on trial before* 24:22 [MSB] CT does not include *On hearing these things*. 24:23 [MSB] CT does not include *come and*. 24:26 [MSB] CT does not include *to release him*. 25:2 [MSB] CT and F35 *chief priests* 25:6 [MSB] CT *no more than eight or ten days* 25:7 [MSB] CT *bringing many* 25:9 [MSB] F35 *be tried by* 25:14 [MSB] GOC, ALT, CT, F35, and TR *they were staying* 25:16 [MSB] CT does not include *to die*.

before he has had an opportunity to face his accusers and defend himself against their charges.

¹⁷ So when they came here with me, I did not delay. The next day I sat on the judgment seat and ordered that the man be brought in.

¹⁸ But when his accusers rose to speak, they did not charge him with

[BSB] any of the crimes

[MSB] anything

I had expected. ¹⁹ They only had some contentions with him regarding their own religion and a certain Jesus who had died, but whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

²⁰ Since I was at a loss as to how to investigate

[BSB] these matters,

[MSB] this matter,

I asked if he was willing to go to Jerusalem and be tried there on these charges. ²¹ But when Paul appealed to be held over for the decision of the Emperor, I ordered that he be held until I could send him to Caesar.”

²² Then Agrippa said to Festus, “I would like to hear this man myself.”

“Tomorrow you will hear him,” Festus declared.

Paul before Agrippa and Bernice

²³ The next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp and entered the auditorium, along with the commanders and leading men of the city. And Festus ordered that Paul be brought in.

²⁴ Then Festus said, “King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man. The whole Jewish community has petitioned me about him, both here and in Jerusalem, crying out that he ought not to live any longer. ²⁵ But I found he had done nothing worthy of death, and since he has now appealed to the Emperor, I decided to send him.

²⁶ I have nothing definite to write to our sovereign about him. Therefore I have brought him before all of you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after this inquiry I may have something to write. ²⁷ For it seems unreasonable to me to send on a prisoner without specifying the charges against him.”

Paul's Testimony to Agrippa

26 Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.”

Then Paul stretched out his hand and began his defense: ² “King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today to defend myself against all the accusations of the Jews, ³ especially since you are acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. I beg you, therefore, to listen to me patiently.

⁴ Surely all the Jews know how I have lived from my earliest childhood among my own people,

[BSB] and also

in Jerusalem. ⁵ They have known me for a long time and can testify, if they are willing, that I lived as a Pharisee, adhering to the strictest sect of our religion.

⁶ And now I stand on trial because of my hope in the promise that God made to our fathers, ⁷ the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night. It is because of this hope, O

[BSB] king,

[MSB] King Agrippa,

that I am accused by the Jews. ⁸ Why would any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

⁹ So then, I too was convinced that I ought to do all I could to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰ And that is what I did in Jerusalem. With authority from the chief priests I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were condemned to death, I cast my vote against them. ¹¹ I frequently had them punished in the synagogues, and I tried to make them blaspheme. In my raging fury against them, I even went to foreign cities to persecute them.

¹² In this pursuit I was on my way to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. ¹³ About noon, O king, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. ¹⁴ We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice say to me in Hebrew, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

¹⁵ ‘Who are You, Lord?’ I asked.

‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’

[BSB] the Lord

[MSB] He

replied. ¹⁶ ‘But get up and stand on your feet. For I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen

[BSB] from Me

and what I will show you. ¹⁷ I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them ¹⁸ to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those sanctified by faith in Me.’

¹⁹ So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

²⁰ First to those in Damascus and Jerusalem, then to everyone

[BSB] in

[MSB] throughout

the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I declared that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds worthy of their repentance. ²¹ For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me.

²² But I have had God's help to this day, and I stand here to testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen: ²³ that the Christ would suffer, and as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to our people and to the Gentiles.”

Festus Interrupts Paul's Defense

²⁴ At this stage of Paul's defense, Festus exclaimed in a loud voice, “You are insane, Paul! Your great learning is driving you to madness!”

²⁵ But

[BSB] Paul

[MSB] he

answered, “I am not insane, most excellent Festus; I am speaking words of truth and sobriety. ²⁶ For the king knows about these matters, and I can speak freely to him. I am confident that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner.

²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.”

²⁸ Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Can you persuade me in such a short time to become a Christian?”

²⁹ “Short time or long,” Paul replied, “I wish to God that not only you but all who hear me this day may become what I am, except for these chains.”

[BSB] ³⁰ Then

[MSB] ³⁰ When he had spoken these things,

the king and the governor rose, along with Bernice and those seated with them. ³¹ On their way out, they said to one another, “This man has done nothing worthy of death or imprisonment.”

³² And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

Paul Sails for Rome

27 When it was decided that we would sail for Italy, Paul and some other prisoners were handed over to a centurion named Julius, who belonged to the Imperial Regiment. ² We boarded an Adramyttian ship about to sail for ports along the coast of Asia, and we put out to sea. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was with us.

³ The next day we landed at Sidon, and Julius treated Paul with consideration, allowing him to visit his friends and receive their care. ⁴ After putting out from there, we sailed to the lee of Cyprus because the winds were against us. ⁵ And when we had sailed across the open sea off the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. ⁶ There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy and put us on board.

⁷ After sailing slowly for many days, we arrived off Cnidus. When the wind impeded us, we sailed to the lee of Crete, opposite Salmone.

⁸ After we had moved along the coast with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near the town of Lasea.

⁹ By now much time had passed, and the voyage had already become dangerous because it was after the Fast. So Paul advised them, ¹⁰ “Men, I can see that our voyage will be filled with disaster and great loss, not only to ship and cargo, but to our own lives as well.”

¹¹ But contrary to Paul’s advice, the centurion was persuaded by the pilot and by the owner of the ship. ¹² Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided to sail on, hoping that somehow they could reach Phoenix to winter there. Phoenix was a harbor in Crete facing both southwest and northwest.

The Storm at Sea

¹³ When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had their opportunity. So they weighed anchor and sailed along, hugging the coast of Crete. ¹⁴ But it was not long before a cyclone called the Northeast swept down across the island. ¹⁵ Unable to head into the wind, the ship was caught up. So we gave way and let ourselves be driven along.

¹⁶ Passing to the lee of a small island called

[BSB] Cauda,

[MSB] Claudia,

we barely managed to secure the lifeboat. ¹⁷ After hoisting it up, the crew used ropes to undergird the ship. And fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and were driven along.

¹⁸ We were tossed so violently that the next day the men began to jettison the cargo. ¹⁹ On the third day,

[BSB] they

[MSB] we

threw the ship’s tackle overboard with

[BSB] their

[MSB] our

own hands. ²⁰ When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the great storm continued to batter us, we abandoned all hope of being saved.

²¹ After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have followed my advice not to sail from Crete. Then you would have averted this disaster and loss. ²² But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because you will not experience any loss of life, but only of the ship. ²³ For just last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴ and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And look, God has granted you the lives of all who sail with you.’

²⁵ So take courage, men, for I believe God that it will happen just as He told me. ²⁶ However, we must run aground on some island.”

The Shipwreck

²⁷ On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea. About midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land.

²⁸ They took soundings and found that the water was twenty fathoms deep. Going a little farther, they took another set of soundings that read fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ Fearing that we would run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daybreak.

³⁰ Meanwhile, the sailors attempted to escape from the ship. Pretending to lower anchors from the bow, they let the lifeboat down into the sea. ³¹ But Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men remain with the ship, you cannot be saved.” ³² So the soldiers cut the ropes to the lifeboat and set it adrift.

³³ Right up to daybreak, Paul kept urging them all to eat: “Today is your fourteenth day in constant suspense, without taking any food.

³⁴ So for your own preservation, I urge you to eat something, because not a single hair of your head will be lost.”

³⁵ After he had said this, Paul took bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶ They were all encouraged and took some food themselves. ³⁷ In all, there were 276 of us on board. ³⁸ After the men had eaten their fill, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea.

³⁹ When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they sighted a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if

26:30 [MSB] CT *Then* 27:1 Or *Augustan* 27:2 Literally *sail to the places along Asia*; Asia was a Roman province in what is now western Turkey. 27:3 [MSB] Stephanus TR *some* 27:9 That is, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement 27:14 [MSB] Literally *Eurocydon*; CT *Euraquilo* 27:16 [BSB] NE, BYZ, and TR *Clauda* 27:16 [MSB] ECM, NA, SBL, and WH *Cauda* 27:17 Or *the sails* 27:19 [MSB] CT *they threw the ship’s tackle overboard with their own hands* 27:27 The Adriatic Sea referred to an area extending well south of Italy to include the central portion of the Mediterranean Sea. 27:28 20 *fathoms* is approximately 120 feet or 36.6 meters. 27:28 15 *fathoms* is approximately 90 feet or 27.4 meters. 27:29 [MSB] Stephanus TR *they would run aground* 27:34 [MSB] F35 *our* 27:37 WH 76 27:39 [MSB] GOC, CT, and TR *if they could*

[BSB] they could.

[MSB] possible.

⁴⁰ Cutting away the anchors, they left them in the sea as they loosened the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. ⁴¹ But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was being broken up by the pounding of the waves.

⁴² The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners so none of them could swim to freedom. ⁴³ But the centurion, wanting to spare Paul's life, thwarted their plan. He commanded those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. ⁴⁴ The rest were to follow on planks and various parts of the ship. In this way everyone was brought safely to land.

Ashore on Malta

28 Once we were safely ashore, we learned that the island was called Malta. ² The islanders showed us extraordinary kindness. They kindled a fire and welcomed all of us because it was raining and cold.

³ Paul gathered a bundle of sticks, and as he laid them on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself to his hand. ⁴ When the islanders saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "Surely this man is a murderer. Although he was saved from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵ But Paul shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. ⁶ The islanders were expecting him to swell up or suddenly drop dead. But after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

⁷ Nearby stood an estate belonging to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸ The father of Publius was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him, and after praying and placing his hands on him, he healed the man. ⁹ After this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured as well.

¹⁰ The islanders honored us in many ways and supplied our needs when we were ready to sail.

Paul Arrives in Italy

¹¹ After three months we set sail in an Alexandrian ship that had wintered in the island. It had the Twin Brothers as a figurehead. ¹² Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there three days. ¹³ From there we

[BSB] weighed anchor

[MSB] sailed around

and came to Rhegium. After one day, a south wind came up, and on the second day we arrived at Puteoli. ¹⁴ There we found some brothers who invited us to spend the week with them. And so we came to Rome.

¹⁵ The brothers there had heard about us and traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. When Paul saw them, he was encouraged and gave thanks to God.

Paul Preaches at Rome

¹⁶ When we arrived in Rome,

[MSB] the centurion delivered up the prisoners to the captain of the guard, but

Paul was permitted to stay by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

¹⁷ After three days,

[BSB] he

[MSB] Paul

called together the leaders of the Jews. When they had gathered, he said to them, "Brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, I was taken prisoner in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. ¹⁸ They examined me and wanted to release me, because there was no basis for a death sentence against me. ¹⁹ But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, even though I have no charge to bring against my nation. ²⁰ So for this reason I have called to see you and speak with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

²¹ The leaders replied, "We have not received any letters about you from Judea, nor have any of the brothers from there reported or even mentioned anything bad about you. ²² But we consider your views worth hearing, because we know that people everywhere are speaking against this sect."

²³ So they set a day to meet with Paul, and many people came to the place he was staying. He expounded to them from morning to evening, testifying about the kingdom of God and persuading them about Jesus from the Law of Moses and the Prophets.

²⁴ Some of them were convinced by what he said, but others refused to believe. ²⁵ They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: "The Holy Spirit was right when He spoke to

[BSB] your

[MSB] our

fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

²⁶ "Go to this people and say,

"You will be ever hearing but never understanding;

you will be ever seeing but never perceiving."

²⁷ For this people's heart has grown callous;

they hardly hear with their ears,

and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,

understand with their hearts,

and turn, and I would heal them."

²⁸ Be advised, therefore, that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!"

[MSB] ²⁹ And when he had said these things, the Jews went away, disputing sharply among themselves.

³⁰ Paul stayed there two full years in his own rented house, welcoming all who came to visit him. ³¹ Boldly and freely he proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

28:1 [MSB] WH *Melitene* **28:4** Greek *Dike*; that is, the Greek goddess of justice **28:11** Greek *Dioscuri*; that is, the Greek gods Castor and Pollux **28:13** [MSB] CT *we weighed anchor* **28:15** The Forum of Appius was about 43 miles or 70 kilometers from Rome. **28:15** The Three Taverns was about 35 miles or 57 kilometers from Rome. **28:16** [BSB] BYZ and TR include *the centurion delivered up the prisoners to the captain of the barrack, but.* **28:16** [MSB] CT does not include *the centurion delivered up the prisoners to the captain of the guard, but.* **28:17** [MSB] CT *he* **28:25** [MSB] CT *your* **28:27** Isaiah 6:9–10 (see also LXX) **28:28** [BSB] BYZ and TR include

²⁹ When he had said this, the Jews went away, disputing sharply among themselves. **28:29** [MSB] CT does not include verse 29.