


THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

	<p>MATTHEW (the tax collector, a Jew, APOSTLE)</p>	<p>Mark (Roman, Jew, interpreter for Peter-writes Peter's memories)</p>	<p>Luke (a physician, a Gentile)</p>	<p>JOHN (a fisherman, a Jew, APOSTLE)</p>
<p>PORTRAIT [Ezekiel Chapter 1]</p>	<p>KING [lion=THE KING]</p>	<p>SERVANT [ox= servant]</p>	<p>MAN [man=humanity]</p>	<p>GOD IN CHRIST [eagle=deity]</p>
<p>[Rev. 4]</p>	<p>Lion</p>	<p>Ox/Calf</p>	<p>Man</p>	<p>Flying Eagle</p>
<p>Audience:</p>	<p>For the Jews</p>	<p>For the Romans/Jews</p>	<p>For the Greeks /Gentiles</p>	<p>FOR EVERYONE</p>
<p>How each conveys their story</p>	<p>Uses the most OT references (LAW) 330+ prophecies of Jesus fulfilled</p>	<p>The Miracles and deeds of Jesus; Jesus is our kinsman Redeemer</p>	<p>Prodigal Son, Lepers, prostitutes, thief at the cross-for those in need of Grace</p>	<p>(7) "I AM" statements of Jesus (ASEITY) Miracles=Signs showing Jesus' Deity</p>
<p>Jews camps in the Wilderness with Tabernacle in the middle [Num.2]</p>	<p>Tribe of Judah East</p>	<p>Tribe of Ephraim-West</p>	<p>Tribe of Reuben - South</p>	<p>Tribe of Dan -North</p>

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STUDY: READ Ezekiel chapter 1 and Revelations Chapter 4 (the throne in Heaven)

Ezekiel describes his vision—a living, magnificent, chariot transporting the glory of God on His Throne. There are four faces described as man, lion, ox, eagle. In Revelation Chapter 4:the throne in Heaven, the creatures are similarly described—giving Glory to God around the throne.

Moses experienced the Glory of God on Mount Sinai in Exodus 19,24,25 —often referred to as “*shekinah*”(dwelling place) . OT Kavod-GLORY of the LORD= physical manifestation of God’s significance. Literally, it means “weighty” or “heavy”.

Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary(n.) **SHEKINAH** -The visible majesty of the Divine Presence, especially when resting or dwelling between the cherubim on the mercy seat, in the Tabernacle, or in the Temple of Solomon; -- a term used in the Targums and by the later Jews, and adopted by Christians.

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia¹-----**SHEKINAH**--she-ki'-na (*shekinah*, "that which dwells," from the verb *shakhen*, or *shakhan*, "to dwell," "reside"): This word is not found in the Bible, but there are allusions to it in Isaiah 60:2 Matthew 17:5 Luke 2:9 Romans 9:4. It is first found in the Targums (Hebrew text studies explaining the Jewish Scriptures usually taught by rabbis).

In Exodus 25:8-9 the verb *shakan*-construct a tabernacle that I may dwell=*shakan*. From the Hebrew word that literally means “he caused to dwell,” signifying that it was a divine visitation of the presence or dwelling of the Lord God on this earth.

In the New Testament, Jesus Christ is the dwelling place of God’s glory.

Colossians 2:9 [KJV] For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

John 1:14KJV^g: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

(John 14:9 KJV^g). Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen **me** hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

1 John 4:1-3 [KJV^g] Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Rev 4:5- spirits sevenfold attributes—see Isaiah 11:1-2 **A Branch from David's Line** 1Out of the stump of David’s family^a will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. 2And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

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Matthew (tax collector, Jew, Apostle, aka Matthew Levi) Wrote for the Jew, identified Jesus as “son of David”, Messiah, Teacher, Emmanuel (God with us). Matthew presents Jesus as the King of the Jews, the long awaited Messiah. By using many references to Isaiah and the old testament, which contains prophecies, Psalms of David, and Jewish law, Matthew depicts Jesus as the Sovereign King to convince the Jews and encourage the Jewish Christians. Matthew emphasizes Jesus as the prophesied Messiah come to earth to lead His Kingdom. Matthew first lists the genealogy back to David to show Jesus fulfills the Davidic dynasty promised by God- (Matt 1:1-17). Jesus fulfills the law and prophets. The first miracle described in Matthew Matt 8:2-4(not the first miracle of Jesus, but the first one in Matthew)was the cleansing of the leper-in the old testament, leprosy was seen as punishment or the “curse” of sin. (Numbers 12) Jesus had just taught the sermon on the mount as “one who had authority and not as their scribes” Matt 7:29. Matthew ends with Jesus as the resurrected King, for the Jewish audience this is the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant. Matthew 28 gives us the account of Jesus proclaiming the great commission to train in discipleship (**mathéteuó=make a disciple**) teaching (**didaskó: teach, direct, admonish**) to observe all things I commanded you, (salvation from deserved wrath of sin by the mercy of the Father through the atonement of the blood of the resurrected Son and by the sanctification of the Holy Spirit) and to baptize (as an outward sign of that inward sanctification) in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Mark (To the Romans and Jews: also referred to as “John Mark”, son of Mary, cousin of Barnabas the evangelist, interpreter for Peter-traveled with Peter, Paul, and Barnabas. Mark worked as Peter’s interpreter and assistant. Peter shared his memories of Jesus with Mark, so you could say that Mark is the Gospel of Jesus from Peter’s perspective written by John Mark.) Jesus is the Servant of all, sent by God to do the will of His Father to suffer and save the world. Most Theologians agree Mark was the first gospel written chronologically. Aimed at the Romans, he uses “farthing” in Mark 5. He only refers to the Old Testament 9 times. Mark focuses on the deeds of Christ, and how Jesus came as a willing servant to do the will of His father, and uses the word “euthus” (greek word) meaning immediately. Mark 7:2-explains Hebrew traditions (washing of hands). Mark testifies that Jesus is the Son of God-he portrays the first miracle (MARK 1:24) as casting out demons-who recognize Jesus as the Holy One of God. (Romans were polytheistic, so Mark is emphasizing to the Romans that Jesus is the son of the One True God). Mark Ends with the great commission “to proclaim the gospel to all the creation”and notes that they went out everywhere.

Luke (To the Gentile by the Gentile: physician, also wrote ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, between the two books attributed to Luke, it makes up about 1/5th of the NT. Some say Luke was a slave, as some physicians were, but there is not conclusive evidence of that.)-For the Greeks: The Humanity of Jesus revealed-gives complete record of His birth and childhood and traces his lineage back to Adam (starting with Mary’s father). Jesus is the Savior for all mankind. Luke is the only Gentile writer in the cannon of the Bible. 24 chapters in Luke and 28 in Acts, making it 1/5th (if you count the words)of the new testament (260 chapters total). He emphasizes his human characteristics, for instance, in the garden of Gethsamane Jesus was sweating drops of blood Luke 22:44. 11 of the 15 prayers of Jesus are recorded in Luke. Luke emphasizes the stories of those most in need of GRACE. Luke 24:44-49KJV 44And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48And ye are witnesses of these things. 49And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

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John: TO ALL!! (fisherman, Apostle-wrote 5 books in the NT-written to all and specifying the direct assertion of Christ being the Messiah, the son of God who was present from the beginning and a part of the miracle of creation)

The Eternal Word **John 1:** **1**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**He was in the beginning with God. **3**All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4**In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5**And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not (overcome) comprehend it.

John, often referred to as the one Jesus loved, wrote of specific statements and signs that define Jesus as the SON OF GOD.

[7] "I AM"- specifically EGO EIMI (I am or I exist), a direct assertion of the DIETY of Christ.

- 1) I AM the bread of Life : John 6:35
- 2) I AM the light of the World: John 8:12
- 3) I AM the door: John 10:9
- 4) I AM the good shepherd: John 10:11
- 5) I AM the resurrection and the life: John 11: 25
- 6) I AM the way, the truth and the life: John 14:6
- 7) I AM the true vine: John 15:1

[7] Miracles before the cross

- 1) Water to wine John 2:1
- 2) Jesus heals the royal man's son: John 4:46
- 3) Jesus heals the lame man at Bethesda: John 5: 1
- 4) Jesus feeds 5000: John 6:1
- 5) Jesus walks on the water: John 6:16
- 6) Jesus heals a blind man: John 9:1-13
- 7) Jesus raises LAZARUS from the dead: John 11:30

After death:

- 8) Resurrection and miracle of fish: John 21:5

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 King James Version ([KJV⁹](#))

¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Romans 1: 16-17 [KJV⁹](#) **16**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. **17**For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

All four gospels have John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus in their own way...remember who they are speaking to....

<p>MATTHEW- UNIQUE 20%</p> <p>FOCUS ON THE GENERATIONS OF JESUS ON JOSEPH'S SIDE THAT TRACES BACK TO KING DAVID AND THEN BACK TO ABRAHAM. JOHN THE BAPTIST IS CHAPTER 3</p>	<p>MARK- The servant-Starts with John the Baptist-the servant to prepare the way Unique 3%</p>	<p>Luke Unique 35%</p> <p>Luke goes back to the miraculous birth of John the Baptist and tells of Zechariah's angelic visit and his aged wife's pregnancy. (the one who comes before) It then relates to Mary and traces the bloodline of Mary/Jesus back to Adam. This is confirmed in the OT in Chronicles 2.</p>	<p>JOHN</p> <p>STARTS WITH THE DIETY OF CHRIST, HIS PRESENCE BEFORE CREATION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WHO HE IS.</p>
<p>CH 1:The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the <u>son of David, the son of Abraham.</u> [<i>Matthew emphasizes the birth of Jesus as the fulfillment of the Messiah of the Old testament-Jesus came of Abraham of the tribe of Judah of the Stock of David as promised.</i>] Chapter 2-<i>the prophesied birth of Jesus as King</i>(we will come back to this at a later study) Chapter 3: <u>John the Baptist was mentioned by the prophet Isaiah.</u></p>	<p>The Mission of John the Baptist <i>(Isaiah 40:1-5; Matthew 3:1-12; Luke 3:1-20; John 1:19-28)</i> CHAPTER 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; 2As it is written in the prophets, Behold, <u>I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.</u>3The voice of one crying in the wilderness, <u>Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.</u> 4John</p>	<p><i>Ch 1: Addresses to most excellent Theophillus "friend of God" –writing to clarify instructions to Christians from his "perfect knowledge". V5-8: the history of John the Baptists father, Zechariah, and mother, Elizabeth. Zacharias a priest of the division of Abia and his wife Elizabeth, of the daughters of Aaron (brother of Moses). They were old and Elizabeth was barren, both followed God and were found "righteous and blameless" and Zechariah performed duties in the temple. {NOTE: they were childless-which as a JEW, could make you believe it was a curse, but they did not waiver in their faith or calling}V9-19 History of John the Baptist's Mother and Father.... V58-80 John is born, Zechariah is able to speak and declares John is the prophet of the Messiah, fulfilling the covenant of Abraham and David. {NOTE: the name John means "the Lord is Gracious"}</i></p>	<p>CHAPTER 1: 1-5 (Who Jesus the Messiah is:)the Word was with God and was God, the Creator, the Light, Life. V6-John the baptist's purpose-to prepare the way of the LORD. V7-14 Word in flesh to be Christ the Saviour. V15-17 John testifies the Savior fulfills the Law of Moses.</p> <p>The Mission of John the Baptist <i>(Isaiah 40:1-5; Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-20)</i> KJV⁹</p> <p>19And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,</p>

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The Mission of John the Baptist

(Isaiah 40:1-5; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-20; John 1:19-28) In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, **2**And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. **5**Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, **6**And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **8**Bring forth

did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. **6**And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; **7**And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. **8**I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

NOTE: John the Baptist (a Nazirite-one who had taken a vow Numbers 6:21) is the prophesied messenger of the Messiah {NOTE: *In English, the town (Nazareth) and the vow in Numbers (Nazirite), seem to be similar, but are NOT in HEBREW. The town, transliterated, would be:*

ZECHARIAH'S SONG=Luke 1:67-80

Chapter 2 the birth, dedication, and the childhood of Jesus.

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(Isaiah 40:1-5; Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-8; John 1:19-28)

CHAPTER 3:1Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, **2**Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. **3**And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; **4**As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. **5**Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways *shall be* made smooth; **6**And all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **7**Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **8**Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. **9**And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **10**And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? **11**He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. **12**Then came

Who art thou? **20**And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. **21**And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. **22**Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? **23**He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

24And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. **25**And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? **26**John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; **27**He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. **28**These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Behold, the Lamb of God

(Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22)

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<p>therefore fruits meet for repentance: 9And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to <i>our</i> father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 10And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.</p> <p>11<u>I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance:</u> but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and <i>with</i> fire: 12Whose fan <i>is</i> in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.</p> <p>V16-17 The heavens open and the he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him and LO a voice from heaven saying This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. [the Son of Me, the beloved=agapetos]</p>	<p><i>Nats-raht. While the vow would be: nah-zear.}</i></p> <p>9And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. 10And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:</p> <p>V11:And there came a voice from heaven said Thou art my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. [the Son of Me, the beloved=agapetos]</p> <p>Again in Mark 9:7 (transfiguration) agapétos: beloved Strong's Concordance^f</p> <p>Original Word: ἀγαπητός, ἦ, ὅν Part of Speech: Adjective Transliteration: agapétos Phonetic Spelling: (ag-ap-ay-tos') Definition: beloved Usage: loved, beloved, with two special applications: the Beloved, a title of the Messiah (Christ), as beloved beyond all others by the God</p>	<p>also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? 13And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. 14And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse <i>any</i> falsely; and be content with your wages.15And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; 16John answered, saying unto <i>them</i> all, <u>I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:</u> 17Whose fan <i>is</i> in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.18And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people. 19But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, 20Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.</p> <p>21Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,</p> <p>LUKE 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, THOU ART MY BELOVED SON IN THEE I AM WELL PLEASSED. [the Son of Me, the beloved=agapetos]</p> <p>Luke 9:35(transfiguration)</p>	<p>29The next day John(the baptist) seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. 30This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. 31<u>And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.</u> 32And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33<u>And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.</u> 34And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.</p> <p><i>NOTE: John doesn't quote the words of God, like the others do. BUT bears John the Baptist record saying that Jesus is the SON OF GOD</i></p>
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Again in Matthew 17:5(transfiguration)	who sent Him; of Christians, as beloved by God, Christ, and one another.		
Isa. 7:14, Numbers 24:17, Jer 23:5, Zech 9:9, Mic. 5:2, Hos. 11:1, Isa. 11:1, Ps. 132:11, 1 st Kings 11:36, II Chron. 21:7, Jer. 31:15, Isa 40:3, Lev 11:22, II Kings 1:8, Zech 13:4, Ps 2:7, Isa. 42:1, Mal 3:1, Isa. 40:3-5	Mal 3:1, Lev. 13:49, Lev 14:2-32	Isa. 40:3, Numbers 6:3-8 (Nazirite)Mal 4:5-6, Dan 8:16, Dan 9:21, I Sam 2:34, II Kings 19:29, Isa. 7:14, Lev 12:1-4, Exod 13:1, Num 8:17, Is 52:10, Is 42:6, Isa 49:6, Isa. 8:14, Judge 13:24, I Sam 2:26, Isa. 40:3-5	Gen 1:1-3, Isa. 9:6, Mal 3:1, Isa 49:6, Isa. 56:5, Exod 20:1, Exod. 33, Prov 8:30,Deut 18:15, Mal 4:5, Exod. 12:3, Isa 53:7, Gen 28:12, Dan 7:13

Note: all of the Gospels write of Jesus' baptism and the voice from above telling them that this is GOD'S Son and of the importance of John the Baptist telling everyone of the coming Messiah. This fulfills prophesy.

Strong's Concordance^f

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OT Malachi 3:1 and **Isaiah 40:3-5** Prophesied that a messenger will be sent that will make the path straight for the Messiah (that the Glory of God would be revealed). The Jews have a ritual washing called a “mikveh”. 40 se’ahs (300 liters/79.25 gallons) of still water with a fountain (preferably flowing natural “living” water). (Jeremiah 2:13, Revelation 7:17,)

Living Water-- John 7:37On 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 Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified....

Galatians 3:26-27 KJV^g **26**For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. **27**For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28**There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. **29**And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

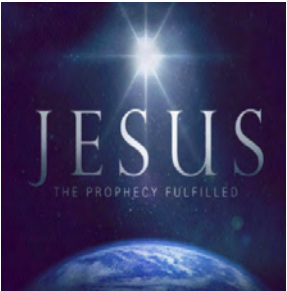
COLOSSIANS 2:9-15 KJV^g **9**For in him (JESUS CHRIST)dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. **10**And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: **11**In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: **12**Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. **13**And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; **14**Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; **15***And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

[Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary^b of Col. 2:9](#)

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...Those who walk in the way of the world, are turned from following Christ. We have in Him the substance of all the shadows of the ceremonial law. All the defects of it are made up in the gospel of Christ, by his complete sacrifice for sin, and by the revelation of the will of God...The circumcision of the heart, the crucifixion of the flesh, the death and burial to sin and to the world, and the resurrection to newness of life, set forth in baptism, and by faith wrought in our hearts, prove that our sins are forgiven, and that we are fully delivered from the curse of the law.

Jesus' Birth	MATTHEW-HOW HE STARTS
<p>Gen 38 Jos. 2 Ruth (great-grandmother Of King David)</p> <p>Matthew emphasizes Jesus' royal ancestry and his lineage to the line of David as prophesied</p> 	<p>V1:The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham 2Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren; 3And Judah begat Phares(Perez)and Zara(Zerah) of (whose mother was)Tamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; 4And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; 5And Salmon begat Boaz of (whose mother was) Rahab; and Boaz begat Obed of (whose mother was) Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; 6And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias(Bathsheba); 7And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa; 8And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias; ...16And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. 17So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.</p> <p><i>[Note: as we compare this to the geneolgy in Luke, we notice there are some that are the same, from Abraham to David, but after that they differ. Is this a mistake? No, Matthew has listed the lineage of Joseph which was to Solomon-showing majesty and a royal line promised in the history of the promised messiah. But Luke's genealogy is Mary's lineage-the blood line.</i></p> <p><i>While we may not have noticed, but 5 women are also listed in Matthew's genealogy which is unusual for this culture at this time, but it is because of their importance. The first is Tamar who was important as a woman that when her husband had passed was promised by her father in law-Judah, his next son as a husband which according to their customs she was entitled to. But when Shelah, who was Judah's youngest son was old enough to marry Tamar, she was passed over. She dressed as a temple prostitute and disguised herself. Judah had sexual relations with her and she asked for a pledge of her signet and staff which he gave to her, not knowing who she was. Later, he sent a servant to fetch those things back and pay her, but she had disappeared. Later, her pregnancy showed and she was brought before Judah, who was accusing her of being lewd and was going to have her burned. She showed him the signet and staff that was his and he was ashamed, because he had not lived up to the promise of marriage of his son. She delivered twins, Perez and Zerah which are in both genealogies. Genesis chapter 38.</i></p> <p><i>The second woman mentioned is Rahab, whose faith is mentioned in Hebrews 11:31 and Romans 1:16. She helped two Israelite spies and did not perish among those who were disobedient (Joshua 2:22)</i></p> <p><i>The third woman mentioned is Ruth, who introduces us to the kinsman redeemer in her story with Boaz. It also opens the door wider for non-Israelites to be in the lineage.</i></p> <p><i>The fourth woman is "the wife of Uriah" which we know is David's wife Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon and the then Nathan (another son named after Nathan the prophet who told David and Bathsheba they had sinned in 2 Samuel chapter 12.) Nathan is the descendent of Jesus on Mary's side in Luke genealogy.</i></p> <p><i>The fifth is Mary the mother of Jesus.</i></p> <p>The Birth of Jesus Matthew continues(Isaiah 7:10-16; Micah 5:1-6; Luke 2:1-7)18Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19Then Joseph her husband, being a just <i>man</i>, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. 20But while</p>

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he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Luke **The Birth of Jesus** ([Isaiah 7:10-16](#); [Micah 5:1-6](#); [Matthew 1:18-25](#)) [KJV](#)⁹ CH 2:1And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. 2(*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*) 3And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and Angels8And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. 18And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. 20And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. [*Commentary: Notice here the shepherds came the night of the birth, but not the Wise Men or Magi.*]

Jesus Presented at the Temple21And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. 22And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord; 23(As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) 24And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

The Prophecy of Simeon25And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting

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for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. [26](#)And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. [27](#)And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, [28](#)Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, [29](#)Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: [30](#)For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, [31](#)Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; [32](#)A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. [33](#)And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. [34](#)And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; [35](#)(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

The Prophecy of Anna[36](#)And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher [*Asher, the eighth son of Jacob & one of the 10 lost tribes*]: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; [37](#)And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. [38](#)And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth ([Isaiah 61:1-11](#); [Matthew 2:19-23](#); [Matthew 13:53-58](#); [Mark 6:1-6](#); [Luke 4:16-30](#)) [39](#)And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. [40](#)And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit [*krataioó*], filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

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Cognate: [2901](#) *krataioó* (from [2904](#) /*krátos*) – to prevail by God's *dominating* strength, i.e. as His power *prevails* over opposition (*gains mastery*). See [2904](#) (*kratos*). For the believer, [2901](#) /*krataioó* ("attain mastery, the upper-hand") operates by the Lord in working faith^f

MATTHEW [The Pilgrimage of the Magi \(wise men\)](#) CH2 -KJV^g: [1](#)Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, [2](#)Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. [3](#)When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. [4](#)And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. [5](#)And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, [6](#)And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. [7](#)Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. [8](#)And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. [9](#)When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. [10](#)When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. [11](#)And when they were come into **the house** [*oikos*-a dwelling, house], they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. ([Isaiah 60:6](#) & [Exodus 30:23](#)) [12](#)And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

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[Commentary: so many times in our stories of Christ's birth we are told the shepherds and the wise men are there at the same time, but this isn't true according to what we just read. The wise men came later, Mary and Joseph are in a "house".]

The Flight to Egypt([Hosea 11:1-7](#))**13**And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.**14**When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: **15**And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Herod Slaughters Infants([Jeremiah 31:1-30](#)) **16**Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. **17**Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,**18**In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

The Return to Nazareth([Isaiah 61:1-11](#); [Matthew 13:53-58](#); [Mark 6:1-6](#); [Luke 2:39-40](#); [Luke 4:16-30](#))**19**But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, **20**Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. **21**And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. **22**But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: **23**And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene. [[Matthew contains the most OT scripture references and many times calls out the prophesy fulfilled.](#)]

Let's pause here in the Gospel to gain knowledge of the history of Bethlehem--Hebrew, "House of Bread". The birthplace of him who calls himself the Bread of Life ([John 6:35](#)), and identified with the history of his human ancestry through Ruth, who was here married to Boaz, and was the ancestress of David ([Matthew 1:5](#), [Matthew 1:6](#)), and through David himself, who was born there, and anointed king by Samuel (compare [Luke 2:11](#), city of David). ([Gen49:8-10](#))..the scepter shall not depart from Judah...

[Hebrews 7:14](#)For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, a tribe as to which Moses said nothing about priests....

([Numbers 24:17](#)) I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, ...

[2 Samuel 8:2](#) David also defeated the Moabites, ... So the Moabites became subject to David and brought him tribute...

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Isaiah 7:13 **13**Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, O house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God as well? **14**Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and she will call Him Immanuel.(GOD WITH US) **15**By the time He knows enough to reject evil and choose good, He will be eating curds and honey. **16**For before the boy knows enough to reject evil and choose good, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.....

Genesis 49 reveals the tribes that came from the Sons of Jacob (aka Israel-sometimes in the OT, Israel refers to a place, and sometimes it is referring to Jacob also known as Israel, and sometimes it is referring to ISRAEL as a nation or the tribes that came from the sons of Jacob) and their blessings and this is important because it lays out the prophesy of Jesus Christ and his genealogy of the Messiah King.

Gen 49 NLT^a **Jacob’s Last Words to His Sons** **1**Then Jacob called together all his sons and said, “Gather around me, and I will tell you what will happen to each of you in the days to come.

3“**Reuben, you are my firstborn**, my strength, the child of my vigorous youth. You are first in rank and first in power.

4But you are as unruly as a flood, and you will be first no longer. For you went to bed with my wife;you defiled my marriage couch.

5“**Simeon and Levi** are two of a kind; their weapons are instruments of violence. **6**May I never join in their meetings; may I never be a party to their plans. For in their anger they murdered men,and they crippled oxen just for sport. **7**A curse on their anger, for it is fierce;

a curse on their wrath, for it is cruel. I will scatter them among the descendants of Jacob;I will disperse them throughout Israel.

8“**Judah, your brothers will praise you**. You will grasp your enemies by the neck. All your relatives will bow before you. **9**Judah, my son, is a young lion that has finished eating its prey. Like a lion he crouches and lies down;like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?

10**The scepter will not depart from Judah**, nor the ruler’s staff from his descendants,**a** **until the coming of the one to whom it belongs**,**b** the one whom all nations will honor. **11**He ties his foal to a grapevine, the colt of his donkey to a choice vine.

He washes his clothes in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes.**12**His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth are whiter than milk.

13“**Zebulun will settle by the seashore** and will be a harbor for ships; his borders will extend to Sidon.

14“**Issachar is a sturdy donkey**, resting between two saddlepacks.**c** **15**When he sees how good the countryside is and how pleasant the land, he will bend his shoulder to the load and submit himself to hard labor.

16“**Dan will govern his people**, like any other tribe in Israel. **17**Dan will be a snake beside the road, a poisonous viper along the path that bites the horse’s hooves so its rider is thrown off. **18**I trust in you for salvation, O LORD!

19“**Gad will be attacked by marauding bands**, but he will attack them when they retreat.

20“**Asher will dine on rich foods** and produce food fit for kings.

21“**Naphtali is a doe set free** that bears beautiful fawns.

22“**Joseph is the foal of a wild donkey**, the foal of a wild donkey at a spring—one of the wild donkeys on the ridge.

23Archers attacked him savagely;they shot at him and harassed him.**24**But his bow remained taut, and his arms were strengthened by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob, by the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel. **25**May the God of your father help you;

may the Almighty bless you with the blessings of the heavens above, and blessings of the watery depths below,

and blessings of the breasts and womb. **26**May my fatherly blessings on you surpass the blessings of my ancestors,**e**

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reaching to the heights of the eternal hills. May these blessings rest on the head of Joseph, who is a prince among his brothers.

27“Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, devouring his enemies in the morning and dividing his plunder in the evening.”

28These are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said as he told his sons good-bye. He blessed each one with an appropriate message.

*Another scripture from the OT recognizes: A Ruler from Bethlehem KJV⁹ (Micah 5:2-5) But you, Bethlehem (Hebrew meaning of Bethlehem is “HOUSE OF BREAD”) Ephrathah (Hebrew meaning of Ephrathah is “to be fruitful”)(the place itself, Bethlehem Ephrathah is designated as Judah’s tribal territory), who are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come forth **for Me** One to be ruler over Israel, **whose origins are of old, from the days of eternity.** **3**Therefore Israel will be abandoned until she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers will return to the children of Israel. **4**He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD His God. And they will dwell securely, for then His greatness will extend to the ends of the earth. **5**And He will be their peace.*

Rev 22:16 **16** I, Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**

[Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary^b Having showed how low the house of David would be brought, a prediction of the Messiah and his kingdom is added to encourage the faith of God's people. His existence from eternity as God, and his office as Mediator, are noticed. Here is foretold that Bethlehem should be his birthplace. Hence it was universally known among the Jews, Mt 2:5. Christ's government shall be very happy for his subjects; they shall be safe and easy. Under the shadow of protection from the Assyrians, is a promise of protection to the gospel church and all believers, from the designs and attempts of the powers of darkness. Christ is our Peace as a Priest, making atonement for sin, and reconciling us to God; and he is our Peace as a King, conquering our enemies: hence our souls may dwell at ease in him. Christ will find instruments to protect and deliver. Those that threaten ruin to the church of God, soon bring ruin on themselves. This may include the past powerful effects of the preached gospel, its future spread, and the ruin of all antichristian powers. This is, perhaps, the most important single prophecy in the Old Testament: it respects the personal character of the Messiah, and the discoveries of himself to the world. It distinguishes his human birth from his existing from eternity; it foretells the rejection of the Israelites and Jews for a season, their final restoration, and the universal peace to prevail through the whole earth in the latter days.]^b

Another important setting in the Old Testament and the genealogy of Jesus is The Tabernacle Set Up (Exodus 25:1-9; Hebrews 9:1-10) **1**And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **2**On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. **3**And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the veil. [*what is unusual is the first month is now the 7th month which changed since creation. The Passover Jews calendar changed per the Lord.*]

<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>Genesis</u>	<u>Exodus</u>
Tishra	1 st Month	7 th Month

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Cheshuan(Bul)	2 nd Month	8 th Month
Chisleu	3 rd Month	9 th Month
Tevet	4 th Month	10 th Month
Sh'vat	5 th Month	11 th Month
Adar	6 th Month	12 th Month
Nisan (aka Abib/Aviv)	7 th Month	1 st Month (Passover on the 14 th)
Llyar(zif)	8 th Month	2 nd Month
Sivan	9 th Month	3 rd Month
Tammuz	10 th Month	4 th Month
Av	11 th Month	5 th Month
Elul	12 th Month	6 th Month

This is important, as the Jews being liberated from Egyptian slavery and then heading to the promise land but ending up in the wilderness for forty years is symbolic of Christ's journey and temptation.

How is that possible? In 1st Corinthians, Paul explains it for us as:

Lessons from Israel's Idolatry

NLT^a 1I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters,^a about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. 2In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were **baptized as followers of Moses**. 3All of them ate the same spiritual food, 4and all of them **drank the same spiritual water**. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and **that rock was Christ**. 5Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

6These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, 7or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say, "The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry."^b 8And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day.

9Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snakebites. 10And don't grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. 11These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.

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[12](#)If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. [13](#)The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

JOHN *The Gospel of John tells of the deity of Christ like no other Gospel.*

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Strong's Concordance BEGINNING: 746arché: beginning, origin a. used absolutely, of the beginning of all things: ἐν ἀρχῇ,

WORD: 3056 *lógos* (from 3004 /*légō*, "speaking to a conclusion") – a *word*, being the expression of a *thought*; a saying.

[3056](#) /*lógos* ("word") is preeminently used of *Christ* (Jn 1:1), expressing the *thoughts* of the Father through the Spirit.

2The same was in the beginning with God.

3778: οὗτος a. this one, visibly present here

3All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

^f*ginomai*: (verb)to come into being, to happen, to become

M. Vincent, "[1096](#) (*gínomai*) means *to come into being/manifestation* implying *motion, movement, or growth*" (at 2 Pet 1:4).

Thus it is used for *God's* actions as emerging from eternity and becoming (showing themselves) in time (physical space).

4In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

zōé: life [2222](#) *zōé* – *life* (physical and spiritual). *All life* ([2222](#) /*zōé*), throughout the universe, is *derived* – i.e. it always (only) comes from and is sustained by *God's self-existent life*. The Lord *intimately shares* His gift of life with *people*, creating each in *His image* which gives all the capacity to know His eternal life.

phós: light [5457](#) *phós* (a neuter noun) – properly, *light* (especially in terms of its results, what it manifests); in the NT, the *manifestation of God's self-existent life*;

divine *illumination* to reveal and impart life, through Christ.

5And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.[The Beginning ([Genesis 1:1-2](#)) –God creates light first...]

[4653](#) *skotía* (a feminine noun) – *darkness*, a brand of moral, spiritual *obscurity* (i.e. which blocks the light of God when faith is lacking).

Matthew 1:1-17 **HEIR TO THE THRONE**

Matthews lineage from Abraham to David matches Luke's from Abraham to David

Luke-3:23-38 **BLOODLINE** Luke's Lineage goes back to ADAM-the first man, but

from Abraham to David matches what Matthew has as his lineage

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<p>SOLOMON-listed as David's Son-in Joseph's lineage, who was KING SOLOMON 2 Samuel 7:11 (1Chron 17:10)[Nathan, the prophet tells David]"Furthermore, the LORD declares that he will make a house for you—a dynasty of kings! 12For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, <u>I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong.</u> 13He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. 14I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins, I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do. 15But my favor will not be taken from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from your sight. 16<u>Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.</u>"17So Nathan went back to David and told him everything the LORD had said in this vision.</p>	<p>NATHAN-another son of David, Solomon's brother. David gave Solomon his name (Prophet Nathan said Solomon's name was Jedidiah which means beloved of YHWH), so Bathsheba named Nathan, her son, after the prophet, Nathan. Nathan the prophet advised Bathsheba and taught Solomon. 1 <u>Chronicle 3:5</u> And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and <u>Nathan, and Solomon</u>, four, of Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel: 2 <u>Samuel 5:14</u>And these <i>be</i> the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, and <u>Nathan, and Solomon</u>, 1 <u>Chronicles 14:4</u> Now these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, <u>Nathan, and Solomon</u>,</p>
<p>THEN BOTH LINES MEET AGAIN.....Solomon ...to Sheatiel to Zerubbabel Zechariah 4:6-9 - God's Promise To Zerubbabel 6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, <u>but by My Spirit,</u>' says the LORD of hosts. 7 'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will <u>bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"</u>'"8 Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.</p>	<p>THEN BOTH LINES MEET AGAIN Nathan...to Sheatiel to Zerubbabel Haggai 2:23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and <u>will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee,</u> saith the LORD of hosts. EZRA 5:2Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak rose up and began to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem.</p>
<p><i>To Joseph....who is the stepfather of Jesus (kinsman redeemer)-HEIR to the Throne of David-- Joseph was a direct-line, blood descendant of David and of David's throne. Here is the precise purpose of Matthew's genealogy: it demonstrated Jesus' legal right to inherit the throne of David—a necessary prerequisite to authenticating His Messianic claim.</i></p>	<p><i>To Mary's Father—who is the grandfather of Jesus ----His blood/physical descent from David—a point that could not be established through Joseph since "after His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 1:18, emp. added). The bloodline of Christ's Messiahship was established through His mother Mary, who was also from a son of David (Luke 1:30-32).(Jesus our kinsman redeemer)</i></p>

Both the bloodline of David and the throne of David were necessary variables to qualify and authenticate Jesus as the Messiah.

Luke 1:46 *Mary's Song of Praise*



46Mary responded,“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. **47**How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! **48**For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.**49**For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me.**50**He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him.**51**His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.**52**He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble.**53**He has filled the hungry with good thing and sent the rich away with empty hands.**54**He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful.**55**For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever.”

The Prophecy of Simeon LUKE2 (KJV^g): **25**And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. **26**And it was revealed unto him by

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the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, ²⁸Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, ²⁹Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: ³⁰For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,³¹Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;³²A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. ³³And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; ³⁵(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also.) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

We previously noted the women mentioned in Matthew's genealogy, but a unique trait of the lineage mentioned in Luke is the Hebrew origin and meaning of the names in the bloodline. Luke Chapter 3 verse 23 first mentions Heli as "supposed father of" Joseph, but the actual verbiage is to mean son-in-law. When you study the Hebrew meaning of their names, it becomes apparent that they are all planned as descendants of Christ.

Heli:	High or Ascended
Matthat:	Gift of Yah (GOD)
Levi:	Joined to or attendant upon
Melchi:	King
Jannai:	Oppressed
Joseph:	He increases
Mattathias:	Gift of Yah
Amos:	Strong, Courageous
Nahum:	Comforting
Elsi:	unto Yah are my eyes
Naggi:	A son of David
Maath:	to be small
Mattathias:	A gift of Yah
Seimein:	the name of a number of Israel
Joseph:	he increases
Joda	Judah
Joannen	The Lord has been gracious
Rhesa	Yah has cured
Zerubbabel	Begotten in Babylonia
Sheatiel	I have asked of God
Neri:	Lamp of Yah
Melchi:	King
Addi:	Adorned
Cosam:	Diviners
Elmadam:	measure
Er	watchful

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Yeshoshua	Yahweh saves
Eliezer	God is Help
Jorim	The Lord is Exalted
Matthat	A Gift of Yah
Levi	Attendant upon
Simeon	to hear
Judah	Praise, Let Him be praised
Joseph	He increases
Jonam	The Lord has been gracious
Eliakim	God sets up
Melea	Fullness, abundance
Menan	Soothsayer/Enchanted
Mattatha	Gift of Yah
Nathan	to put or give
David	King of Israel
Jesse	My Husband/Yah Exists
Obed	servant, slave
Boaz	in strength or by strength
Salmon	Robe, mantle
Nahshon	Serpent, Bronze
Amminadab	People of Liberality, My Kinsman is Noble
Ram	High, Exalted
Hezron	village, cluster
Perez	breach of Strength, defeat of Might
Judah	Praised, Let Him be praised
Jacob	He who closely follows, supplanter
Isaac	He will laugh
Abraham	(originally Abram)-exalted Father, their shield, their protection
Terah	to Delay, Wanderer, Global Spirit
Nahor	scorched
Serug	the branch
Reu	a friend
Peleg	a division
Eber	the region beyond, He who passed over
Shelah	Missionary or emissary
Cainan	possession
Arphaxad	a healer
Shem	name

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Noah:	comfort/rest
Lamech:	despairing; those who despair
Methuselah	his death shall bring
Enoch	teaching
Jared	shall come down
Mahalael	the blessed GOD
Kenan	sorrow
Enosh	mortal of
Seth	the appointed
Adam	Man



JOHN CHAPTER 2: The Wedding at Cana: **1**And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: **2**And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. **3**And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. **4**Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. **5**His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do **6**And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. **7**Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. **8**And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare *it*. **9**When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, **10**And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now. **11**This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary: There was want at a marriage feast. Those who are come to care for the things of the world, must look for trouble, and count upon disappointment. In our addresses to Christ, we must humbly spread our case before him, and then refer ourselves to him to

do as he pleases. In Christ's reply to his mother there was no disrespect. He used the same word when speaking to her with affection from the cross.... Delays of mercy are not denials of prayer. Those that expect Christ's favors must observe his orders with ready obedience. The way of duty is the way to mercy; and Christ's methods must not be objected against. The beginning of Moses' miracles was turning water into blood, Ex 7:20; the beginning of Christ's miracles was turning water into wine; which may remind us of the difference between the law of Moses and the gospel of Christ. He showed that he improves creature-comforts to all true

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believers, and make them comforts indeed. And Christ's works are all for use. Has he turned your water into wine, giving you knowledge and grace? It is to profit withal; therefore draw out now, and use it. It was the best wine. Christ's works commend themselves even to those who know not their Author. What was produced by miracles always was the best in its kind. Though we need not hesitate to feast with our friends on proper occasions, yet every social interview should be so conducted, that we might invite the Redeemer to join with us, if he were now on earth...

(Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 13:47-52; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11) JOHN 1:35 **35**Again the next day after John(the baptist) stood, and two of his disciples; **36**And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he said, Behold the Lamb of God! **37**And the two disciples heard him speak, and **they followed Jesus**. **38**Then Jesus turned, and **saw them following**, and said unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) **where dwellest thou?** **39**He said unto them, Come and see. **They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day:** for it was about the tenth hour. (4pm)**40**One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was **Andrew, Simon Peter's brother**. **41**He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. **42**And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas(PETER), which is by interpretation, A stone.

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

Jesus Calls His First Disciples *(Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 13:47-52; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-42)* **Mark 1:16** **16**Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. **17**And Jesus said unto them, **Come ye after me(follow me)**, and I will make you to become fishers of men. **18**And straightway **they forsook their nets**, and **followed him**. **19**And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. **20**And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.



Jesus Calls His First Disciples*(Matthew 4:18-22; Matthew 13:47-52; Mark 1:16-20; John 1:35-42)* **LUKE 5:1** **1**And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret (*AKA the sea of Galilee*), **2**And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets. **3**And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. **4**Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. **5**And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. **6**And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. **7**And they beckoned unto *their* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. **8**When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, **Depart from me: for I am a sinful man, O Lord**. **9**For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: **10**And so *was* also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, **Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men**. **11**And when they had brought their ships to land, **they forsook all, and followed him**.

According to John's Gospel, Andrew was the first disciple of Jesus, he had been following John the Baptist. He grew up in Bethsaida, an important town on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, east of Jordan. Bethsaida meant "house of the fisherman". At some point, he and his brother Simon (Peter), moved to Capernaum and formed a fishing partnership with Zebedee and his two sons, James and John. Andrew lived in a house with his brother, who was married and whose wife's mother also lived with them.

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Jesus Heals at Peter's House (*Matthew 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-34*) **Luke 4: 38** 38And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. 39And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. 40Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. 41And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

FOLLOW ME

Matthew 16:24- 25Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 5For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it...

Luke 14:27 And whoever does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.

Matthew 10:38and anyone who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.

John 21:19 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."

John 21:22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain until I return, what is that to you? You follow Me!"

WHAT DOES IT MEAN "TAKE UP HIS CROSS"?

Luke 9:57-62 The Cost of Following Jesus

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "**Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.**" *Followers of Christ are asked to be prepared to endure*

⁵⁹To another he said, "**Follow me.**" But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus⁷ said to him, "**Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.**" *The calling of God ought to be preferred before all duties owed to man*

⁶¹Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "**No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.**" (*Reminiscent of Lot's wife who looked back to Sodom & Gomorrah and was turned to salt.*)*Those who follow Christ must at once renounce all worldly cares and to willingly sacrifice-are you willing?*

(living translation) *Mathew Chapter 13: Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seed--***1**Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. **2**A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. **3**He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. **4**As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. **5**Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. **6**But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. **7**Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. **8**Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! **9**Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."**10**His disciples came and asked him, "Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?"**11**He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets^a of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. **12**To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even

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what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. [13](#) That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand. [14](#) This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, 'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. [15](#) For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes—so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.'^b [16](#) "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. [17](#) I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn't hear it. [18](#) "Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: [19](#) The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. [20](#) The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. [21](#) But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. [22](#) The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. [23](#) The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

[Very powerful parable depicting what can happen to those who hear the Gospel. If you do not read the scripture, you can be scorched out. Only those who put on the full armour of God are kept as a seed that grows and bears fruit]

[King James Bible](#) Psalm 119:89 LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

(the word is firmly fixed in heaven) The seed is the word of God -the seed grows when it is rooted-knowing, studying, eating the word. This is the sanctifying process we go through in the Holy Spirit as children of God. We are saved by Christ alone through faith alone-Faith Alone Justifies, but THE FAITH that justifies is NOT alone (it bears fruit).... Mathew 7:16 [16](#) You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? [17](#) A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. [18](#) A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. [19](#) So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. [20](#) Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

Are you willing? Are you preferring the will of God over earthly wants and obligation? **Going back to the first apostles....** Mark 1: [17](#) And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me(follow me), and I will make you to become fishers of men. [18](#) **And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.**

The Apostles preferred the will of God over earthly wants and obligations. They were willing men of action. They immediately, without hesitation, left everything and followed Jesus. They produced a large harvest of fruit.

Matthew 7:21 True Disciples [21](#) "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

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Matthew Henry Commentary: 7:21-29 Christ here shows that it will not be enough to own him for our Master, only in word and tongue. It is necessary to our happiness that we believe in Christ, that we repent of sin, that we live a holy life, that we love one another. This is His will, even our sanctification.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Insight on those he chose: (Andrew, his brother, Simon=Peter, John and James-sons of Zebedee) and later in Mark 3:17 Jesus referred to the Sons of Zebedee as Boanerges which means Sons of Thunder) 993 *Boanergés* – an Aramaic term transliterated from two Semitic roots: *bēn* ("sons") and *regesh* ("of thunder, tumult"; see Strong's OT #1123, 7285). 993 */Boanergés* ("sons of thunder") is only used in Mk 3:17. Also transliterated as, "sons of tumult," their passion and boldness in the past no doubt aptly fit their future calling! One example of their passion and boldness is found in Luke 9:54 when they asked Jesus if they should bid fire to come down and consume the Samaritans who were not hospitable to Jesus .

The Request of James and John(*Matthew 20:20-28*) *Mark 10:35-45*35And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. 36And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? 37They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. 38But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? 39And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: 40But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared.41And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be much displeased with James and John. 42But Jesus called them *to him*, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. 43But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: 44And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. 45For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. *James is put to death by Herod Agrippa as recorded in Acts 12:2*
*Peter, John and James(son of Zebedee, aka James the Greater=John's brother) have a very unique, inner circle relationship with Jesus. John 1:14*14And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

They were witnesses to the transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-13) **The Transfiguration**(*Mark 9:1-13; Luke 9:28-36*)1And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. 4Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

9And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. 10And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? 11And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall

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first come, and restore all things. ¹²But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. ¹³Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

Why was it important that Peter, John and James be present for this transfiguration? 2 Peter 1:16-21 ¹⁶For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes ¹⁷when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

Peter and John are found racing to the tomb of Jesus in The Resurrection(Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12) John 20:1-9 ¹The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. ²Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. ³Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. ⁴So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. ⁵And he stooping down, *and looking in*, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. ⁶Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, ⁷And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. ⁸Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. ⁹For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Two more disciples- Phillip and Nathanael.....John 1:43-51⁴²Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “**Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas**” (which means “Peter”).⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “**Come, follow me.**” ⁴⁴Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown.⁴⁵Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses^o and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”⁴⁶“Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” “Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.⁴⁷As they approached, Jesus said, “**Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.**”⁴⁸“How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, “**I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.**”⁴⁹Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!”⁵⁰Jesus asked him, “**Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.**” ⁵¹Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”

Philip is very “literal” minded-“come and see for yourself”. Two other examples of this are in John 6:5-7 when Jesus is talking about feeding a multitude, Philip says “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread...” another time at the last supper Philip asks Jesus (John 14:8-9) “Lord show us the Father and we shall be satisfied...”Jesus answered “Have I been with you so long and you do not know me, Philip. He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, “show us the Father?” (to be clear this Philip is not the same “Philip the evangelist” who baptizes the Eunuch in Acts 8 who was transported, who also had 4 unmarried daughters who prophesied and gave lodging to Paul and Luke in Acts 21:9)

Strong’s Concordance 918 *Bartholomaios* – Bartholomew, probably a surname for *Nathanael* (literally the "son of Tolmai," cf. Mt 10:3; Jn 1:45ff). That is, Bartholomew's "first name" was apparently "*Nathanael*."

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Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man-Mark Chapter 2

1When Jesus returned to Capernaum (the first time in Capernaum was after turning water into wine) several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. **2**Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. He was speaking to them the word, [3056 *lógos* ("word") is preeminently used of *Christ* (Jn 1:1), expressing the *thoughts* of the Father through the Spirit.] and **3**four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. **4**They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. **5**Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, **"My child, your sins are forgiven."** [5043 *téknon* – properly, a *child*; (figuratively) anyone living in *full dependence* on the heavenly *Father*, i.e. fully (*willingly*) relying upon the Lord in *glad submission*. This prompts God to *transform* them into *His likeness*.] **6**But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, **7**"What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" **8**Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, **"Why do you question this in your hearts? 9**Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? **10**So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, **11**"Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" **12**And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

(ALSO FOUND IN: *Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32*)**KJV****13**And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them. **14**And as he passed by, he saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus (*Matthew the tax collector*) sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, **Follow me**. And he arose and followed him. **15**And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. **16**And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? **17**When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, **They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

<p>THE APOSTLES: Matthew 10: 1-4 1Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil^a spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness. 2Here are the names of the twelve apostles:</p> <p>first, Simon (also called Peter), then Andrew (Peter's brother), James (son of Zebedee),(aka James the greater) John (James's brother), 3Philip, Bartholomew,(<i>Nathanael</i>) Thomas, Matthew (the tax collector, aka Levi), James (son of Alphaeus), (aka James the less)</p>	<p>Mark 3:16These are the twelve he chose:</p> <p>Simon (whom he named Peter), 17James and John (brothers, the sons of Zebedee, but Jesus nicknamed them "Sons of Thunder"^c), 18Andrew (Peter's brother), Philip, Bartholomew,(<i>Nathanael</i>) Matthew,(aka Levi) Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Lebbaeus, Simon (the zealot^d), 19Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).</p>	<p>Luke 6: 13At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names:</p> <p>14Simon (whom he named Peter), Andrew (Peter's brother), James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, 15Matthew, Thomas, (also called Didymus=Twin) James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (who was called the zealot), 16Judas (son of James), (also listed as an Apostle in</p>
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<p>Thaddaeus (KJV Lebbeaus whose surname was Thaddaeus),^b 4Simon (the zealot^c), the Cananaen Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).</p>	<p><i>After Judas betrayal and death, lots were cast and it fell upon Matthias (acts 1:15-26)</i></p>	<p>Acts 1:13) Thayer's Greek Concordance: Thaddeus, a surname of the apostle Judas; he was also called Lebbeaus which some interpret as = "<i>cordatus</i> or <i>animosus</i>" = "a man of energy and courage." Matthew 10:3 R G L Tr WH; Mark 3:18. Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).</p>
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Paul writes....For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James (*the 1/2 brother of Jesus, aka James the Just-Matt 13:55, John 7:5, Acts 1:14, Gal 1:18-19, Gal. 2:12*), then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

— [1 Corinthians 15:3–8](#)



Jesus calls his Apostles to take up their cross and follow Him. Last lesson we studied who they were. He starts his first year of ministry. Today's study: He asks them who do you say I am? Jesus often refers to himself as SON OF MAN. The Disciples and Jewish leaders ask him if he is the SON OF GOD.

Matthew 16:13 (*Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-20; John 6:66-71*)¹³ When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?** ¹⁴ And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. ¹⁵ He saith unto

them, But whom say ye that I am? ¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** ¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give unto thee **the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.** ²⁰ Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. [christos, a greek word meaning anointed of God equivalent of the word mashiach or Messiah in Hebrew]

Matthew 26:24 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."

Luke 9:58^{ss} And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

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John 3:12-14 **12**If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? **13**And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even the Son of man which is in heaven.* **14**And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: **15**That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

There is a prophesy in the Book of Daniel which was very well known to Jewish leaders, the Pharisees and Sadducees...Daniel 7:13-14 (Prophesy of the Son of Man) **13**I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. **14**And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

To the Jewish leaders, the “Ancient of Days” is God the Father and the Son of Man is the coming Messiah sitting at the right hand of God. (NOTE: in Ezekiel, God refers to Ezekiel as a “son of man”, he is commenting Ezekiel is a mere human in contrast to the Creator)

Matthew 24:30 **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.

When speaking to Mary, an angel refers to Jesus as the Son of God Luke 1:35 **35**And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

John 3:18 **18**He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Why is “only begotten” referenced? Does the bible say there is another son of God? In the old testament, Exodus 4:21 **21**And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go. **22**And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel my son, my firstborn: *We are “adopted” as joint heirs see Ephesians 1:3-14*

Sons of God Another title referenced is the **sons** of God. This is found in Genesis, but described more fully in Job. It refers to the angels proceeding before the Lord (Satan is amongst them). Job 2:1 **1**Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

Colossian 1:15 & 2:9 Christ Is Supreme **15**Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, **16**for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. **17**He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. **18**Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. **19**For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, **20**and through him **God reconciled** everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. **21**This includes you who were

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once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. ²²Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

THE WHY---Colossians 2:9 ⁹For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.^b ¹⁰So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

*In order for God to unite **US** to **HIM**, He sent His only begotten Son, the perfect and ultimate sacrifice. Jesus is God, the Son, who came to enter the world and take upon Himself---Humanity. This incarnation is described in the term Son of Man, as God the Son becomes 100% man—yet without sin (FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN!!!) Remaining what HE was, HE became what HE was not-HE did not give up his deity but took on humanity (human nature) so that he could die and be resurrected to conquer death (the wage of sin) . We are now redeemed unto salvation by grace.*

Matthew 5-Sermon on the Mount

Jesus teaches of the Heavenly kingdom and about our circumstance on earth. Matthew 5:3-12 **The Beatitudes**(*Psalm 1:1-6; Luke 6:20-23*)³**Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** 5:3-12 They are humble and lowly in their own eyes. They see their want, bewail their guilt, and thirst after a Redeemer. The kingdom of grace is of such; the kingdom of glory is for them.

4Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Sorrow, especially godly sorrow, works true repentance, watchfulness, a humble mind, and continual dependence for acceptance on the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, with constant seeking the Holy Spirit, to cleanse away the remaining evil, seems here to be intended. Heaven is the joy of our Lord; a mountain of joy, to which our way is through a vale of tears. Such mourners shall be comforted by their God

5Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. The meek are those who quietly submit to God; who can bear insult; are silent, or return a soft answer; who, in their patience, keep possession of their own souls.

6Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Spiritual blessings by the righteousness of Christ, confirmed by the faithfulness of God. Our desires of spiritual blessings must be earnest.

7Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. We must not only bear our own afflictions patiently, but we must do all we can to help those who are in misery. We must have compassion on the souls of others, and help them; pity those who are in sin, and seek to snatch them to bring them to Christ for Salvation.

8Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Here holiness and happiness are fully described and put together. The heart must be purified by faith, and kept for God. Create in me such a clean heart, O God. None but the pure are capable of seeing God, nor would heaven be happiness to the impure. As God cannot endure to look upon their iniquity, so they cannot look upon his purity. (psalm 51)

9Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. They love, and desire, and delight in peace; and study to be quiet. They keep the peace that it be not broken, and recover it when it is broken. If the peace-makers are blessed, woe to the peace-breakers!

10Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. God will provide that those who lose for him, though life itself, shall not lose by him in the end.

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11Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. **12**Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. How different are thy maxims from those of men of this world! They call the proud happy, and admire the rich, the powerful, and the victorious. May we find mercy from the Lord; may we be owned as his children, and inherit his kingdom. With these enjoyments and hopes, we may cheerfully welcome low or painful circumstances.

Next Study-Further in the sermon on the mount and how it compares to the sermon on the plain in Luke chapter 6.

Jesus describes the purpose of suffering, the beloved of God, the heavenly realm, and the blessings that are bestowed both here on earth and in the Kingdom of Heaven. OUR GOD IS: God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, who for the salvation of men sent forth HIS only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in order that He might redeem by His own blood all of us enslaved by sin, and declare us to be your children, joint-heirs, that we may know OUR GOD is the true God, that HE existed always to eternity- God without end:

one God, the Father, acknowledged in Son and Holy Spirit;

one God, the Son, glorified in Father and Holy Spirit;

one God, the Holy Spirit, worshipped in Father and Son; and acknowledged to be truly one, the Father unbegotten, the Son begotten, the Holy Spirit proceeding... that all may know that HE is our God in heaven, and in the earth, who seeks the salvation of men through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom HE lives and reigns in unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

In our last study of the sermon on the mount, Jesus describes the purpose of suffering, the beloved of God, the heavenly realm, and the blessings that are bestowed both here on earth and in the Kingdom of Heaven in the Beatitudes (to be blessed, prosperous or abundant). It is not through wealth, as many considered being prosperous, but by being meek, lowly, merciful, and a peacemaker--speaking to who the person is, working towards the likeness of Christ.

Salt and Light*(Philippians 2:12-18)***13**Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.**14**Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

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15Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Jesus Fulfills the Law 17Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.



Jot (Beth) (Kaph)

Jesus said,
"I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter (Hebrew --> "Jot" or "yod," which is the smallest Hebrew letter), not the least stroke of a pen (Hebrew - "tittle," which is a small line on a letter that changes the letter like a Q from an O)

19Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. *Christ's righteousness, imputed to us by faith alone, is needed by every one that enters the kingdom of grace or of glory; but the new creation of the heart to holiness, produces a thorough change in a man's temper and conduct.*

Through His grace, He has broken the curse of the Law, which condemns sinners. This salvation is a gift from God...The word "fulfill" means to complete or bring to fullness. Obedience is not the ultimate purpose, it is part of the journey(pursuing righteousness, being Christ-like, reflecting the image of God=sanctification to glorification). Next,

*Jesus gives 5 examples from the law-then gives them new meaning, **not doing away with them** but intensifying them.*

Anger and Reconciliation(*Luke 12:57-59*)21Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, (*Raca, is a scornful word, and comes from pride*)shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. (*Thou fool, is a spiteful word, and comes from hatred. Malicious slanders and censures are poison that kills secretly and slowly.*) 23Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. 25Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. 26Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. *All rash anger is heart murder.*

Adultery(*Leviticus 18:1-30*)27Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Divorce(*Deuteronomy 24:1-5; Luke 16:18-18*)31It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: 32But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. (*Matthew 19:8 why divorce was allowed by Moses*)

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Vows(*Numbers 30:1-16*)33**Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time**, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: **34**But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: **35**Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. **36**Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. **37**But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Love Your Enemies(*Leviticus 24:17-23; Luke 6:27-36*)38**Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:** **39**But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. **40**And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also. **41**And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. **42**Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. *Do not seek recompense or vengeance, we instead are to turn the other cheek and go the extra mile. Roman soldiers could force Jews to carry their equipment for a mile-Jesus is telling them to do another mile for those who persecute you. Jesus did on the cross by offering salvation to those who condemned and crucified him.*

43**Ye have heard that it hath been said**, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **44**But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; **45**That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. **46**For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? **47**And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the publicans so? **48**Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Be perfect-to become whole or complete as your final destination constantly with movement in the right direction. Focus on becoming a light to those around us trusting in the grace of Christ and his perfection.

In Luke chapter 6 starting in verse 17, we read of the sermon on the plain. WHO was Luke and Matthew's intended audience when they wrote? Also, Matthew was an apostle and a Jew.

Luke 6:17-26 Jesus Ministers to a Great Crowd(*Matthew 4:23-25*)**17**And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; **18**And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. **19**And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed *them* all.

The Beatitudes(*Psalms 1:1-6; Matthew 5:3-12*)**20**And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, **Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God**(*JAMES 2:5*). **21**Blessed *are ye* that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed *are ye* that weep now: for ye shall laugh. **22**Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and shall reproach *you*, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. **23**Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward *is* great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. (*In Matthew, the beatitudes were in the third person Blessed are THE poor in spirit; for THEIRS...*)

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(NOT IN MATTHEW)... Woes *(Amos 6:1-7)* 24But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. 25Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. 26Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Christ took this occasion to speak to his disciples about the difficulty of the salvation of those who have abundance of this world. Those who thus eagerly seek the wealth of the world, will never rightly prize Christ and his grace. Also, as to the greatness of the salvation of those who have but little of this world, and leave it for Christ.

It is the duty of Christians to desire, and aim at, and press towards perfection in grace and holiness. And therein we must study to conform ourselves to the example of our heavenly Father, 1Peter 1:15,16. Surely more is to be expected from the followers of Christ than from others; surely more will be found in them than in others. Let us beg of God to enable us to prove ourselves his children.

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In our last study, we continued further in the sermon on the mount and began to compare it to Luke 6, the sermon on the plain. We noted who Matthew and Luke were writing to-who were their focus. Let's remember every author of the bible has an audience "to"; so it is not "to" us, it is "FOR" us. This is the context which helps us apply the Word to our lives.

Romans 15:4 *4For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. 5Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: 6That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Timothy 3:16-All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Historical Context: *(from the international inductive study Bible)From 134-104 B.C. John Hyracanus, who called himself a priest and king ruled Jerusalem and parts of Israel. He destroyed the Samaritan temple on Mt Gerizim and afterward the Jews had nothing to do with the Samaritans. He then conquered the land of Idumeans whose people had come from the Edom. Those people were given a choice of emigrating or converting to Judaism. This was the land of Herod the great, who would someday become Rome's appointed "king of the Jew's".*

Who were the Pharisees? *A religious sect of Jews who arose from Hasidim, a militant religious community dedicated to the obedience of the law and worship of God. Pharisee means "separated one". A majority of the scribes were Pharisees during New Testament times. They separated themselves from "Hellenism" which was Greek culture, customs and beliefs. In doctrine: the Pharisees viewed the entire Old Testament as authoritative, and accepted the oral tradition as equally authoritative. They believed in life after death, the resurrection, and the existence of demons and angels. They were more liberal in their interpretation of the law than the Sadducees. Usually Pharisees were middle class merchants and tradesmen.*

Who were the Sadducees? *A smaller religious sect comprised of mostly upper class, priestly lineage, wealthy Jews. In doctrine: the Sadducees accepted only the Torah (the first 5 books of OT) as authoritative. They were rigid in the law and held to its literal interpretation, they denied divine providence, denied the resurrection, denied life after death and the*

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existence of angels and demons and any reward or punishment after death. They opposed the oral law as obligatory and they were materialistic. The Sadducees controlled the temple and services. They leaned toward Hellenism.

ROMAN RULE: 63B.C. to 70A.D.- In 63BC, Pompey conquered Jerusalem and some of his soldiers walked into the holy of holies. About 12,000 Jews died during the siege. Rome broke up the territory into 5 districts governed by a council called "THE SANHEDRIN". The high priest, Hyrcanus presided over the Sanhedrin-a 71 member council comprised of Sadducees and Pharisees, which governed the Jews under the authority of Rome. The Sanhedrin was not allowed to put people to death without the permission of the Roman Procurator. The Sanhedrin is referred to commonly as "the council" in the NT. Years later, Herod came to the aid of Hyrcanus, in gratitude he gave him a wife. Later at the urging of Marc Antony and Octavian, Herod was made king of the Jews. In 20 BC Herod began rebuilding the temple (the one built by Zerubbabel after the Babylonian exile) (Matthew 2:1,2 the magi appear before Herod asking where is the King of the Jews who was born?)



MATTHEW CHAPTER 6 IN Read verse 1-5 Jesus give instruction on humble giving. **Instruction about Giving**(Deuteronomy 15:7-11)**1**Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.**2**Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. **3**But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: **4**That *thine* alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

MATT 6:In verses:9-13 He gives us how to pray...**9**After this manner therefore pray ye: **Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.** The Greek transliteration: Father of us who is in the heavens; Hallowed be or Holy be the name of you. ***DAILY WORSHIP; Jesus starts the prayer in worship to HIS father whose will he is doing and seeking.

10Thy kingdom come. Transliteration: Let come the kingdom of you ***DAILY DEDICATION; Jesus is teaching us to anticipate and wait with longsuffering the kingdom of our heavenly Father and just as he tells all in Matthew 3:2 the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Transliteration: Let be done the will of you as in heaven [so] also upon Earth. ***DAILY SUBMISSION; Jesus is teaching us to submit daily to the will of the Father and think on heavenly things. Psalm 119:89 For ever, O LORD, they word is settled in heaven. 2 Corinthians 4:16 For which cause we faint not, but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

11Give us this day our daily bread. DAILY RELIANCE AND TRUST: Jesus reminds us that God, our Father, is all sufficient. Just as He provided daily manna for the Israelites in the dessert, he provides daily for us. This teaches us constantly to depend upon Divine Providence. Matthew 6:26 Behold the birds of the air, they do not work, yet your Father feeds them, Are you not much better than they?

12And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.This transliteration: Forgive us the debts of us as also we forgive the debtors of us.*** DAILY REPENTANCE: We are commanded to forgive and ask forgiveness. No matter how many steps we take away from God, there is only one step back. The step of repentance. We need daily repentance for we are all sinners.

13And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: Transliteration: And not lead us into test/temptation, but deliver us from the evil or the evil one. DAILY PROTECTION: The enemy is always after God's people. We need daily protection from God to resist the devil's fiery darts.

For THINE is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Transliteration: For YOURS is the Kingdom and the glory and the power for the ages. HUMILITY:It is all for the Glory of GOD! WE ARE TO HUMBLE OURSELVES AS CHRIST HUMBLING HIMSELF. NOTICE HOW HE USES PLURAL TENSES I.E. GIVE US ... WE ARE TO PRAY AND

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FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER. Philippians 2:6-8 Jesus being essentially one with GOD...stripped Himself to assume the role of a servant in that He became like men and was born a human being.

Matt 6:14-15 **14**For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: **15**But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. *Here is a promise. If you forgive, your heavenly Father will also forgive. We must forgive, as we hope to be forgiven. Those who desire to find mercy with God, must show mercy to others.*

Matt.6:16-18 Proper Fasting-Continuing in Chapter 6 of Matthew...**16**Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. **17**But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; **18**That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Matt.6:19-21 Treasures in Heaven(*Matthew 13:44-46*)**19**Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: **20**But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: **21**For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matt.6:22-24 The Lamp of the Body(*Luke 11:33-36*)**22**The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. **23**But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!**24**No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Matt.6:25-34 Do Not Worry(*Luke 12:22-34*)**25**Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? **26**Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? **27**Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? **28**And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: **29**And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **30**Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith? **31**Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? **32**(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. **33**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**34**Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

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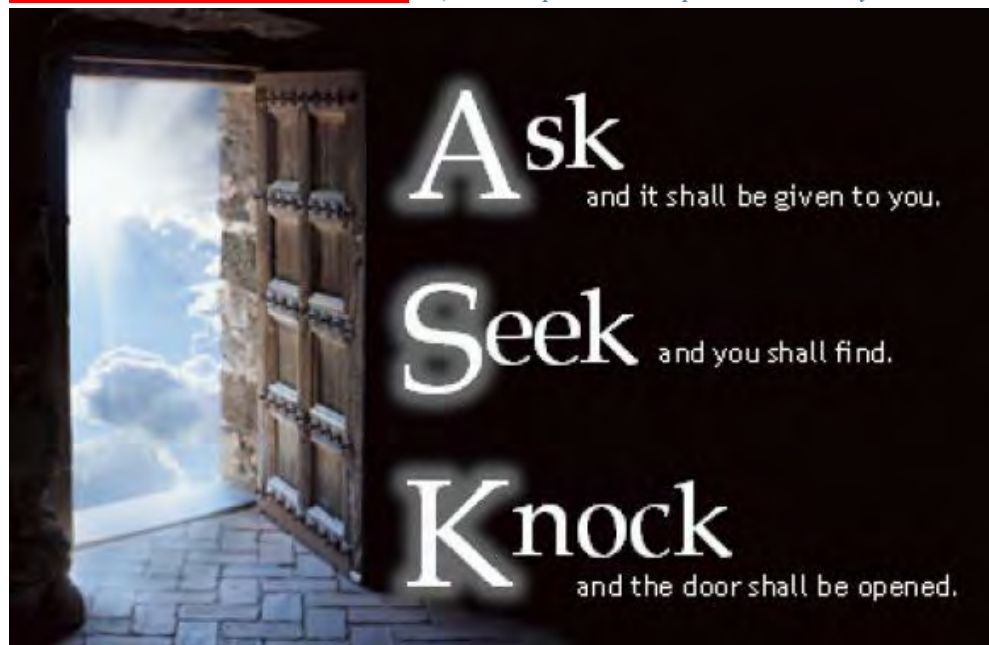
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6:25-34 There is scarcely any sin against which our Lord Jesus more warns his disciples, than disquieting, distracting, distrustful cares about the things of this life. This often ensnares the poor as much as the love of wealth does the rich... If we take care about our souls and for eternity, which are more than the body and its life, we may leave it to God to provide for us food and raiment, which are less. Improve this as an encouragement to trust in God. Thoughtfulness for our souls is the best cure of thoughtfulness for the world. Seek first the kingdom of God. The conclusion of the whole matter is, that it is the will and command of the Lord Jesus, that by daily prayers we may get strength to bear us up under our daily troubles, and to arm us against the temptations that attend them, and then let none of these things move us. Happy are those who take the Lord for their God, and make full proof of it by trusting themselves wholly to his wise disposal. Let thy Spirit convince us of sin in the want of this disposition, and take away the worldliness of our hearts.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 7 *(also found in Luke 6:37-42; Romans 14:10-12)* **1Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. (2 Corinthians 10:12-comparing yourself to others = lack of understanding)(We discover our purpose in the presence of GOD, not other people)**

6Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, (Phillipians 3:2) neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. *(Jesus expresses the personal enmity which those who willfully reject the gospel often feel towards those that have offered it to them.)*



Ask, Seek, Knock *(also found in Luke 11:5-13)* **7Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? 12Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. (aka "THE GOLDEN RULE"...remember Matt 5:17-20 Jesus fulfills the law) **The Narrow Gate***(also found in Luke 13:24-***

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30)13Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (*also found in Matthew 12:33-37; Luke 6:43-45*) 15Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. (*True and False Prophets and True and False Disciples are known by their fruit*)

(*also found in Luke 6:46*)21**Not** every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (*see also Ephesians 2:8-9*)

The House on the Rock(*also found in Luke 6:47-49*)24Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. 28And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

JOHN CHAPTER 15 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. 7If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 9As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full. 12This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.13Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. 16Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17These things I command you, that ye love one another.18If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it*

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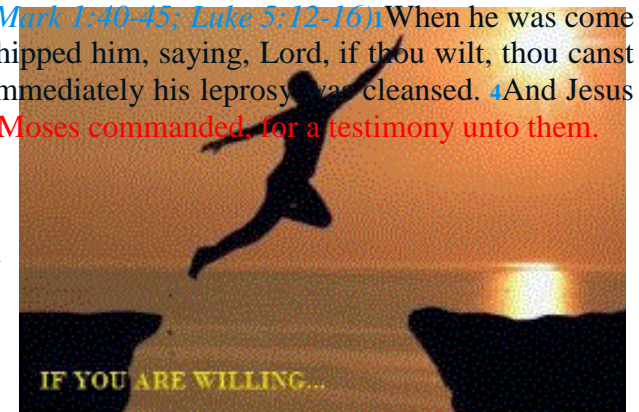
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hated you. 19If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. 23He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25But *this cometh to pass*, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.26But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.*

The Leper's Prayer-MATTHEW CHAPTER 8:1-4(*references in Leviticus 14:1-32; also found in Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16*)When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. 2And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, **I will; be thou clean.** And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4And Jesus saith unto him, **See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.**

The leper asks if HE IS WILLING: "willing" the Greek root is "THELO"=wanting what is best because someone is ready and willing to act and is connected to faith [pi'stis]. Faith (4102/pistis) is always a gift from God, and never something that can be produced by people. In short, 4102/pistis ("faith") for the believer is "God's divine persuasion" – and therefore distinct from human belief (confidence), yet involving it. The Lord continuously births faith in the yielded believer so they can know what He prefers, i.e. the persuasion of His will (1 Jn 5:4). This willingness is both by the leper in his faith and by Jesus-(abide in me and I in you).

1 John 5:4-8 4For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, our **faith.**5Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 6This is he that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7For there are three that bear record **in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost:** and these three are one. 8And there are three that bear witness **in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood:** and these three agree in one.



Jesus directs healed leper to go show the priest which is commanded in Leviticus under the law.

LEVITICUS 14:1-32 Cleansing the Leper 1And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest: 3And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper; 4Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive *and* clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: 5And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water: 6As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water: 7And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field. 8And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be

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clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days. ⁹But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

Note: the scarlet [tola] (crimson-grub used to dye wool. What is wool? It is fleece covering sheered from a lamb) was used to bind the cedar wood and the hyssop together. This is an offering of purification (the cross, his body and his blood). The two birds will have different fates. One will be killed, and one released. The killing of one bird "in an earthen vessel over running water" signifies the sufferings, death, and bloodshed of Jesus Christ, all necessary for the purging and cleansing of sinners. All this was endured in his human nature, comparable to an earthen vessel, as a human body. John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The running or living water mixed with blood symbolizes both the sanctification and justification by the water and blood which sprung from his pierced side. John 19:34 ³⁴But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water

Jeremiah 2:13: "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living water, and they have dug cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Jeremiah 17:13- O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, *and* they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

John 4:14 *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

John 7:37-38: *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

Isaiah 44:3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and currents on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free, and we were all given one Spirit to drink.

Revelation 21:6 And He told me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

Matthew 5:6 *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

Jesus the Bread of Life-True bread from heaven and the fountain of living water --John 6:26 ²⁶Jesus answered them and said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. ²⁷Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. ²⁸Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? ²⁹Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. ³⁰They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? ³¹Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. ³²Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I*

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say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

³⁴Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.³⁵And Jesus said unto them, **I am** the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. ³⁷All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. ³⁸For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. ³⁹And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. ⁴⁰And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁴¹The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. ⁴²And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? ⁴³Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, **Murmur not among yourselves**. ⁴⁴No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. ⁴⁶Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. ⁴⁷Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. ⁴⁸I am that bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. ⁵⁰This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

⁵²The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat? ⁵³Then Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you**, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. ⁵⁸This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. ⁵⁹These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary JOHN 6:52-59 The flesh and blood of the Son of man, denote the Redeemer in the nature of man; Christ and him crucified, and the redemption wrought out by him, with all the precious benefits of redemption; pardon of sin, acceptance with God, the way to the throne of grace, the promises of the covenant, and eternal life. These are called the flesh and blood of Christ, because they are purchased by the breaking his body, and the shedding of his blood. They are meat and drink to our souls. Eating this flesh and drinking this blood mean believing in Christ. We partake of Christ and his benefits by faith.

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman JOHN CHAPTER 4: ¹When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, ²(Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) ³He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. ⁴And he must needs go through Samaria. ⁵Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

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⁶Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour. [*Jesus, passing from south to west would pass up the valley of Mochna until the road turns sharp to the west, to enter the valley of Sichem(Sychar) between Ebal and Gerizim. Here is Jacob's field, and in the field is Jacob's well. Jacob's well (GEN 33)--It is dug in the rock, and is about 9 feet in diameter. The older travelers described it as more than 100 feet deep, and with several feet of water. Modern travelers have generally found it dry. Also, 6th hour would be around noon-this is not the normal time, in which women would draw water, and it is why there are no other women at the well.* ⁷There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, **Give me to drink.** ⁸(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) ⁹Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. ¹⁰Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.** ¹¹The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? ¹²Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? ¹³Jesus answered and said unto her, **Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

¹⁵The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. ¹⁶Jesus saith unto her, **Go, call thy husband, and come hither.** ¹⁷The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, **Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.** ¹⁹The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. ²¹Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **TRUE** worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. 25The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. [*aléthinos: true. (lit: made of truth), real, genuine... "real because it is the full revelation of God's faithfulness"; I. that which has not only the name and semblance, but the real nature corresponding to the name-(John uses this 23 times)*] [JESUS REVEALS TO HER THAT HE IS I AM(ASEITY-AS THE UNCAUSED CAUSE, THE UNCREATED CREATOR, THE ONE WHO ORIGINATED EVERYTHING)]**

The Disciples Return and Marvel²⁷And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? ²⁸The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, ²⁹Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? ³⁰Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.³¹In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. ³²But he said unto them, **I have meat to eat that ye know not of.** ³³Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat? ³⁴Jesus saith unto them, **My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. 36And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. 37And**

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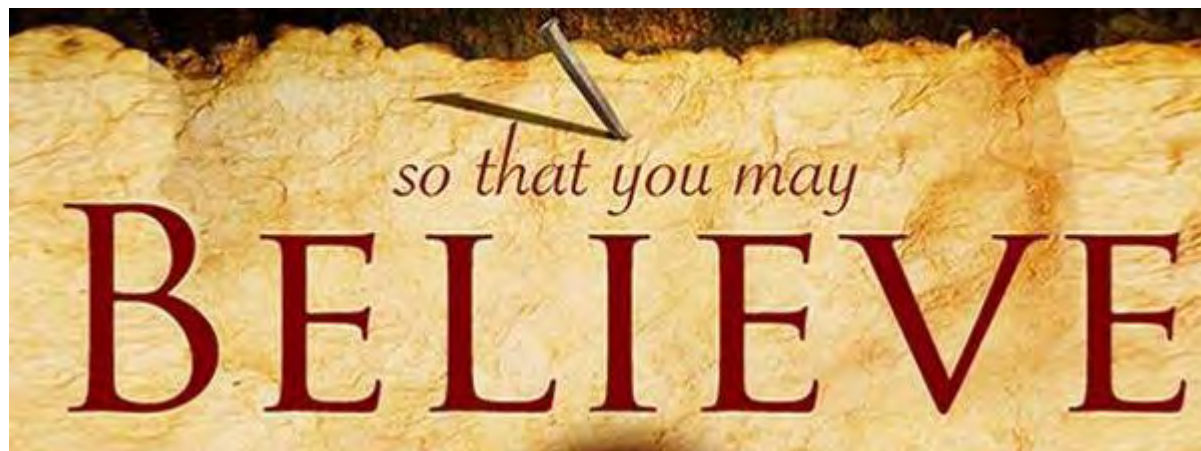
herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. 38I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

39And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. 40So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. 41And many more believed because of his own word; 42And said unto the woman, Now we believe, [4100 *pisteúō* From *pistis*; to have faith] not because of thy saying: for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

JOHN 4:43...Jesus Heals the Official's Son (ALSO FOUND IN *Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10*) 43Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee. 44For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honor in his own country. 45Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. 48Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. 49The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. 50Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed [4100 *pisteúō* From *pistis*; to have faith] the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. 51And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth. 52Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. 53So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. 54This is again the **SECOND SIGN** that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee. [sêmeion: a sign- a sign (typically miraculous), given especially to confirm, corroborate or authenticate. 4592 /sêmeion ("sign") then emphasizes the end-purpose which exalts the one giving it. Accordingly, it is used dozens of times in the NT for what authenticates the Lord and His eternal purpose, especially by doing what mere man can not replicate or take credit for.] ASK YOURSELF WHY

DOES JOHN PICK THIS MIRACLE AS THE "SECOND SIGN"?



JOHN 20:30-31 30And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

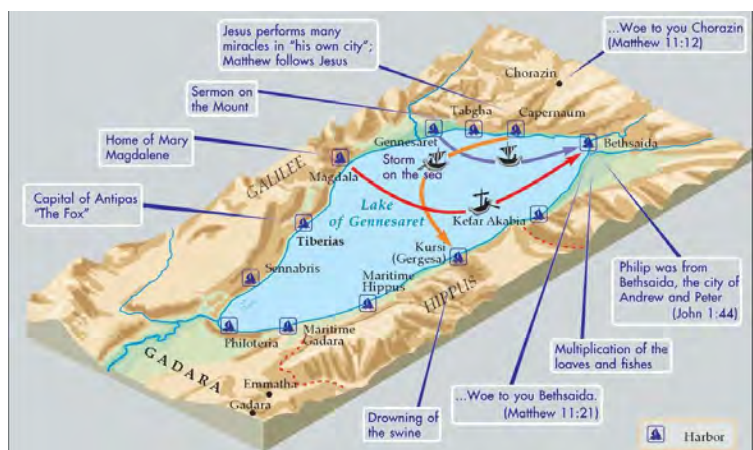
LUKE 7:1-10 1Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. 2And a

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certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. ³And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeking him that he would come and heal his servant. ⁴And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: ⁵For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. ⁶Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof: ⁷Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. ⁸For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*. ⁹When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. ¹⁰And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

Matthew 8:5 The Centurion's Great Faith (ALSO IN Luke 7:1-10; John 4:43-54) ⁵And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, ⁶And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. ⁷And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. ⁸The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. ⁹For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*. ¹⁰When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great **faith**, no, not in Israel. ¹¹And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. ¹²But the **children of the kingdom** shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ¹³And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, *so* be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.



[Faith is the avenue or the instrument God uses to bring salvation to His people. God gives faith because of His grace and mercy, because He loves us (Ephesians 4–5). Faith comes from God in the form of a gift] (Ephesians 2:8). ⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Lake of Gennesaret/aka: Sea of Galilee/aka: Lake Tiberias

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Mark 4:35 **35**And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, **Let us pass over unto the other side.** **36**And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. **37**And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. **38**And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, **Master, carest thou not that we perish?** **39**And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. **40**And he said unto them, **Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?** **41**And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the

wind and the sea obey him?

MATTHEW chapter 8:23 **23**And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. **24**And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: **but he was asleep.** **25**And his disciples came to *him*, and awoke him, saying, **Lord, save us: we perish.** **26**And he saith unto them, **Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. **27**But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Luke 8:22 **22**Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. **23**But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled *with water*, and were in jeopardy. **24**And they came to him,

and awoke him, saying, **Master, master, we perish.** Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. **25**And he said unto them, **Where is your faith?** And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary: *Those that put to sea in a calm, even at Christ's word, must yet prepare for a storm, and for great peril in that storm...the only relief for souls under a sense of guilt, and fear of wrath, is to go to Christ, and call him Master, and say, I am undone, if thou dost not help me. When our dangers are over, it becomes us to take to ourselves the shame of our own fears, and to give Christ the glory of our deliverance. We may learn much out of this history concerning the world of infernal, malignant spirits, which though not working now exactly in the same way as then, yet all must at all times carefully guard against. And these malignant spirits are very numerous. They have enmity to man and all his comforts. Those under Christ's government are sweetly led with the bands of love; those under the devil's government are furiously driven. Oh what a comfort it is to the believer, that all the powers of darkness are under the control of the Lord Jesus! It is a miracle of mercy, if those whom Satan possesses, are not brought to destruction and eternal ruin. Christ will not stay with those who slight him; perhaps he may no more return to them, while others are waiting for him, and glad to receive him.*

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Matthew 8:28 We are going to compare the synoptic accounts of the demons cast out at Gardenes. 28When Jesus arrived on the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gadarenes,^g two men who were possessed by demons met him. They came out of the tombs and were so violent that no one could go through that area.29They began screaming at him, "Why are you interfering with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before God's appointed time?"30There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding in the distance. 31So the demons begged, "If you cast us out, send us into that herd of pigs."32"**All right, go!**" Jesus commanded them. So the demons came out of the men and entered the pigs, and the whole herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.33The herdsmen fled to the nearby town, telling everyone what happened to the demon-possessed men. 34Then the entire town came out to meet Jesus, but they begged him to go away and leave them alone.

MARK 5: 1-201And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. (*Gadarenes means a place surrounded or walled*). 2And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: 4Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any *man* tame him. 5And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. 6But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, 7And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. 8For he said unto him, **Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.** 9And he asked him, **What is thy name?** And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion: for we are many. 10And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. 12And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. 13And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.14And they that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. 15And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. 16And they that saw *it* told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and *also* concerning the swine. 17And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

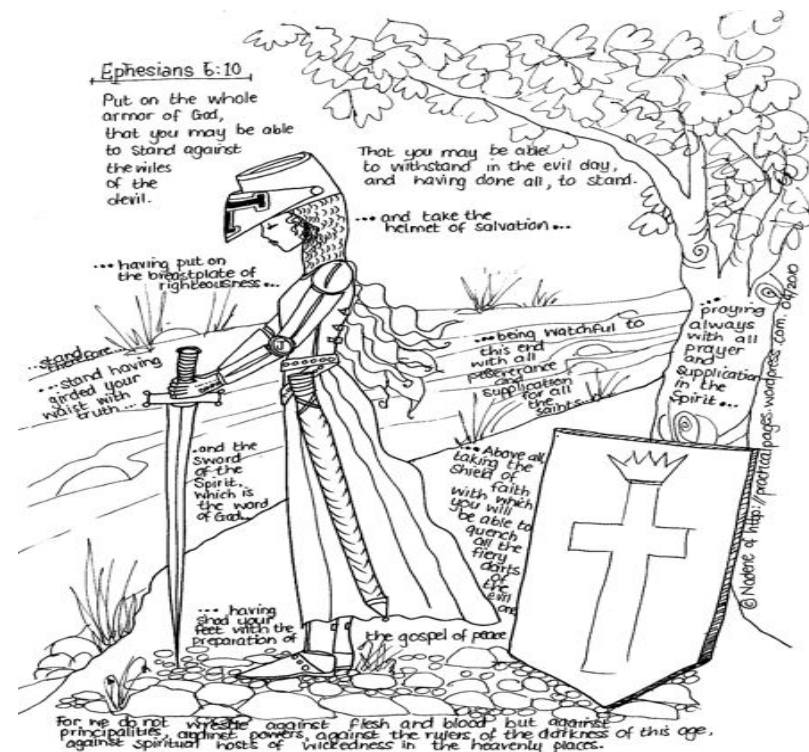
LUKE 8:26-3926And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. 27And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in *any* house, but in the tombs. 28When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. 29(For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) 30And Jesus asked him, saying, **What is thy name?** And he said, **Legion: because many devils were entered into him.** 31And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.32And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. 33Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.34When they that fed *them* saw what was done, they fled, and went and told *it* in the city and in the country. 35Then they went out to see what was done; and

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came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. **36**They also which saw *it* told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. **37**Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about **besought him to depart from them**; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.

In other instances the demons are cast out, but we don't know where they go. In this instance they are "allowed" to go into the pigs ● *To the Jews: The pig is a symbol of hypocrisy: It pretends to be a kosher animal.*



It pretends to be a kosher animal. The Midrash (ancient commentary on the Hebrew scripture) draws a comparison between the Roman empire and the pig: "Just as the pig sticks out its hooves when it is resting, as if to say "I am kosher," so did the Romans put on a show of justice to mask their avarice and corruption. . In the Old Testament God told Moses, "the pig, though it has a split hoof completely divided, does not chew the cud; it is unclean for you. You must not eat their meat or touch their carcasses; they are unclean for you." (Leviticus 11:7-8) On the other hand, many of the Pagan nations regarded the swine as an emblem of the productive power of nature. They sacrificed them to those deities to whom they ascribed the fertility of the soil, and the fruitfulness of cattle. The Egyptians offered them in honor of Isis and Osiris once a year at the festival of the full moon. The Athenians, too, offered the swine in their mysteries; so did the Boetians and the early Romans.

CAN DEMONS POSSESS A BELIEVER? (What about Mathew 12:45-an unclean spirit goes out, comes back and seven return) **Matt 12:43** **43**When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. **44**Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished. **45**Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

EPHESIANS 1:13(SEALED BY THE SPIRIT) **13**In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **14**Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

2 COR 1:21 **21**Now he which establishes us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; **22**Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

EPH 2:2 NLT^a-**1**Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. **2**You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. **a**He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. **3**All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

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Romans 8:37-39 **37**No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. **38**And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, ^p neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. **39**No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 6:11-18 **11**Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12**For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. **13**Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14**Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **15**And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16**Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **17**And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **18**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary 6:10-18 Spiritual strength and courage are needed for our spiritual warfare and suffering. Those who would prove themselves to have true grace, must aim at all grace; and put on the whole armor of God, which he prepares and bestows. ... The combat is not against human enemies, nor against our own corrupt nature only; but with an enemy who has a thousand ways of beguiling unstable souls. The devils assault us in the things that belong to our souls, and labor to deface the heavenly image in our hearts. We must resolve by God's grace, not to yield to Satan. Resist him, and he will flee.

Next study Mathew 9-As we read the bible study today, pay attention to the tie between healing faith and grace.

Jesus Heals a Paralytic (also found in *Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26*) **Matthew 9:11** And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. **2**And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and **Jesus seeing their faith** said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. **3**And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth. **4**And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, **Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5**For whether is easier, to say, *Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?* **6**But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) **Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.** **7**And he arose, and departed to his house. **8**But when the multitudes saw *it*, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Let's compare this to the account in the Gospel of Mark. Notice Jesus commented on THEIR FAITH and asks which is easier-to be healed or forgiven?

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man **Mark Chapter 2** When Jesus returned to Capernaum (the first time in Capernaum was after turning water into wine) several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. **2**Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room even outside the door. He was speaking to them the word, [3056 /*lógos* ("word") is preeminently used of *Christ* (Jn 1:1), expressing the *thoughts* of the Father through the Spirit.] and **3**four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. **4**They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. **5**Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, **"My child, your sins are forgiven."** [5043 *téknon* – properly, a *child*, (figuratively) anyone living in *full dependence* on the heavenly *Father*; i.e. fully (*willingly*) relying upon the Lord in *glad submission* This prompts God to *transform* them into *Hs likeness*] **6**But some of the teachers of religious law who

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were sitting there thought to themselves, ⁷“What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!” ⁸Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking ...



Jesus knew what they were thinking..what was in their mind/heart.

Jeremiah 17:9-10-⁹“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked.

Who really knows how bad it is?

¹⁰But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives.

I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.”

so he asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? ⁹Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk?’ ¹⁰So I will prove to you that the **Son of Man** has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, ¹¹“Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!” ¹²And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, “We’ve never seen anything like this before!”

Jesus Calls Matthew*(also found in Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32)* *Matthew chapter 9:9* And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. ¹⁰And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? ¹²But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. ¹³But go ye and learn what meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Jesus Questioned about Fasting*(also found in Mark 2:18-20; Luke 5:33-35)* ¹⁴Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? ¹⁵And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber **mourn**, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.

The Patches and Wineskins*(also found in Mark 2:21-22; Luke 5:36-39)* ¹⁶No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. ¹⁷Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

His disciples were knew to the Gospel, just as all the world was, and they were not to fast while Jesus was with them, but to learn and be renewed. This is why they were not to fast and this is the first time in Matthew where Jesus states he will be leaving them.

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The Healing Touch of Jesus*(also found in Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56)*¹⁸While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, [*Mark and Luke specify the ruler's name as Jairus*]**and worshipped him**, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. ¹⁹And Jesus arose, and followed him, and *so did* his disciples.

²⁰And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment: ²¹For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. ²²But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, **Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour.

²³And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, ²⁴He said unto them, **Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth.** And they laughed him to scorn. ²⁵But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. ²⁶And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

Compare this to the account in Mark. Mark gives much more detail to the woman with the issue of blood. Notice how there were throngs of people around him, and yet he realized power had gone out of him. This is the FAITH-HEALING-GRACE relationship. Her faith led to her action and to her healing by the power of God.

MARK 5:21-43²¹And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him and he was nigh unto the sea. ²²And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him he fell at his feet, ²³And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: *I pray thee*, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. ²⁴And *Jesus* went with him and much people followed him, and thronged him.²⁵And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, ²⁶And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, ²⁷When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. ²⁹And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague. ³⁰And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, **Who touched my clothes?** ³¹And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? ³²And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. ³³But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. ³⁴And he said unto her, **Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.**

³⁵While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house certain* which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? ³⁶As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. ³⁷And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. ³⁹And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

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40And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him and entereth in where the damsel was lying. 41And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, **Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.** 42And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was *of the age* of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. 43And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

Jesus only allowed Peter, James and John to be present at this miracle and at the transfiguration. A strand of three.. Who God chooses He chooses and who He wills, He wills

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men-Matthew 9:27And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, **Son of David**, have mercy on us. 28And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, **Believe ye that I am able to do this?** They said unto him, Yea, Lord. 29Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith be it unto you.** 30And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straightly charged them, saying, **See that no man know it.** 31But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country. **Jesus Heals a Mute Man**(*see also Isaiah 35:1-10; Mark 7:31-37*)32As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. 33And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. 34But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.**The Sheep and the Harvest**35And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.36But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37Then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.**

Prophetically, the Messiah's miracles were foretold and also, that "wayfaring" men would be chosen. The first Christians were called "the way" and in John 14:6Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life and no man comes unto the father but by me.

Isaiah 35:5-10s THE GLORY OF ZION: 1The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.2It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.3Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.4Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.6Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.7And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.8And an highway shall be there, **and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness;** the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: **the wayfaring men**, though fools, shall not err *therein*.9No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; **but the redeemed shall walk there:**10And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow

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and sighing shall flee away. *One of the occurrences where the OT shows healing of the blind, lame and dumb are miracles and signs the Messiah will do.*

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary³⁵: 5-10 When Christ shall come to set up his kingdom in the world, then wonders, great wonders, shall be wrought on men's souls. By the word and Spirit of Christ, the spiritually blind were enlightened; and those deaf to the calls of God were made to hear them readily. Those unable to do any thing good, by Divine grace were made active therein. Those that knew not how to speak of God or to God, had their lips opened to show forth his praise. When the Holy Ghost came upon the Gentiles that heard the word, then were the fountains of life opened. Most of the earth is still a desert; neither means of grace, spiritual worshippers, nor fruits of holiness, are to be found in it. But the way of religion and godliness shall be laid open. The way of holiness is the way of God's commandment; it is the good old way. And the way to heaven is a plain way. Those knowing but little, and unlearned, shall be kept from missing the road. It shall be a safe way; nothing can do them any real hurt. Christ, the way to God, shall be clearly made known; and the way of a believer's duty shall be plainly marked out. Let us then go forward cheerfully, assured that the end of this way shall be everlasting joy, and rest for the soul. Those who by faith are made citizens of the gospel Zion, rejoice in Christ Jesus; and their sorrows and sighs are made to flee away by Divine consolations. Thus these prophecies conclude. Our joyful hopes and prospects of eternal life should swallow up all the sorrows and all the joys of this present time.^b

Next study--The Ministry of the Twelve(also found in *Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6*) (*Berean Study Bible*)**MATTHEW CHAPTER 10-5**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, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers,^a drive out demons. [*In the last study, Matthew chapter 9-Jesus did all of these healings*] Freely you have received; freely give. **9**Do not carry any gold or silver or copper in your belts. **10**Take no bag for the road, or second tunic, or sandals, or staff; for the worker is worthy of his provisions. **11**Whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy and stay at his house until you move on. **12**As you enter the house, greet its occupants. **13**If the home is worthy, let your peace rest on it; 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(*Paul references this passage in 2 Timothy 1:6-12*)**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 on account of My name, but the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. **23**When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. 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

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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 Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

Fear God Alone(also found in *Luke 12:2-7*)**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 light; 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?^b 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.

Confessing Christ(also found in *Luke 12:8-12*)**32**Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father in heaven. **33**But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father in heaven.

The Sword of the Gospel(also found in *Luke 12:49-53*)**34**Do not assume that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35**For I have come to turn ‘A man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. **36**A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ (*Revelation 1:16*)

Take up Your Cross(see also *Matthew 16:24-28; Mark 8:34-38; Luke 9:23-27*)**37**Anyone 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; **38**and anyone who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. **39**Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.



THE REWARD OF SERVICE...And 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.”

THE REWARD OF SERVICE(referenced in *2 Kings 4:8-17*)**40**He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. **41**Whoever 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. **42**And 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.”

The Shunammite Woman 2 Kings 4: 8-37(referenced of *Matthew 10:40-42-receiving a prophet and the reward of service*)**8**One day Elisha went to Shunem, and a prominent woman who lived there persuaded him to have a meal. So whenever he would pass by, he would stop there to eat. **9**Then the woman said to her husband, “Behold, now I know that the one who often comes our way is a holy man of God. **10**Please let us make a small room upstairs and put in it a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp for him. Then when he comes to us, he can stay there.” **11**One

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day Elisha came to visit and went to his upper room to lie down. **12**And he said to Gehazi his servant, “Call the Shunammite woman.” And when he had called her, she stood before him, **13**and Elisha said to Gehazi, “Now tell her, ‘Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us. What can we do for you? Can we speak on your behalf to the king or the commander of the army?’” “I have a home among my own people,” she replied. **14**So he asked, “Then what should be done for her?” “Well, she has no son,” Gehazi replied, “and her husband is old.” **15**“Call her,” said Elisha. So Gehazi called her, and she stood in the doorway. **16**And Elisha declared, “At this time next year, you will hold a son in your arms.” “No, my lord,” she said. “Do not lie to your maidservant, O man of God.” **17**But the woman did conceive, and at that time the next year she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son**18**And the child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the harvesters. **19**“My head! My head!” he complained to his father. So his father told a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” **20**After the servant had picked him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. **21**And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. Then she shut the door and went out. **22**And the woman called her husband and said, “Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may go quickly to the man of God and return.” **23**“Why would you go to him today?” he replied. “It is not a New Moon or a Sabbath.” “Everything is all right,” she said. **24**Then she saddled the donkey and told her servant, “Drive onward; do not slow the pace for me unless I tell you.” **25**So she set out and went to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her at a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look, there is the Shunammite woman. **26**Please run out now to meet her and ask, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?’”

And she answered, “Everything is all right.” **27**When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she clung to his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for her soul is in deep distress, and the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me.” **28**Then she said, “Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn’t I say, ‘Do not deceive me?’” **29**So Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tie up your garment, take my staff in your hand, and go! If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not answer him. Then lay my staff on the boy’s face.” **30**And the mother of the boy said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her. **31**Gehazi went on ahead of them and laid the staff on the boy’s face, but there was no sound or response. So he went back to meet Elisha and told him, “The boy has not awakened.” **32**When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his bed. **33**So he went in, closed the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. **34**Then Elisha got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eye to eye, and hand to hand. As he stretched himself out over him, the boy’s body became warm. **35**Elisha turned away and paced back and forth across the room. Then he got on the bed and stretched himself out over the boy again, and the boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. **36**Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite woman.” So he called her and she came. Then Elisha said, “Pick up your son.” **37**She came in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

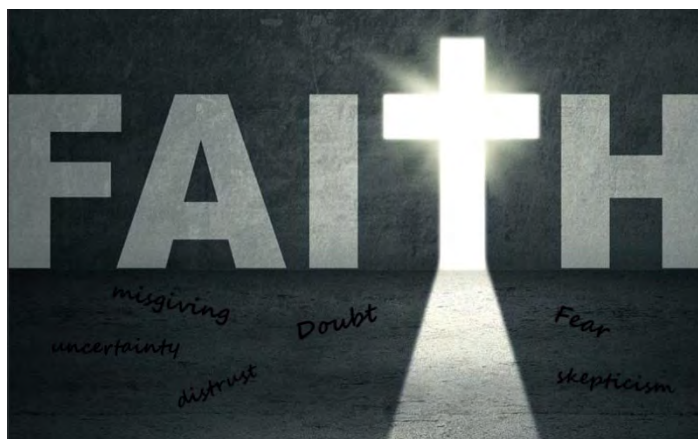
*MATTHEW HENRY’S CONCISE COMMENTARY*4:4-37 -...[REWARD:]The Lord sees the secret wish which is suppressed in obedience to his will, and he will hear the prayers of his servants in behalf of their benefactors, by sending unasked-for and unexpected mercies ...[TEST OF FAITH]:Here is the sudden death of the child. All the mother's tenderness cannot keep alive a child of promise, a child of prayer, one given in love. But how admirably does the prudent, pious mother, guard her lips under this sudden affliction! Such confidence had she of God's goodness, that she was ready to believe that he would restore what he had now taken away. O woman, great is thy faith! He that wrought it, would not disappoint it. The sorrowful mother begged leave of her husband to go to the prophet at once. It well becomes the men of God, to inquire about the welfare of their friends and their families. The answer was, It is well. All well, and yet the child dead in the

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house! Yes! All is well that God does; all is well with them that are gone, if they are gone to heaven; and all well with us that stay behind, if, by the affliction, we are furthered in our way (to the Kingdom). When any creature-comfort is taken from us, it is well if we can say, through grace, that we did not set our hearts too much upon it; for if we did, we have reason to fear it was given in anger, and taken away in wrath. Elisha cried unto God in faith; and the beloved son was restored alive to his mother. Those who would convey spiritual life to dead souls, must feel deeply for their case, and labor fervently in prayer for them.

James 5:16 **16**Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power to prevail.



NEXT STUDY-Jesus and John the Baptist-Matthew chapter 11-(found also in Luke 7 :18-35)**NLT^a****1**When Jesus had finished giving these instructions to his twelve disciples, he went out to teach and preach in towns throughout the region. **2**John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, **3**“Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?”**4**Jesus told them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen— **5**the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.” **6**And he added, “God blesses those who do not fall away because of me.”

7As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. “**What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? 8Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces. 9Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet. 10John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you. (MALACHI 3:1& Isaiah 40:3) 11‘I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived (born of women), none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is! Ponder that, it is because he is of the OT salvation under the law, not under the resurrection and redemption of Jesus’ sacrifice.**

12And from the time John the Baptist began preaching until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people are attacking it. **13**For before John came, all the prophets and the law of Moses looked forward to this present time. **14**And if you are willing to accept what I say, he is Elijah, the one the prophets said would come. **15**Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand! **16**“To what can I compare this generation? It is like children playing a game in the public square. They complain to their friends,**17**‘We played wedding songs,and you didn’t dance,so we played funeral songs,and you didn’t mourn.’**18**For John didn’t spend his time eating and drinking, and you say, ‘He’s possessed by a demon.’ **19**The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, ‘He’s a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!’ But wisdom is shown to be right by its results.”

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Read also (for context) Mark 1:15, Luke 16:14-18, Luke 17:21

JUDGMENT FOR THE UNBELIEVERS 20Then Jesus began to denounce the towns where he had done so many of his miracles, because they hadn't repented of their sins and turned to God. 21**“What sorrow awaits you, Korazin and Bethsaida! For if the miracles I did in you had been done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented of their sins long ago, clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse. 22I tell you, Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you.23“And you people of Capernaum, will you be honored in heaven? No, you will go down to the place of the dead. For if the miracles I did for you had been done in wicked Sodom, it would still be here today. 24I tell you, even Sodom will be better off on judgment day than you.”**

ROMANS 1:18-32 GOD'S ANGER AT SIN 18But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. 19They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. 20For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. 21**Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks.** And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. 22Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. 23And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles. 24**So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired.** As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. 25They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! **AMEN.**

26That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. 27And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. 28**Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God,** he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. 29Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. 30They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. 31They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. 32They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

Matthew Henry's Commentary:1:26-32 In the horrid depravity of the heathen, the truth of our Lord's words was shown: Light was come into the world, but men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil; for he that doeth evil hateth the light. The truth was not to their taste. And we all know how soon a man will contrive, against the strongest evidence, to reason himself out of the belief of what he dislikes. But a man cannot be brought to greater slavery than to be given up to his own lusts. As the Gentiles did not like to keep God in their knowledge, they committed crimes wholly against reason and their own welfare. The nature of man, whether pagan or Christian, is still the same; and the charges of the apostle apply more or less to the state and character of men at all times, till they are brought to full submission to the faith of Christ, and renewed by Divine power. There never yet was a man, who had not reason to

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lament his strong corruptions, and his secret dislike to the will of God. Therefore this chapter is a call to self-examination, the end of which should be, a deep conviction of sin, and of the necessity of deliverance from a state of condemnation.

JESUS' PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING-(also found Luke10:21)MATTHEW 11:25At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. 26Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way!27“My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”28Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

JESUS' PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING-LUKE 10:2121In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, **I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. 22All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.23**And he turned him unto *his* disciples, and said privately, **Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: 24For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.**

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN –LUKE 10:25And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26He said unto him, **What is written in the law? how readest thou? 27**And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. 28And he said unto him, **Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. 29**But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

30And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. 31And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on *him*, and passed by on the other side. 33But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on *him*, 34And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, **Go, and do thou likewise.**

MARTHA AND MARY...38Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41And Jesus

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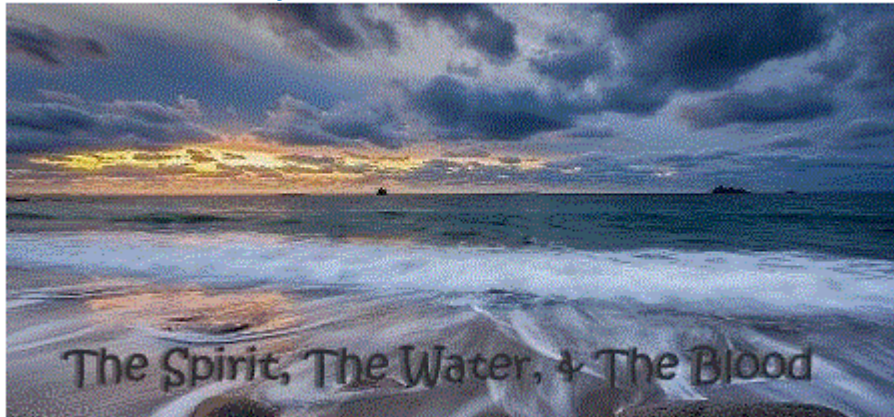
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answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: **42**But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

[WORLDY business, entertaining, time wasting, is a snare to us when it hinders us from serving God-Mary had discovered the one thing worth being concerned about.]

John 6:27 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."

Matthew 12 also found in [\(1 Samuel 21:1-9; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5\)](#)KJV



The Spirit, The Water and The Blood

1At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. **2**But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. **3**But he said unto them, **Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; 4**How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? **5**Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? **6**But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple. **7**But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.**8**For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath—also found in [\(Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11\)](#)**9**And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: **10**And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. **11**And he said unto them, **What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out? 12**How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. **13**Then saith he to the man, **Stretch forth thine hand.** And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. **14**Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

God's Chosen Servant ([Isaiah 42:1-9](#))**15**But when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; **16**And charged them that they should not make him known: **17**That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias (Isaiah)the prophet, saying,**18**Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.**19**He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.**20**A bruised reed shall he not break,

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and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.²¹And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

A House Divided also found in...(Mark 3:20-27; Luke 11:14-23)²²Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. ²³And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? ²⁴But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.²⁵And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, **Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: ²⁶And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? ²⁷And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges. ²⁸But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. ²⁹Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.³⁰He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.**

The Unpardonable Sin...see also (Mark 3:28-30)KJV ³¹Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the *Holy* Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. ³²And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come.

COMMENTARY: We should not worry, thinking we have committed this sin, because when we are convicted or fearful that we might have committed this sin, that response in and of itself, shows repentance. This is a sin that has no road of repentance because it has attained entire enmity with God. In other words, conviction is the sign that you have the Holy Spirit working in your life.

1 John 5-NLT^a -Faith in the Son of God-NLT^a¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ^a has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. ²We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. ³Loving God means keeping his commandments and his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.⁶And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. ⁷So we have these three witnesses^c— ⁸the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree. ⁹Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. ¹⁰All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about his Son.¹¹And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

¹³I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. ¹⁴And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. ¹⁵And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.¹⁶If you see a fellow believer sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life. **But**

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there is a sin that leads to death, and I am not saying you should pray for those who commit it. **17**All wicked actions are sin, but not every sin leads to death. **18**We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. **19**We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one. **20**And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God.^e And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life. **21**Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.

JOHN 10:11 **"I am** the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. **12**A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. **13**The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.

14"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, **15**just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. **16**I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

17"The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. **18**No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."

19When he said these things, the people^c were again divided in their opinions about him. **20**Some said, "He's demon possessed and out of his mind. Why listen to a man like that?" **21**Others said, "This doesn't sound like a man possessed by a demon! Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

Jesus Claims to Be the Son of God **22**It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. **23**He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. **24**The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

25Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. **The proof** is the work I do in my Father's name. **26**But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. 27My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, 29for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. 30No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. 30The Father and I are one."

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Restore Wandering Believers James 5:19-20 My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, **20**you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

THE STUDY CONTINUES IN MATTHEW, JESUS HAD JUST WARNED OF BLASPHEMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE PHARISEES... [MATTHEW](#)

[12:33-50](#) ([Matthew 7:15-23](#); [Luke 6:43-45](#)) **33**Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* fruit. **34**O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. **35**A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil

man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. **36**But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. **37**For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

MATTHEW HENRY'S CONCISE COMMENTARY: MATT. 12:33-37 Men's language discovers what country they are of, likewise what manner of spirit they are of. The heart is the fountain, words are the streams. A troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring, must send forth muddy and unpleasant streams. Nothing but the salt of grace, cast into the spring, will heal the waters, season the speech, and purify the corrupt communication. An evil man has an evil treasure in his heart, and out of it brings forth evil things. Lusts and corruptions, dwelling and reigning in the heart, are an evil treasure, out of which the sinner brings forth bad words and actions, to dishonor God, and hurt others. Let us keep constant watch over ourselves, that we may speak words agreeable to the Christian character.

The Sign of Jonah (see also [Luke 11:29-32](#)) **38**Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. **39**But he answered and said unto them, An evil and **adulterous** generation ([JEREMIAH 3](#), [EZEKIEL 16](#), [HOSEA 1,2](#)) seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: **40**For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. **41**The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas *is* here. **42**The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon *is* here.

Return of an Unclean Spirit (see also [Luke 11:24-26](#)) **43**When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. **44**Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished. **45**Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Jesus' Mother and Brothers (see also [Mark 3:31-35](#); [Luke 8:19-21](#)) **46**While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. **47**Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. **48**But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? **49**And he stretched forth his hand toward his

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disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! [50](#)For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seed [NLT^a][Matthew 13:1](#)Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. [2](#)A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. [3](#)He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. [4](#)As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. [5](#)Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. [6](#)But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn’t have deep roots, they died. [7](#)Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. [8](#)Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! [9](#)Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”[10](#)His disciples came and asked him, “Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?”[11](#)He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets^a of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. [12](#)To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. [13](#)That is why I use these parables,For they look, but they don’t really see. They hear, but they don’t really listen or understand.[14](#)This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, ‘When you hear what I say, you will not understand.When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. [15](#)For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes—so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.’ [16](#)“But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. [17](#)I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn’t see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn’t hear it.[18](#)“**Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds:** [19](#)The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. [20](#)The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. [21](#)But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. [22](#)The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. [23](#)The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!” [also found in [Mark 4:13-20](#)]

The Parable of the Weeds [KJV][\[TARES ARE WEEDS THAT LOOK A LOT LIKE WHEAT, THEY ARE COUNTERFEIT WHEAT\]](#) [24](#)Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: [25](#)But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares [\[WEEDS\]](#) among the wheat, and went his way. [26](#)But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. [27](#)So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? [28](#)He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? [29](#)But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. [30](#)Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. [[the Chosen gathered to the King](#)]

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The Parable of the Mustard Seed (FOUND ALSO IN Mark 4:30-34; Luke 13:18-19)³¹ Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: ³²Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. [THE PARABLE SPEAKS TO THE EXTENT OF THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD]

The Parable of the Leaven (ALSO FOUND IN Luke 13:20-21)³³ Another parable spake He unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. [THIS SHORT PARABLE SPEAKS TO THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM AND DESCRIBES TRUE BELIEVERS AND UNTRUE-BOTH WILL GO THROUGH UNTIL THE WHOLE WAS LEAVENED]

I will Open My Mouth in Parables³⁴ All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:³⁵ That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. (PSALM 78)

Parable of the Wheat and Weeds Explained [NLT^a] ³⁶ Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, “Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field.”³⁷ Jesus replied, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. ³⁹ The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.⁴⁰ “Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² And the angels 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 their Father’s Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl⁴⁴ “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.⁴⁵ “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. ⁴⁶ When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!

Parable of the Fishing Net (Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-42)⁴⁷ “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹ That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, ⁵⁰ throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ Do you understand all these things?” “Yes,” they said, “we do.”⁵² Then he added, “Every teacher of religious law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom new gems of truth as well as old.”

Commentary: 13:44-52 Here are four parables. 1. That of the treasure hid in the field. Many slight the gospel, because they look only upon the surface of the field. But all who search the Scriptures, so as in them to find Christ and eternal life, Joh 5:39, will discover such

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treasure in this field as makes it unspeakably valuable; they make it their own upon any terms. Though nothing can be given as a price for this salvation, yet much must be given up for the sake of it. 2. All the children of men are busy; one would be rich, another would be honorable, another would be learned; but most are deceived, and take up with counterfeits for pearls. Jesus Christ is a Pearl of great price; in having him, we have enough to make us happy here and forever... When the convinced sinner sees Christ as the gracious Savior, all things else become worthless to his thoughts. 3. The world is a vast sea, and men, in their natural state, are like the fishes. Preaching the gospel is casting a net into this sea, to catch something out of it, for His glory who has the sovereignty of this sea. Hypocrites and true Christians shall be parted: miserable is the condition of those that shall then be cast away. 4. A skillful, faithful minister of the gospel, is a scribe, well versed in the things of the gospel, and able to teach them. Christ compares him to a good householder, who brings forth fruits of last year's growth and this year's gathering, abundance and variety, to entertain his friends. Old experiences and new observations, all have their use. Our place is at Christ's feet, and we must daily learn old lessons over again, and new ones also.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth (SEE ASO: *Isaiah 61:1-11; Matthew 2:19-23; Mark 6:1-6; Luke 2:39-40; Luke 4:16-30*)⁵³When Jesus had finished telling these stories and illustrations, he left that part of the country. ⁵⁴He returned to Nazareth, his hometown. When he taught there in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said, “Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?” ⁵⁵Then they scoffed, “He’s just the carpenter’s son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers—James, Joseph,^f Simon, and Judas. ⁵⁶All his sisters live right here among us. Where did he learn all these things?” ⁵⁷And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, “**A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family.**” ⁵⁸And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.

Commentary: *He did not many mighty works there, because of their unbelief. Unbelief is the great hindrance to Christ's favors.*

The Beheading of John—MATTHEW CHAPTER 14 (also in *Mark 6:14-29; Luke 9:7-9*)¹At that time Herod the tetrarch [*the word "tetrarch": signifying one that has the "fourth" part of government-later came to refer to ruler of any province subject to the Roman emperor*] heard of the fame of Jesus, ²And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. ³For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. ⁴For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. ⁵And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. ⁶But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. ⁷Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. ⁸And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. ⁹And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given *her*. ¹⁰And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. ¹¹And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought *it* to her mother. ¹²And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus. [*This shows the wide spread and enthusiastic word getting back to Herod. Jesus is very well known at this point.*]

The Feeding of the Five Thousand (*found in all 4 gospels-the only other miracle in all 4 is the resurrection! See Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15*)¹³When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard *thereof*, they followed him on foot out of the cities. ¹⁴And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their

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sick. **15**And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. **16**But Jesus said unto them, **They need not depart; give ye them to eat.** **17**And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. **18**He said, **Bring them hither to me.** **19**And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to *his* disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. **20**And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. **21**And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. *[This miracle reflects the symbol of Jesus being the "bread of life". Note that only the men were counted as 5000, so the total could have been much more-7000?10,000? Could have been 25,000.... Elisha had performed a similar miracle on a smaller scale, therefore, this miracle was well known to be a sign from the LORD to the Israelites. -----See 2 KINGS 4:42]* **22**Now a man from Baal-shalishah came to the man of God with a sack of twenty loaves of barley bread from the first ripe grain. "Give it to the people to eat," said Elisha. **43**But his servant asked, "How am I to set twenty loaves before a hundred men?" "Give it to the people to eat," said Elisha, "for this is what the LORD says: They will eat and have some left over." **44**So he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand Mark 6:33-44 **33**And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. **34**And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. **35**And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert



place, and now the time *is* far passed: **36**Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. **37**He answered and said unto them, **Give ye them to eat.** And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? **38**He saith unto them, **How many loaves have ye? go and see.** And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. **39**And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. **40**And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. **41**And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave *them* to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. **42**And they did all eat, and were filled. **43**And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. **44**And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand John chapter 5 (*Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17*) **1**After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is *the sea* of Tiberias. **2**And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. **3**And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. **4**And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. **5**When Jesus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? **6**And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. **7**Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. *[Jesus is testing Philip and he failed]* **8**One of his

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disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, **9**There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? **10**And Jesus said, **Make the men sit down.** Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. **11**And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. **12**When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. **13**Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. **14**Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.**15**When **Jesus therefore perceived** that they would **come and take him by force, to make him a king,** he departed again into a mountain himself alone. *[This miracle is one of creating food for a huge crowd-and yet the disciples are not understanding the magnitude or Phillip would have said Lord you can provide bread from Heaven just as God did in the wilderness. After this MIRACLE, the people wanted him to be a King that would overthrow the Roman government, but this would not be the Father's design for His son. Note in the following verse, he has to force the disciples to go away and He sends away the crowds.]*

Jesus Walks on Water- Matthew 14(*also found in Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-25*)**22**And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. **23**And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. **24**But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. **25**And in the fourth watch of the night [*3 to 6 am*]Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. **26**And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. **27**But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.****28**And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. **29**And he said, **Come.** And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. **30**But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. **31**And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?** **32**And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. **33**Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Jesus Walks on Water MARK CHAPTER 6(*Matthew 14:22-33; John 6:16-25*)**45**And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. **46**And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. **47**And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. **48**And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. **49**But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: **50**For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, **Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.** **51**And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. **52**For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.*[Only in Matthew's account is Peter described to have also walked on the water. Mark's account adds that the disciples had not considered the miracle of the loaves possibly because Mark's account is a recollection of Peter's mental state of the disciples. In other words, when they saw Jesus feed over 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish, it should have registered that He is sovereign overall but they are only astonished when he quiets the sea or walks on the water or gets them miraculously to shore.]*

Jesus Walks on Water- NLT^a John Chapter 6**16**That evening Jesus' disciples went down to the shore to wait for him. **17**But as darken-ss fell and Jesus still hadn't come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum. **18**Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough. **19**They had rowed three or four miles^d when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, **20**but he called out to them, **"Don't be afraid. I am here!"** **21**Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination!**22**The next day the crowd that had stayed on the far shore saw that the disciples had taken the only boat, and they realized Jesus had not gone with them. **23**Several boats from Tiberias landed near the place where

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the Lord had blessed the bread and the people had eaten. **24**So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went across to Capernaum to look for him. **25**They found him on the other side of the lake and asked, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

26Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. **27**But don’t be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval.” **28**They replied, “We want to perform God’s works, too. What should we do?” **29**Jesus told them, “This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent.” **30**They answered, “Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? **31**After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed through the wilderness! The Scriptures say, ‘Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” **32**Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, Moses didn’t give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. **33**The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” **34**“Sir,” they said, “give us that bread every day.” **35**Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. **36**But you haven’t believed in me even though you have seen me. **37**However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. **38**For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. **39**And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. **40**For it is my Father’s will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day.” **41**Then the people^h began to murmur in disagreement because he had said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” **42**They said, “Isn’t this Jesus, the son of Joseph? We know his father and mother. How can he say, ‘I came down from heaven’?” **43**But Jesus replied, “**Stop complaining about what I said.** **44**For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up. *[We learn that those who come to Christ, and who will be saved, are given to him by God. God enables those who do believe to do it. He draws them to Him by His Word and Spirit; "He opens their hearts to understand the Scriptures Acts 16:14; and He grants to them repentance, Acts 11:18; 2 Timothy 2:25. Ephesians 1:4-5 that, "he hath chosen us in him (that is, in Christ) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will."]*

45As it is written in the Scriptures,ⁱ ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. [*written in the scriptures...as in Isaiah 54:13 and Jeremiah 31:34*]**Isaiah 54:13**Then all your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their prosperity. **Jeremiah 31:34** No longer will each man teach his neighbor or his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquities and will remember their sins no more." [*Knowing Jesus came to do the will of His Father-He answers in specific ways to be sure it is incontrovertible. “It is written...” “Have you never read...” “Search the scripture..” “He who has ears let him hear”...This confirms it is the will of his FATHER and it is fulfilling the law and prophecies of the prophets.*]**46**(Not that anyone has ever seen the Father; only I, who was sent from God, have seen him.)**47**“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life. **48**Yes, I am the bread of life! **49**Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died. **50**Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die. **51**I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh.”**52**Then the people began arguing with each other about what he meant. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” they asked.**53**So Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. **54**But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. **55**For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. **56**Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. **57**I live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me. **58**I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever.” **59**He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. **60**Many of his disciples said, “This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?”**61**Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, “Does this offend you? **62**Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? **63**The Spirit alone gives

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eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. **64**But some of you do not believe me.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn’t believe, and he knew who would betray him.) **65**Then he said, “That is why I said that people can’t come to me unless the Father gives them to me.”

The Purpose of John's Book John 20:30And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: **31**But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

...saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.



Next study-Defilement Comes from Within (NKJV) (also found in Mark 7:1-23) Matthew chapter 15-1Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, **2**“Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.” **3**He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? **4**For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ **5**But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God” — **6**then he need not honor his father [a]or mother.’ Thus you have made the commandment

of God of no effect by your tradition. **7**Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: **8**‘These people [c]draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me.**9**And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.’ **10**When He had called the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, “Hear and understand: **11**Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.” **12**Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” **13**But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. **14**Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.” **15**Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Explain this parable to us.” **16**So Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding? **17**Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? **18**But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. **19**For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. **20**These are *the things* which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

A Gentile Shows Her Faith-21Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. [*Jesus has passed beyond the bounds of Israel*] **22**And behold, a woman of Canaan [*As a Canaanite, this woman would be a descendent of a race who were enemies of Israel*] came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” **23**But He

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answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”²⁴But He answered and said, “**I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**”²⁵Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”²⁶But He answered and said, “**It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.**”²⁷And she said, “**Yes, Lord,** yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”²⁸Then Jesus answered and said to her, “**O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.**” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Mark 7:24-31 ²⁴From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre ^[h]and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden. ²⁵For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. ²⁶The woman was a ^[i]Greek, a ^[j]Syro-Phoenician by birth, [*Jesus traveling to these regions was the prophetic and symbolic of the “grafting in” of the Gentiles. Ephesians 2:11-13 & Romans 11*] and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷But Jesus said to her, “**Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.**”²⁸And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.”²⁹Then He said to her, “**For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.**”³⁰And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.³¹Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee.

Feeding the Four Thousand (also found in Mark 8:1-10)-Matthew 15:29 Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. ³⁰Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them *the* lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus’ feet, and He healed them. ³¹So the multitude marveled when they saw *the* mute speaking, *the* ^[e]maimed made whole, *the* lame walking, and *the* blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel. ³²Now Jesus called His disciples to *Himself* and said, “**I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.**”³³Then His disciples said to Him, “Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?”³⁴Jesus said to them, “**How many loaves do you have?**” And they said, “Seven, and a few little fish.”³⁵So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. ³⁶And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke *them* and gave *them* to His disciples; and the disciples *gave* to the multitude. ³⁷So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left. ³⁸Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of ^[f]Magdala. [*blessed and broke and multiplied to the Gentiles-as the Jews continue to reject and threaten Him*].

The Pharisees Seek a Sign (Also found Matthew 16:1-12, & Luke 12:54-56) *Mark 8:11-21-11* Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. ¹²But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, “**Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation.**” ¹³And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side. ¹⁴Now ^[a]the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁵Then He charged them, saying, “**Take heed, beware of the ^[b]leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.**”¹⁶And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “*It is because we have no bread.*”¹⁷But Jesus, being aware of *it*, said to them, “Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor

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understand? Is your heart [c]still hardened? 18Having 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 baskets full of fragments did you take up?"They said to Him, "Twelve."20"Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?"And they said, "Seven."21So He said to them, "How is it you do not understand?"[In the feeding miracle of the 5000 to the Jews-there are 12 baskets left over and in the Gentile miracle feeding 4000, there are 7 baskets left over which Jesus specifically asks to be counted. In Deuteronomy 7:1, we read of the Gentile 7 nations which the Jews were to destroy, but they failed and intermarried and didn't totally destroy them. In Mark 7:31, Jesus goes into Decapolis, which is where the remnants of the 7 Gentile nations remained.

Hebrews 8:7-137For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 9not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. 10For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 11None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins [b]and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."13In that He says, "A new *covenant*," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.[*The Old testament prophets show a growing tendency to depreciate rather than exalt the ceremonial Law, and to put mercy above sacrifice. In fact, the Old Testament itself, especially in its later parts, is chock full of the principles of the new covenant, anticipated in part, though not to be fully revealed till Christ appeared. And so, when he did appear, the old dispensation had already become obsolete, and the new one prepared for; to be rejected in Israel by those only who, "in the reading of the Old Testament," had "the veil upon their heart."*] *Dispensationalism is not found anywhere in the Bible. It is a theological system of organizing and understanding God's work, but it is not Scripture.*

1)Dispensation of Innocence—Gen1:28-30 & 2:15-17-Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden-they were to be fruitful and multiply, subdue the earth, have dominion over animals, & abstain from eating the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

2)Dispensation of Conscience- lasts about 1656 years from Adam and Eve's garden eviction until the flood (Gen 3-8) Because of sin, mankind will deteriorate left to his will and conscience. 5 aspects of this are 1-curse on the serpent, 2-a change in womanhood and child bearing 3-curse on nature 4- Toil for man to produce food 5-promise of Christ as the seed who will bruise the serpents head.

3)Dispensation of Government-God flooded the earth saving one family to restart –with promises 1. God will not curse the earth again. 2. Noah and family are to replenish the earth with people.3. They shall have dominion over the animal creation.4. They are allowed to eat meat.5. The law of capital punishment is established.6. There never will be another worldwide flood.7. The sign of God's promise will be the rainbow. Noah's descendants did not scatter and fill the earth as God had commanded, thus failing in their responsibility in this dispensation. About 325 years after the flood, the earth's inhabitants began building a tower, a great monument to their solidarity and pride (Genesis 11:7-9). God brought the construction to a halt, creating different languages and enforcing His command to fill the earth. From that point on, human governments have been a reality.

4)Dispensation of Promise-Abraham and HIS chosen people (Genesis 12:1-Exodus 19:25). Abrahamic Covenant1. From Abraham would come a great nation that God would bless with natural and spiritual prosperity.2. God would make Abraham's name great.3. God would bless those that blessed Abraham's descendants and curse those that cursed them.4. In Abraham all the families of the earth will be blessed. This is fulfilled in Jesus Christ and His work of salvation.5. The sign of the covenant is circumcision.6. This covenant, which was repeated to Isaac and Jacob, is confined to the Hebrew people and the 12 tribes of Israel.

5)Dispensation of Law-1500 years from the Exodus until after Christ's Death (temple worship, prophets telling God's word-of coming Messiah)

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6)Dispensation of Grace-Began with the New Covenant in the blood of Jesus Christ -Luke 22:20. From the Pentecost to the rapture of the Church (1 Thes 4).

7)Millennial Kingdom of Christ -1000 year reign of Christ-Final judgment =Rev 20:11-14 , New Heaven & Earth=Rev 21-
{resource: DISPENSATIONALISM BY CHARLES RYRIE/Gotquestions.org}

Next study-- Peter's Confession of Christ(-in all 4 Gospels-see also Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-20; John 6:66-71)*NKJ-Matthew 16:13-13*When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?** 14And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** 16And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** 18And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19And I will give unto thee the **keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.** 20Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

~~~~~*Peter is the KEY-This comes to fruition and is detailed in Acts 2;29 first to the Jews:* 29Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

**Then to the 1/2 Jew or Samaritan:** [*The Samaritans occupied the country formerly belonging to the tribe of Ephraim and the half-tribe of Manasseh. The capital of the country was Samaria, formerly a large and splendid city. When the ten tribes were carried away into captivity to Assyria, the king of Assyria sent people to inhabit Samaria (2 Kings 17:24; Ezra 4:2-11). These foreigners intermarried with the Israelite population that was still in and around Samaria. These "Samaritans" at first worshipped the idols of their own nations, but being troubled with lions, they entreated a Jewish priest to instruct them in the Jewish religion. They were instructed from the books of Moses, but still retained many of their idolatrous customs. The Samaritans embraced a religion that was a mixture of Judaism and idolatry (2 Kings 17:26-28). Because the Israelite inhabitants of Samaria had intermarried with the foreigners and adopted their idolatrous religion, Samaritans were generally considered "half-breeds" and were universally despised by the Jews. ~from gotquestions.org*]**Acts 8:-4** 4Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. 5Then Philip [*Philip the Evangelist, a deacon,-because we know from verse 8:1 the Apostles remained in Jerusalem*]went down to the city of Samaria[*John 4:5-where Jesus went previously and spoke to the woman at the well*], and preached Christ unto them. 6And the people with one

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accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. [7](#)For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. [8](#)And there was great joy in that city...[skip down to verse 14][14](#)Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, [15](#)who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. [16](#)For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [17](#)Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. [Since Jeroboam was given the 10 tribes from Solomon's failure and turning to idols. Samaria ]

**The Gentiles Hear the Good News** Acts 10:34-48-[34](#)Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: children [35](#)But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. [36](#)The word which *God* sent unto the of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) [37](#)That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; [38](#)How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. [39](#)And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: [40](#)Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; [41](#)Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. [42](#)And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead. [43](#)To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.[44](#)**While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. [45](#)And they of the circumcision [the converted Jews] which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. [46](#)For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, [47](#)Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? [48](#)And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.**

*Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection-MATTHEW 16:21(see also Mark 8:31-33; Luke 9:21-22)*[21](#)From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. [22](#)**Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. [Jesus had just told Peter he was the Key to the Kingdom and now Peter is rebuking Jesus on the "how it will be done" because Peter is still in the Jewish mindset of a Messiah being the world leader and taking it by force, which is not the way God had it planned. A Crucified Messiah was very difficult for the Jewish Disciples to accept.] [23](#)But he turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.****

**Take Up Your Cross**(Matthew 10:37-39; Mark 8:34-38; Luke 9:23-27) [24](#)Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. [25](#)For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. [26](#)For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? [27](#)For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every**

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man according to his works. **28** Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

**Jesus Transfigured on the Mount- also found in** (Mark 9:1-13; Luke 9:28-36; 2 Peter 1:16-21) **MATTHEW 17: 1** Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; **2** and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. **3** And behold, Moses and Elijah [*a symbol of the Law and the Prophets giving way to Christ as Savior*] appeared to them, talking with Him. **4** Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” **5** While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”** **6** And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. **7** But Jesus came and touched them and said, **“Arise, and do not be afraid.”** **8** When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. **9** Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, **“Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”** **10** And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” **11** Jesus answered and said to them, **“Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. 12 But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.”** **13** Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

*[Interesting that John doesn't give an account of the transfiguration, although he was present at the time, except to say in]* John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*The Trustworthy Prophetic Word 2 Peter 1:16-21* [*Peter writes about this experience in his 2 epistle, confirming the three synoptic gospels' accounts of the transfiguration of Christ.*] **16** For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. **17** For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” **18** And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. **19** [i] And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; **20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private [j] interpretation, **21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but [k] holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

*[Jesus Testifies to the Churches Revelation- confirming the description used by Peter as the morning star]* Revelation 22:12-17 **12** “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. **13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” **14** Blessed are those who [g] do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. **15** [h] But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. **16** “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. **I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.**” **17** And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

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**October 5, 2019: Matthew 17:14 -A Boy Is Healed (also found in Mark 9:17-Luke 9:37-40)NKJ** <sup>14</sup>And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, <sup>15</sup>“Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. <sup>16</sup>So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”<sup>17</sup>**Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.”** <sup>18</sup>And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.<sup>19</sup>Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”<sup>20</sup>So Jesus said to them, **“Because of your unbelief ; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”** [footnote: f ---Matthew 17:21 NU omits v. 21., “These variations from the traditional text generally represent the Alexandrian or Egyptian type of text [the oldest, but sometimes questioned text]. They are found in the Critical Text published in the Twenty-sixth edition of the Nestle-Aland Greek New Testament (N) and in the United Bible Society's third edition (U), hence the acronym "NU-text." ~C <sup>22</sup>**Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, 23and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.”** And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

*THE SAME ACCOUNT IN LUKE 9:37-50* <sup>37</sup>Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him. <sup>38</sup>Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, “Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams *at the mouth*; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him. <sup>40</sup>So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.”<sup>41</sup>Then Jesus answered and said, **“O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.”** <sup>42</sup>And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed *him*. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup>And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, <sup>44</sup>**“Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men.”** <sup>45</sup>But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying. <sup>46</sup>Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. <sup>47</sup>And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him, <sup>48</sup>and said to them, **“Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great.”** <sup>49</sup>Now John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us.”<sup>50</sup>But Jesus said to him, **“Do not forbid *him*, for he who is not against us is on our side.”**

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*The same description of events in Mark 9:14-29-NKJ* <sup>14</sup>And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. [As we read Peter's account through Mark, notice that Mark states that the scribes were disputing or arguing with the remaining disciples while Jesus, Peter, John and James, were up on the mountain at the transfiguration.] <sup>15</sup>**Immediately**, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him,

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greeted Him. **16**And He asked the scribes, “What are you discussing with them?” **17**Then one of them should cast it out, but they could not.” **19**He answered him and said, “O faithless[b] generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” **20**Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. **21**So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. **22** And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” **23**Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” **24**Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” **25**When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” **26**Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” **27**But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. **28**And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” **29**So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”

**Jesus Again Predicts His Death and Resurrection** **30**Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. **31**For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.” **32**But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him. **33**Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?” **34** But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. (also found in Matthew 18:1 & Luke 9:46-50) **35**And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” **36**Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, **37**“Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.” **38**Now John answered Him, saying, “Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us.” **39**But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. **40**For he who is not against us is on our side. **41**For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. **42**“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. **43**If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— **44**where ‘Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.’ [Referencing Isaiah 66:24] **45**And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell into the fire that shall never be quenched— **46**where ‘Their worm does not die, And the fire is not 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, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire— **48**where ‘Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.’ **49**“For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. **50**Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? **Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.**” [“The ‘sacrifice’ throws us back upon the ritual of Leviticus 2:13, i that salt should be

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added, **as the natural symbol of incorruption**, to every sacrifice. Here our Lord speaks of the spiritual sacrifice which each man offers of his body, soul, and spirit (Romans 12:1), and declares that “salt,” the purifying grace of the Eternal Spirit, is needed that it may be acceptable.”~biblehub.com, Ellicott’s commentary for English Readers, (49)] **ROMANS 12:1-Living Sacrifices to God-NKJ** 1I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* 2And **do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

**The Temple of the Living God 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 (referencing Exodus 29:45-46)**NLT<sup>a</sup>14Don’t team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? 15What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? 16And what union can there be between God’s temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said:

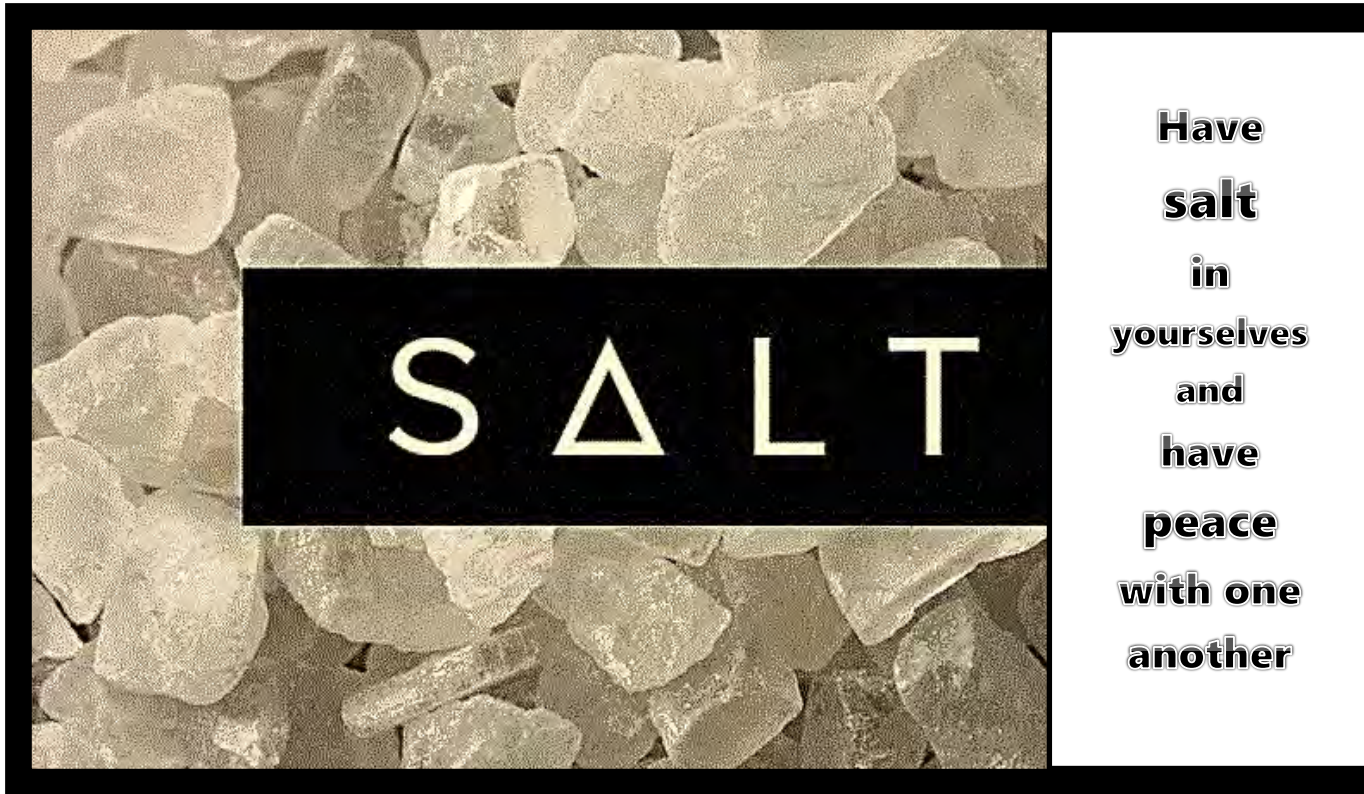
“I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 17Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don’t touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you.<sup>f</sup>

18And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.”

**Jesus is quoting from Isaiah when he says”their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched”...True Worship and False -- Isaiah chapter NKJ 66:18**“For I know their works and their thoughts [*machashabah-(hebrew) thought, plot, device, intention*]. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. 19I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: *to Tarshish and [c]Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory.* **And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.** 20Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,” says the LORD, “as the children of **Israel** bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. 21And I will also take some of them for priests *and Levites,*” says the LORD.22“For as the new heavens and the new earth, Which I will make [see Revelation 21:1]shall remain before Me,” says the LORD,“So shall your descendants and your name remain. 23And it shall come to pass *That* from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the LORD.24“**And they shall go forth and look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched.** [referenced by Jesus in Mark 9] **They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.**”

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~~~~~**CONTINUE ON BACK IN MATTHEW 17--Peter and His Master Pay Their Taxes (only found in Matthew)** :24When they had come to [h]Capernaum, those who received the [t]emple tax came to Peter and said, “Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?” 25He said, “Yes.” And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, “**What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?**”26Peter said to Him, “From strangers.”Jesus said to him, “**Then the sons are free. 27Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.**”

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October 19, 2019 MATHEW 18:10 Matthew 1-9 reiterates the stories from the last bible study where we read in Mark and Luke about the disciples contending over “who is the greatest” and Jesus states like the little ones or having faith of a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Starting in verse 10 we begin on The Parable of the Lost Sheep (also found in Luke 15:1-7) 10“Take heed that you do not despise [offend or spurn] one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. 11For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. [this verse is omitted in NU] [NOTE: JESUS IS NOW IN CAPERNUM-A JEWISH CITY, FROM ACTS 23:8 WE KNOW “For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.”] 12“**What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? 13And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. 14Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.**

The Parable of the Lost...Luke 15:1-7 The Parable of the Lost Sheep 1Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to



Him to hear Him. 2And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man [welcomes] receives sinners and eats with them.” 3So He spoke this parable to them, saying:4“**What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ 7I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine [b]just persons who need no repentance.8“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ 10Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”**

The Parable of the Lost (prodigal) Son11Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. 12And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. 13And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with [d]prodigal living. 14But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the [e]pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.17“**But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ 20“And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell**

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on his neck and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'²²"But the father said to his servants, ^[f]'Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. ²³And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.²⁵"Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'²⁸"But he was angry and would not go in. [much like the Pharisees of that time against Jesus to sit with harlots and tax collectors & Gentiles] Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹So he answered and said to *his* father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'³¹"And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

*[This is very different from the mosaic law which the disciples and scribes and Pharisees would have known. If you look at Deut. 21:18]*¹⁸If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that*, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: ¹⁹Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; ²⁰And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard. ²¹And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear. ²²**And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: ²³His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. *Matthew Henry Commentary*21:22,23 By the law of Moses, the touch of a dead body was defiling, therefore dead bodies must not be left hanging, as that would defile the land. There is one reason here which has reference to Christ; He that is hanged is accursed of God; that is, it is the highest degree of disgrace and reproach. Those who see a man thus hanging between heaven and earth, will conclude him abandoned of both, and unworthy of either. Moses, by the Spirit, uses this phrase of being accursed of God, when he means no more than being treated most disgracefully, that it might afterward be applied to the death of Christ, and might show that in it he underwent the curse of the law for us; which proves his love, and encourages to faith in him.Continuing in *Mathew 18...Dealing with a Sinning Brother [See Deuteronomy 19:15-21]* ¹⁵"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' ¹⁷And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. ¹⁸"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.¹⁹"Again, I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."**

The Law Concerning Witnesses -Deuteronomy 19:15-21NLT^a - ¹⁵"You must not convict anyone of a crime on the testimony of only one witness. The facts of the case must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.¹⁶"If a malicious witness comes forward and accuses someone of a crime, ¹⁷then both the accuser and accused must appear before the LORD by coming to the priests and judges in office at that time. ¹⁸The judges must investigate the case thoroughly. If the accuser has brought false charges against his fellow Israelite, ¹⁹you must impose on the accuser the sentence he intended for the other person. In this way, you

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will purge such evil from among you. **20**Then the rest of the people will hear about it and be afraid to do such an evil thing. **21**You must show no pity for the guilty! Your rule should be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant **21**Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”**22**Jesus said to him, “**I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.** **23**Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. **24**And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. **25**But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. **26**The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ **27**Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.**28**“But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ **29**So his fellow servant fell down *at his feet* and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ **30**And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. **31**So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. **32**Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. **33**Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ **34**And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.**35**“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother ~~[NU OMIT]~~his trespasses.”

Matthew Henry's Commentary: The latter part of the parable shows the false conclusions many draw as to their sins being pardoned, though their after-conduct shows that they never entered into the spirit, or experienced the sanctifying grace of the gospel. We do not forgive our offending brother aright, if we do not forgive from the heart. Yet this is not enough; we must seek the welfare even of those who offend us. How justly will those be condemned, who, though they bear the Christian name, persist in unmerciful treatment of their brethren! The humbled sinner relies only on free, abounding mercy, through the ransom of the death of Christ. Let us seek more and more for the renewing grace of God, to teach us to forgive others as we hope for forgiveness from him...^B

Forgiveness- ROMANS 12:14-21**14**Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. **15**Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. **16**Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. **17**Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. **18**If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **19**Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, [*Deut 32:35*]saith the Lord. **20**Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head[. *Prov 25:21-22.*] **21**Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

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November 2, 2019- Marriage and Divorce also found in (Mark 10:1-12) Matthew 19-1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, *that* He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ²And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.³The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *just* any reason?”⁴And He answered and said to them, “**Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ sand said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? ⁶So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.(asunder)”⁷They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?”⁸He said to them, “**Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”¹⁰His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with *his* wife, it is better not to marry.”¹¹But He said to them, “**All cannot accept this saying, but only *those* to whom it has been given: ¹²For there are eunuchs who were born thus from *their* mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.”******

Jesus Blesses Little Children (also in Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)¹³Then little children were brought to Him that He might put *His* hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But Jesus said, “**Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.**” ¹⁵And He laid *His* hands on them and departed from there.

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler (also in Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30)¹⁶Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”¹⁷So He said to him, [e]“**Why do you call Me good? [f]No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”¹⁸He said to Him, “Which ones?”Jesus said, “**“You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ¹⁹‘Honor your father and *your* mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”**[Notice what is left out]²⁰The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”²¹Jesus said to him, “**If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**”²²But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.²³Then Jesus said to His disciples, “**Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**”²⁵When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “**Who then can be saved?**”²⁶But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “**With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”²⁷Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”²⁸So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother [n]or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.”****

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Compare to LUKE chapter 18- The Parable of the Persistent Widow¹Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, ²saying: “**There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor [a]regard man. ³Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ ⁴And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, ⁵yet because this widow troubles me I will [c]avenger her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’**”⁶Then the Lord said, “**Hear what the unjust judge said. ⁷And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? ⁸I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”**

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector⁹Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰“**Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ ¹³And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be [a]humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**”

Jesus Blesses Little Children¹⁵Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw *it*, **they rebuked them.** ¹⁶But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, “**Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.**”

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler¹⁸Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”¹⁹So Jesus said to him, “**Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’**”²¹And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.”²²So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “**You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**”²³But when he heard this, **he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.**²⁴And when Jesus saw that **he became very sorrowful,** He said, “**How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**”²⁶And those who heard it said, “**Who then can be saved?**”²⁷But He said, “**The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.**”²⁸Then Peter said, “See, we have left all and followed You.”²⁹So He said to them, “**Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life.**”

[³rd prediction of death and Resurrection-Mark 10:32-34 and Matthew 20:32-34]³¹Then He took the **twelve aside** and said to them, “**Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. ³²For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. ³³They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.**”³⁴But they understood **none** of these things; **this saying was hidden from them,** and they did not know the things which were spoken.

The Sin-Bearing Messiah Isaiah 53 the prophesy

¹Who has believed our report?

Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,

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And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,

And as a root out of dry ground.

He has no [a]form or [b]comeliness;

And when we see Him,

There is no [c]beauty that we should desire Him.

3He is despised and [d]rejected by men,

A Man of [e]sorrows and acquainted with [f]grief.

And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him;

He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4Surely He has borne our [g]griefs

And carried our [h]sorrows;

Yet we [i]esteemed Him stricken,

[j]Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5But He *was* wounded[k] for our transgressions,

He was [l]bruised for our iniquities;

The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,

And by His stripes[m] we are healed.

6All we like sheep have gone astray;

We have turned, every one, to his own way;

And the LORD [n]has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

7He was oppressed and He was afflicted,

And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,

So He opened not His mouth.

8He was taken from [o]prison and from judgment,And who will declare His generation?

For He was cut off from the land of the living;

For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

9And [p]they made His grave with the wicked—

But with the rich at His death,

Because He had done no violence,

Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.

10Yet it pleased the LORD to [q]bruise Him;

He has put *Him* to grief.

When You make His soul an offering for sin,

He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days,

And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

11[r]He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied.

By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,

For He shall bear their iniquities.

12Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,

And He shall divide the [s]spoil with the strong,

Because He poured out His soul unto death,

And He was numbered with the transgressors,

And He bore the sin of many,

And made intercession for the transgressors.

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November 16, 2019 Parables (more found in Luke than in any other Gospel) The parables focus on the humanity and compassion for the outcasts of the cultural society and often portray reward for humility-this being the perfect reflection of the humanity of Christ.

The Purpose of Parables Mark 4:10-12¹⁰But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. ¹¹And He said to them, “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, ¹²so that ‘Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And *their* sins be forgiven them.’”¹³...²⁴Then He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and **to you who hear, more will be given.** ²⁵For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.” **Jesus’ Use of Parables-Mark 4:33-34**³³And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear *it*. ³⁴But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

1. **The Parable of the Two Debtors (Luke 7:40)**

2. **The Sower and the Seed (Luke 8:4-5) [Matt 13 & Mark 4]**

3. **Withered and Choked (Luke 8:6-7) [Matt 13 & Mark 4]**

21. **The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10) (in Oct. 19 study)**

22. **The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-14) (in Oct. 19 study)**

23. **We Are God’s Servants (Luke 17:7-10)[Matt 17 & Mark 9]**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Producing a Crop (Luke 8:8) [Matt 13 & Mark 4] 5. The Parable of the Seed that Grows itself: (Mark 4:26-29)FOUND ONLY IN MARK 6. Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-29) 7. Just Who Is My Neighbor? (Luke 10:36-37) 8. Praying With Persistence (Luke 11:5-8) [Matthew 7] 9. The Rich Fool(Luke 12:16-21) 10. The Faithful Manager (Luke 12:42-44) 11. Faith in Action (Luke 12:45-48) 12. The Fig Tree (Luke 13:6-9) [Isaiah 5] 13. Mustard Seed (Luke 13:18-19)[Matt 13 & Mark 4] 14. Just a Little Yeast (Luke 13:20-21)[Matt 13] 15. Honor From God -Humility(Luke 14:7-11) 16. Bless The Poor (Luke 14:12-14) 17. Parable of the Banquet- Luke (14:16-20) [Matt 22] 18. Invited! (Luke 14:21-24) [Matt 22] 19. God's Great Mercy (Luke 15:3-4)[Matthew 18] 20. The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:5-7)[Matthew 18] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24. Pray ... And Don't Stop! (Luke 18:1-5)(in Nov 2 study) 25. God Will Answer (Luke 18:6-8) (in Nov 2 study) 26. Humility (Luke 18:9) (in Nov 2 study) 27. We Come to God Only Through Jesus (Luke 18:10-12) (in Nov 2 study) 28. The Ten Minas (Luke 19:11-13)[Matthew 25] 29. God's Vineyard-Wicked Tenants (Luke 20:9-12)[Matthew 21 & Mark 12] 30. Rejection of the Son? (Luke 20:13-15)][Matthew 21 & Mark 12] 31. Jesus, Our Capstone (Luke 20:16-17)][Matthew 21 & Mark 12] 32. Broken to Pieces (Luke 20:18)][Matt 21][Daniel 2:35] 33. Choose to Follow the Truth-Taxes to Caesar (Luke 20:19)-[Matthew 22 & Mark 12] 34. The Parable: the lesson of the Fig Tree(Mark 13:28)[Luke 21:29-33, Matthew 24:32-35] |
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The parables are a verbal illustration. In the first example, there is a story before the story. Uniquely, this is before Jesus had regularly started speaking in parables. He is having supper with a Pharisee, Simon, and he speaks of the parable of the 2 debtors-Luke 7:NLT^a36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. *37*When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. *38*Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.*39*When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She’s a sinner!”*40*Then Jesus answered his thoughts. “Simon,” he said to the Pharisee, “I have something to say to you.”“Go ahead, Teacher,” Simon replied.*41*Then Jesus told him this story: “A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. *42*But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?”*43*Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt.”“That’s right,” Jesus said. *44*Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn’t offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. *45*You didn’t greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. *46*You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume.*47*“I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.” *48*Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven.”*49*The men at the table said among themselves, “Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?”*50*And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”*[This is not Mary Magdalene-Mary M. is first met by Jesus in Luke 8:2, described as a woman from whom 7 demons had come out. Also another Mary=Mary*

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*of Bethany, Martha's & Lazarus's sister, also anointed Jesus feet in John 12:1-8 after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The immoral woman in the story above is neither of those Mary's and we don't know her name.] [Another side note is in this chapter of Luke is the story of Jesus raising a widow's son from the dead which is not found in any other Gospel. Luke is the Gospel portraying the humanitarian attributes of Jesus that expand beyond the culture of the times by reaching out and acknowledging the poor, the women, the sinful, the outcasts, and diseased. Luke describes **Women Who Followed Jesus** Luke 8*1Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, 2along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; 3Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's (Herod Antipas) business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples. [They helped provide food and other necessities to the entourage and were welcomed into the inner circle which was another distinctive break from rigid social customs of his day. Joanna appears again in the history of the Resurrection (Luke 24:10).Luke 24:9-10 9So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. 10It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened.

Parable of the Rich Fool Luke 12:13-21NLT^a13Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.”14Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?” 15Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”16Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ 18Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”’20“But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ 21“Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

Be Ready for the Lord's Coming- Luke 12: 41Then Peter said to Him, “Lord, do You speak this parable *only* to us, or to all *people*?”42And the Lord said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season? 43Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 44Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. 45But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, 46the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the unbelievers. 47And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree-NKJ(Isaiah 5:1-7)Luke 13:6-96He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. 7Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? 8And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*: 9And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.[*Make a note of the “fig tree”-later before the crucifixion, Jesus will curse the fig tree see Matthew 21:18 & Mark 11:20-In Isaish 5 God had designated Israel as the vineyard/fig*]

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The Parable of the Guests Jesus Teaches about Humility- Luke 14:⁷When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: ⁸“When you are invited to a wedding feast, don’t sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? ⁹The host will come and say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!¹⁰“Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, ‘Friend, we have a better place for you!’ Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. ¹¹For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”¹²Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. ¹³Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.”

The Parable of the Growing Seed Mark 4:26-29(only in Mark)²⁶And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should [sc]atter seed on the ground, ²⁷and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

In the Old testament there is reference to the mysteries of God, and here Jesus is speaking in parables which excluded some of the people in his audience. It is revealed is by divine revelation. Romans 16:25 ²⁵Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith— ²⁷to God, alone wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8 **NLT**^a⁷No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. ⁸But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. ⁹That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” [Isaiah 64:4]¹⁰For it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. ¹¹No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. ¹²And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

Ephesians 3:3-9**NLT**^a ³As I briefly wrote earlier, God himself revealed his mysterious plan to me. ⁴As you read what I have written, you will understand my insight into this plan regarding Christ. ⁵God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by his Spirit he has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets.⁶And this is God’s plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God’s children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. ⁷By God’s grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.⁸Though I am the least deserving of all God’s people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ. ⁹I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.¹⁰God’s purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in

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its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. **11**This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew chapter 20: Parable of the Vineyard Workers NLT^a **1**“For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. **2**He agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work. **3**“At nine o’clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing. **4**So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day. **5**So they went to work in the vineyard. At noon and again at three o’clock he did the same thing. **6**“At five o’clock that afternoon he was in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked them, ‘Why haven’t you been working today?’ **7**“They replied, ‘Because no one hired us.’” The landowner told them, ‘Then go out and join the others in my vineyard.’ **8**“That evening he told the foreman to call the workers in and pay them, beginning with the last workers first. **9**When those hired at five o’clock were paid, each received a full day’s wage. **10**When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day’s wage. **11**When they received their pay, they protested to the owner, **12**“Those people worked only one hour, and yet you’ve paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat.’ **13**“He answered one of them, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair! Didn’t you agree to work all day for the usual wage? **14**Take your money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. **15**Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?’ **16**“So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last.” *The Jews (starting with Patriarchs to Jesus’ time) are the first promised to the vineyard, and the last are the Gentiles. Notice that He always looks for and asks why aren’t you working today? The saved are called to work for the Kingdom. Look at the first’s reaction- they think it unfair that both are rewarded the same. This is both the Jews promised an inheritance for serving faithfully, now offered to the Gentile and/or the last repentant sinner vs. the obedient servant. Coveting- wanting what others have or feeling they received more than you. You have what you have by the Grace of God, don’t begrudge the sinner who didn’t repent until later. Instead, we should **praise God** for his mercy that endures forever to every sinner. Jesus Again Predicts His Death (the third prediction-we covered in previous study in Mark 10:32-34) **17**As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside privately and told them what was going to happen to him. **18**“Listen,” he said, “we’re going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man^b will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die. **19**Then they will hand him over to the Romans^c to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead.”*

Jesus Teaches about Serving Others *(also found in Mark 10:35-45)* **20**Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons. She knelt respectfully to ask a favor. **21**“What is your request?” he asked. She replied, “In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.” **22**But Jesus answered by saying to them, “You don’t know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?” “**Oh yes,**” they replied, “we are able!” **23**Jesus told them, “You will indeed drink from my bitter cup. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.” *(This came to fruition for James as the first martyred Apostle (Stephen was not an Apostle-he was a deacon, but had been stoned previously) in Acts 12: 1*About that time, King Herod*(Herod Agrippa-born Marcus Julius Agrippa, the son of Aristobulus and Bernice, grandson of Herod the Great, brother of the Herodias who appears in the Gospel history, named after the statesman who was the chief minister of Augustus)* reached out to harm some who belonged to the church. **2**He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.) **24**When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were

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indignant.(feeling annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment) 25But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. 26But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 27and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. 28For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Jesus had just finished telling the parable teaching not to be covetous and here are the disciples annoyed over a perception that James and John to be treated differently or more prestigiously.)

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men(Also found in Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43) 29As Jesus and the disciples left the town of Jericho, a large crowd followed behind. 30Two blind men (*one named Bartimeuss-according to Mark*)were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”31“Be quiet!” the crowd yelled at them.But they only shouted louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”32When Jesus heard them, he stopped and called, “**What do you want me to do for you?**”33“Lord,” they said, “we want to see!” 34Jesus felt sorry for them and touched their eyes. Instantly they could see! Then they followed him. (*He shows He is the light of the world*)

The synoptics record many miracles and John even states in chapter 20:30, many miracles Jesus performed are too many to list here...but specifically, John calls out 7 miracles before the crucifixion, and he refers to them as “signs” and 7 “I AM” statements that Jesus proclaims which point to Divine Attributes of His Deity The signs and the I am’s work together perfectly to support and confirm his aseity.

I AM WHO I AM, Exodus 3:13-14)

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1) **I AM the bread of Life** : John 6:35-(**John 6:32-the bread of life which comes down from heaven gives life to the world**) **SAVIOR/REDEEMER- - Yahweh saves.** (used by the Angel to announce Jesus’ birth in Luke 2:11-Today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord)

2) **I AM the light of the World**: John 8:12 (**All who live separate from Him are in darkness**) (**John 1:9-13**) 9The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.10He came into the very world he created, but the world

didn’t recognize him. 11He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. (**Isaiah 42:6-Jesus heals the blind..**6) the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; 7To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

3) **I AM the door**: John 10:9- **the only door to salvation...**“if any man enters in, he shall be saved” Jesus is telling the Jews, they can’t be saved by their religious ceremonies, only through Christ

4) **I AM the good shepherd**: John 10:11 (**Ezekiel 34:11-16 The good shepherd**) 11“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search and find my sheep. 12I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. 13I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers and in all the places where people live. 14Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in the lush pastures of the hills. 15I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign LORD. 16I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them, yes—feed them justice!

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5) **I AM the resurrection and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:** John 11: 25 (RAISING LAZARUS, JARIUS' DAUGHTER AND THE WIDOW'S SON) Colossians 1:18-19 **18-And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19-For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him. *With salvation, physical death does not interrupt spiritual life.***

6) **I AM the way, the truth and the life:** John 14:6 (Isaiah 35:8 **THE WAY** **8**And a great road will go through that once deserted land. It will be named the Highway of Holiness. Evil-minded people will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in God's ways; fools will never walk there.) *The truth-he who brings truth for the salvation of faithful believers, and the Life* (John 1:4 **In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**)

7) **I AM the true vine:** John 15:1-*This passage alludes to Psalm 80:8, & Isaiah 5:3-7; where the faithful Jews are represented under the figure of a vine: and God, the Father, is compared to a husbandman taking care of his vineyard.*

[7] Miracles before the cross-"signs" listed in John

1) **Water to wine** John 2:1(**He has control over substance: He can provide for our needs. Jehovah-Jireh "the Lord will provide"**) Hebrews 8:6 –**new covenant mediator=new wine is superior to old wine.**

2) **Jesus heals the royal man's son with his spoken word from a distance**-Great faith by the man, the son is saved by Grace through faith: John 4:46 (**He can speak healing into existence; Jehovah Rapha- the God who heals- Jer 30:17;Isaiah 30:26**) **I am the true vine...whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.**

3) **Jesus heals the lame man at the pool of Bethesda** (38 years he is by the pool that might heal him but can't get in- shows us a need for a Savior)(**El Shaddai=all sufficient**): John 5: 1 **I am the door...if any man enters, he shall be saved**

4) **Jesus feeds 5000:** John 6:1 (**He feeds his flock, Jehovah Rohi -The good shepherd that takes care of all things**) **I am the Good Shepherd**

5) **Jesus walks on the water:** John 6:16 (**He, as Creator, has power over all creation. Jehovah Elohim/Yahweh Elohim LORD GOD-Elohim is plural of EL and this is from Genesis 1:1**) **I am the way the truth and the life**

6) **Jesus heals a blind man:** John 9:1-13(**Jehovah Rapha: The God who restores or heals**) **I am the light of the world..Jesus said He came so the blind would see and those who see would become blind. When the Pharisees asked if He thought they were blind, He said, "If you were blind you would not be guilty of sin, but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains" (John 9:39-41).**

7) **Jesus raises LAZARUS from the dead:** John 11:30 -**I am the resurrection and the life**

TANGENT TOPIC-The Ancient Hebrew Alphabet {*Introduction to Ancient Hebrew-By Jeff A. Benner*} www.ancient-hebrew.org The Ancient Hebrew language was written with 22 letters, each written with a picture, such as an ox, tent, foot or a door. These pictographic letters are more than just sound identifiers, but also have a meaning. The Ancient Hebrew Vocabulary The most basic Hebrew root words are formed by linking two Hebrew letters together and can be used as nouns or verbs. Because each letter has a meaning, the meaning of these letters will assist in providing the Hebraic meaning of a word. Below are a few examples of nouns and verbs whose meanings can be closely connected to the meanings of the letters contained within these words."

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The first letter is the א (aleph - A), a picture of an ox. As the ox is strong, the letter also has the meaning of strong. The second letter, ב (bet - B), is the picture of the tent or house where the family resides. When combined these letters form the noun AB meaning "the strength of the house" and represents the "father." **GALATIONS 4:6** *And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father."*

The first letter is the א (aleph - A), a picture of an ox. As the ox is strong, the letter also has the meaning of strong. The second letter, מ (mem - M) representing water. The **Mem** has a "m" sound and is a picture of a water. This letter can also mean the flowing water of man and animals, the blood. Blood is passed from one generation to another and can therefore mean "from." Here, the two letters give us the meaning of "strong water." The Hebrews made glue by boiling animal skins in water. As the skin broke down, a sticky thick liquid formed at the surface of the water. This thick liquid was removed and used as a binding agent - "strong water". This is the Hebrew noun AM meaning "mother", the one who "binds" the family together. **Galatians 4:4** *But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.*

The first letter is the ב (bet - B), a picture of a tent or house. The second letter, נ (nun - N) is the picture of a seed. The seed is a new generation of life that will grow and produce a new generation therefore, this letter can mean "to continue." When combined these two letters form the word BeN meaning "to continue the house" and is the Hebrew noun for a "son." **Galatians 4** *Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.*

The first letter is the א (aleph - A), a picture of an ox. As the ox is strong, the letter also has the meaning of strong. The second letter, א (hhet - Hh), is the picture of a tent wall. The wall is a wall of protection which protects what is inside from what is outside. When combined these letters form the noun AHh meaning "the strong wall" and represents the "brother" as the protector of the family. **Hebrews 2:11** *So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.* **12** *For he said to God, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people."* (Psalm 22:22) **13** *He also said, "I will put my trust in him," that is, "I and the children God has given me." (Isaiah 8:17-18)*

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The first letter is the ל (lamed - L), a picture of a staff or shepherd's goad. The second letter, כ (kaph - K), is the picture of the palm of the hand. When the staff is placed in the palm one is going to go walk. The verb LaK means to walk or to go. HALAKHA-the way to walk= (JEWISH LAW)



The first letter is the ע (ayin - A), a picture of an eye representing the idea of experience. The second letter, ל (lamed - L), is the picture of a staff but also represents a yoke as the staff on the shoulders. When combined, these two letters form the word AL meaning to experience the yoke and as the yoke is lifted up onto the shoulders this verb means to go up. When used as a noun this same two letter root means a yoke. Matthew 11:30 for my yoke is easy..



The first letter is the ד (dalet - D) and is a picture of the tent door, used for going back and forth. The second letter, ע (ayin - A), is the picture of the eye. Combined, these two letters form the word DA, the going back and forth movement of the eye in the sense of taking it all in and means to "know." -

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Commentary: Why do we need to know this? The names of the chosen in the bible tell the story and reinforce the will and plan of our almighty GOD. It is the evidence of the origin. He is the source of all things, the One who originated everything and who sustains everything that exists. He is the One in whom all other things find their source, existence, and continuance. He is the ever-present Power that sustains all life. There is no other source of life and none other like Him: "For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me" ([Isaiah 46:9](#)).]

*Lastly, at the top picture the letter **†** (TAV) is a "cross" -signifying a covenant or a sign.*

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| BOOKS | MATTHEW | <i>Mark</i> | Luke | JOHN |
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| The author | (the tax collector, a Jew, APOSTLE) | (Roman, Jew, interpreter for Peter-writes Peter's memories) | (a physician, a Gentile, travelled with Paul) | (a fisherman, a Jew, APOSTLE) |
| PORTRAIT | KING/MESSIAH
[lion=THE KING] | SERVANT
[ox= servant] | SON OF MAN
[man=humanity] | SON OF GOD/God in Christ
[eagle=diety] |
| Ensign: | Judah | Ephraim | Reuben | Dan |
| Camp: | East | West | South | North |
| Audience: | JEW | Roman | Greek | ALL/Church |
| Ezekiel & Rev. 4-FACE: | Lion | Ox | Man | Eagle |
| How each conveys their story | Uses the most OT references (LAW)
330 prophecies of Messiah | The Miracles and deeds of Jesus;
Jesus is our Redeemer | Prodigal Son, Lepers, prostitutes, thief at the cross-for those in need of Grace | (7) "I AM" statements of Jesus-(TRINITY)
Miracles=Signs showing Jesus' Diety |
| Ends with | Resurrection
<i>Evidence of the Messiah</i> | <i>Ascension- to glorification</i> | Promise of Holy Spirit:
continues in the book of ACTS | Promise of Return: continues in the book of Revelation |

Matthew chapter 21: *The Triumphal Entry (also found in Mark 11:1-11 & Luke 19:28-40 & John 12:12-19)* 1Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage (*which means house of the unripe figs*), at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, “**Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me. 3And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:5“Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’” (**Zechariah 9:9**) “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.6So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. 8And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down**

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branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. **9**Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:“Hosanna to the Son of David!‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!”**10**And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”**11**So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

In Luke-he adds that Jesus weeps over Jerusalem before entering the temple...Luke 19:41 Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem(from Isaiah 29:1-16) **41**Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, **42**saying, “**If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.**” *Which we know came to fruition in 70 AD when the temple Herod built was leveled and not one stone remained. In April of 70 AD, the Roman General, Titus, who would later become Caesar, besieged the city of Jerusalem with over 100,000 people trapped inside. As the Romans tightened their strangle hold upon the city, the Zealots and groups opposing them began fighting each other within the city, even burning each other’s food supplies. Outside the city camped the Romans who would crucify any man, woman, or child caught fleeing the city. So many crosses were being made to crucify those fleeing that the woods that the area was deforested. After a four-month siege, on the 9th of Av, the Romans stormed the city, killed everyone who was left inside and destroyed the city and the Temple. It was said that so many were the slain on the Temple mount that the stairs to the Temple flowed with blood. As the fire raged through the sanctuary in the Temple, quantities of silver and gold melted and ran down between the stones. Roman soldiers tore apart the stones to retrieve the gold and silver, literally leaving “not one stone left upon another”.*

Jesus Cleanses the Temple **12**Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. **13**And He said to them, “**It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’**” **14**Then *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. **15**But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant **16**and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “**Yes. Have you never read,‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants, You have perfected praise’?**” (*Psalm 8*)**17**Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, (*Bethany meaning the house of figs or the house of misery/affliction*)and He lodged there.

The Fig Tree Withered **18**Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. **19**And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, “**Let no fruit grow on you ever again.**” Immediately the fig tree withered away. *This tree looked good, had leaves...doing what trees do, but had no fruit. -- Matthew Henry’s concise commentary: This represents the state of the nation and people of the Jews in particular. Our Lord Jesus found among them nothing but leaves. And after they rejected Christ, blindness and hardness grew upon them, till they were undone, and their place and nation rooted up. The Lord was righteous in it. Let us greatly fear the doom denounced on the barren fig-tree.*

Jesus the True Vine-Israel is the withered fig --John 15:1I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2Every branch in me that

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bears not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that bears fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you *are* the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. ⁶If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. ⁹As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. ¹⁰If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. ¹¹These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

The Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree 20And when the disciples saw *it*, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither away so soon?” 21So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done. 22And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

Jesus' Authority Questioned Matthew 21.23 Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?” 24But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: 25The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 26But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet.” 27So they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.” And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. *Parable of 2 Sons* 28“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ 29He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. 30Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I *go*, sir,’ but he did not go. 31Which of the two did the will of *his* father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. 32For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw *it*, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

Before the Triumphal Entry in LUKE 19-Jesus tells the Parable of the Minas- 11Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’ 14But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this *man* to reign over us.’ 15“And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he

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then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' 19Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'20"Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. 21For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' 22And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. 23Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'24"And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' 25(But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')

26'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 27But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.'" *This parable and the 2 Sons encourage us to use what God gives us and do his will-discover your gifts .*

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers Matthew 21:33"Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. 35And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. 37Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'38But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'39So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*.40"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"41They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."42Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected, Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'? (*Psalm 118:22 & Isaiah 28:16 & 1 Peter 2:6-9*) 43"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. 44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."45Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. 46But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

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The Parable of the Wedding Feast.

Matthew 22-The Parable of the Wedding Feast (also found in *Luke 14:15-24*) **1**And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: **2**“**The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 4Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.” ’ 5But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. 7But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ 10So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.11“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’14“**For many are called, but few are chosen.**”**

MATTHEW HENRY'S CONCISE COMMENTARY *“The case of hypocrites is represented by the guest that had not on a wedding-garment. It concerns all to prepare for the scrutiny; and those, and those only, who put on the Lord Jesus, who have a Christian temper of mind, who live by faith in Christ, and to whom he is all in all, have the wedding-garment. The imputed righteousness of Christ, and the sanctification of the Spirit, are both alike necessary. No man has the wedding-garment by nature, or can form it for himself. The day is coming, when hypocrites will be called to account for all their presumptuous intruding into gospel ordinances, and usurpation of gospel privileges. Take him away. Those that walk unworthy of Christianity, forfeit all the happiness they presumptuously claimed. Our Savior here passes out of the parable into that which it teaches. Hypocrites go by the light of the gospel itself down to utter darkness. Many are called to the wedding-feast, that is, to salvation, but few have the wedding-garment, the righteousness of Christ, the sanctification of the Spirit.”*

What is outer darkness? The outer darkness is a place of anguish, heartache, and grief. The “weeping” describes an inner pain of the heart, mind, and soul in an expression of immense sorrow. The “gnashing of teeth” describes an outward pain of the body. For who? Those who reject Jesus Christ (*John 3:18, 36*). HE is the Light of the World (*John 8:12*). When they reject the Light, they will be cast into eternal darkness. **WHAT IS Hypocrisy-** *the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which ones' own behavior does not conform; pretense. sanctimoniousness ;affected piety; false virtue; posturing*

The Pharisees: Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes to Caesar? (Also found in *Mark 12:13-17 & Luke 20:19-26*) **15**Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. **16**And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. **17**Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” **18**But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “**Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? 19Show Me the tax money.**” So they brought Him a denarius. **20**And He said to them, “**Whose image and inscription is this?**” **21**They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And

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He said to them, “**Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.**” **22**When they had heard *these words*, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

The Sadducees: What About the Resurrection? (Also found in Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40)**23**The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, **24**saying: “Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. **25**Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. **26**Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. **27**Last of all the woman died also. **28**Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her.”**29**Jesus answered and said to them, “**You are mistaken (deceived), not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. 31But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.’ 33**And when the multitudes heard *this*, they were astonished at His teaching.

In Luke and in Mark-they both tell of Jesus warning his disciples of the Scribes: (Mark 12:38 & Luke 20:45)Beware of the Scribes**38**Then He said to them in His teaching, “**Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, 39the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, 40who devour widows’ houses, and [n]for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.’ 41**Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were rich* put in much. **42**Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. **43**So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; **44**for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”

MATTHEW 22-*The Scribes: Which Is the First Commandment of All?* **34**But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. **35**Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question, testing Him*, and saying, **36**“Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?”**37**Jesus said to him, “**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38This is the first and great commandment. 39And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.’**

IN OT DAYS, THE JEWS RECITED THE SHEMA AT MORNING AND EVENING, NOW IT IS ON YOM KIPPUR-Deut. 6:4(SHEMA) **4**Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: **5**And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. **6**And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: **7**And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. **8**And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. **9**And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.**10**And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou

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buildedst not, **11**And houses full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; **12***Then* beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. **13**Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. **14**Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you; **15**(For the LORD thy God *is* a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.**16**Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted *him* in Massah. (*WHEN THEY RAISED THE UNBELIEVING QUESTION "IS THE LORD AMONG US, OR NOT?-SEE EXODUS 17:7)* **17**Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. **18**And thou shalt do *that which is* right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, **19**To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

*Jesus: How Can David Call His Descendant Lord?(found also in Mark 12:35-37 & Lue 20:41-44)***41**While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, **42**saying, "**What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?**"They said to Him, "*The Son* of David."**43**He said to them, "**How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:**44**'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" '?****45**If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" **46**And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

*Jesus was referring to...Psalm 110:1*The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

He further reiterated in Matthew 26:64"**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 the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."**

His actual deed is recorded in Mark 16:19 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Peter reinforces it in Acts 2:34-35-Peter Preaches to the Crowd...**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!**"...

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TANGENT TOPIC

Jesus Begins His Ministry-after 40 days fasting & the temptation(*Isaiah 9:1-7; Matthew 4:12-17; Mark 1:14-15*)**LUKE 4: 14**And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. **15**And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.**Jesus Rejected at Nazareth**(*Isaiah 61:1-2; Matthew 2:19-23; Matthew 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6; Luke 2:39-40*)**16**And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to

read. **17**And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,**18****The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,****19****To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.** **20**And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21**And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.** **22**And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? **23**And he said unto them, **Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.** **24**And he said, **Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.** **25**But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; **26**But unto none of them was Elijah sent, save unto Zarephath, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. **27**And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. **28**And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, **29**And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. **30**But he passing through the midst of them went his way....,

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“heavens shut up”-proof Elijah was sent from God

WHY ARE THEY SO ANGRY THEY WANT TO THROW JESUS FROM A CLIFF FOR WHAT HE SAYS (AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS MINISTRY)? When Jesus tells them of the two that listen to the prophet Elijah and Elisha, they are both not Jews; inferring that the Kingdom of Heaven will not be given to the chosen Jews. This enraged them and they sought to throw him from a cliff.

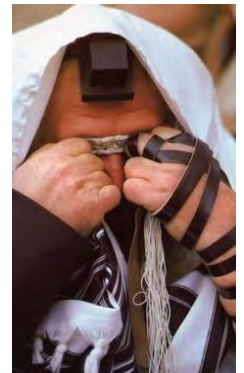
JESUS DOESN'T READ ALL THE VERSE...IN ISAIAH, HE STOPS, WHY? Isaiah 61:1-2

STOPS READING AND DOESN'T SAY...”And the day of vengeance of our God;” Because the vengeance is saved for the second coming. In his first coming he came to give everlasting life to those who believe, to be our redeemer. This is at the very beginning of his ministry, and he is already acutely aware that Israel will be rejecting him, but that was the will of HIS FATHER.

*Before we go to Matthew 23, let's look at Luke 11:37-53 **Jesus Criticizes the Religious Leaders NLT^a**- 37As Jesus was speaking, one of the Pharisees invited him home for a meal. So he went in and took his place at the table. 38His host was amazed to see that he sat down to eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony required by Jewish custom. 39Then the Lord said to him, “**You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and wickedness! 40Fools! Didn't God make the inside as well as the outside? 41So clean the inside by giving gifts to the poor, and you will be clean all over.***

*42**WOES (there are a couple of ways to interpret WOES. Woe to me, means I am lamenting and sorrowful. But here it is impending judgment)-*** “What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things. 43“**What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you love to sit in the seats of honor in the synagogues and receive respectful greetings as you walk in the marketplaces. 44Yes, what sorrow awaits you! For you are like hidden graves in a field. People walk over them without knowing the corruption they are stepping on.**”

45“Teacher,” said an expert in religious law, “you have insulted us, too, in what you just said.” 46“**Yes,**” said Jesus, “**what sorrow also awaits you experts in religious law! For you crush people with unbearable religious demands, and you never lift a finger to ease the burden. [burden people with man-made rules over God's will] 47What sorrow awaits you! For you build monuments for the prophets your own ancestors killed long ago. 48But in fact, you stand as witnesses who agree with what your ancestors did. They killed the prophets, and you join in their crime by building the monuments! 49This is what God in his wisdom said about you:ⁿ ‘I will send prophets and apostles to them, but they will kill some and persecute the others.’ 50“**As a result, this generation will be held responsible for the murder of all God's prophets from the creation of the world— 51from the murder of Abel to the murder of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, it will certainly be charged against this generation. 52“What sorrow awaits you experts****



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in religious law! For you remove the key to knowledge from the people. You don't enter the Kingdom yourselves, and you prevent others from entering.”⁵³As Jesus was leaving, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees became hostile and tried to provoke him with many questions. ⁵⁴They wanted to trap him into saying something they could use against him.

Jesus Criticizes the Religious Leaders --Matthew 23--1Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses.^a ³So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don't follow their example. For they don't practice what they teach. [*they say but do not obey*]⁴They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden. ⁵“Everything they do is for show. On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside[Phylactery], and they wear robes with extra long tassels. [*So the bigger the box, the more it appeared that they knew and the extra long tassels were to show they were more Holy-Numbers 15:38-39*]

⁶And they love to sit at the head table at banquets and in the seats of honor in the synagogues. ⁷They love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces, and to be called ‘Rabbi.’ [*they love title and position*] ⁸“Don't let anyone call you ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one teacher, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters. ⁹And don't address anyone here on earth as ‘Father,’ for only God in heaven is your Father. [*not talking about dads, talking about religious titles, and exalting people in religious ceremony*] ¹⁰And don't let anyone call you ‘Teacher,’ for you have only one teacher, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you must be a servant. [*beware of titles that puff up the person, because it is better to stay humble*]¹²But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.¹³“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in people's faces. You won't go in yourselves, and you don't let others enter either.^e*Some manuscripts add verse 14, What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! You shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, you will be severely punished. Compare Mark 12:40 and Luke 20:47.*¹⁵“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person into twice the child of hell you yourselves are! ¹⁶“Blind guides! What sorrow awaits you! For you say that it means nothing to swear ‘by God's Temple,’ but that it is binding to swear ‘by the gold in the Temple.’ ¹⁷Blind fools! Which is more important—the gold or the Temple that makes the gold sacred? ¹⁸And you say that to swear ‘by the altar’ is not binding, but to swear ‘by the gifts on the altar’ is binding. ¹⁹How blind! For which is more important—the gift on the altar or the altar that makes the gift sacred? ²⁰When you swear ‘by the altar,’ you are swearing by it and by everything on it. ²¹And when you swear ‘by the Temple,’ you are swearing by it and by God, who lives in it. ²²And when you swear ‘by heaven,’ you are swearing by the throne of God and by God, who sits on the throne. ²³“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—**justice, mercy, and faith.** [*The Levites having no inheritance: God ordained tithes for their maintenance; of which also the poor were to have a share, Leviticus 27:30 Numbers 18:24. The Pharisee boasted, Luke 18:12, that he paid tithe of all he possessed. Christ here acknowledges that the Pharisees were exact in their paying tithes; but he blames them, 1. For their partiality, neglecting the weightier things of the law. 2. For their hypocrisy; they were only exact in these little things, that they might be taken notice of as scrupulous observers of the Divine law; while they omitted those things, which were of much more weight...* (Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible commentary)]**You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.** ²⁴Blind guides! You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow

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a camel! [See Lev 11:4, 23, where gnats and camels are both forbidden as food. Being legalistic] 25“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! 26You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish,ⁱ and then the outside will become clean, too. [do not focus on the outside, focus on the heart]

27“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people’s bones and all sorts of impurity. 28Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you build tombs for the prophets your ancestors killed, and you decorate the monuments of the godly people your ancestors destroyed. 30Then you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would never have joined them in killing the prophets.’ 31“But in saying that, you testify against yourselves that you are indeed the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. 32Go ahead and finish what your ancestors started. 33Snakes! Sons of vipers! How will you escape the judgment of hell? [Sin of self-righteousness, superiority]

34“Therefore, I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers of religious law. But you will kill some by crucifixion, and you will flog others with whips in your synagogues, chasing them from city to city. 35As a result, you will be held responsible for the murder of all godly people of all time—from the murder of righteous Abel to the murder of Zechariah son of Berechiah, whom you killed in the Temple between the sanctuary and the altar. 36I tell you the truth, this judgment will fall on this very generation. [Some bibles link this reference to 2 Chronicles 24:20 and it makes a contradiction because that-Zechariah is the son of Jehoiada. But Jesus is referring to Zechariah, the prophet. In the OT book of Zechariah it reads, “In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet” (Zechariah 1:1). Jesus referred was the grandson of a man named Iddo (not Jehoiada), and his ministry as prophet began in the second year of Darius. This places the start of Zechariah’s ministry around 520 BC. Jesus was speaking about the murder of the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo. Jesus told the scribes and Pharisees that they were guilty of all the righteous blood that had been shed on earth, “from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah” (Matthew 23:35). Abel was the first person to be murdered, and both Jesus and the writer of Hebrews identify him as righteous (Hebrews 11:4). Zechariah the son of Berechiah lived near the end of the Old Testament.]

Jesus Grieves over Jerusalem 37“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me. 38And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate. 39For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, ‘Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!’”

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MATTHEW HENRY CONCISE COMMENTARY; The scribes and Pharisees were enemies to the gospel of Christ, and therefore to the salvation of the souls of men. It is bad to keep away from Christ ourselves, but worse also to keep others from him. Yet it is no new thing for the show and form of godliness to be made a cloak to the greatest enormities. But dissembled piety will be reckoned double iniquity. They were very busy to turn souls to be of their party. Not for the glory of God and the good of souls, but that they might have the credit and advantage of making converts. Gain being their godliness, by a thousand devices they made religion give way to their worldly interests.

TANGENT TOPIC

Dedication of the Firstborn-Exodus 13-1 Then the LORD said to Moses, **2**“Dedicate to me every firstborn

among the Israelites. The first offspring to be born, of both humans and animals, belongs to me.”**3** So Moses said to the people, “This is a day to remember forever—the day you left Egypt, the place of your slavery. Today the LORD has brought you out by the power of his mighty hand. (Remember, eat no food containing yeast.) **4** On this day in early spring, in the month of Abib, (*Abib, the first month of the Hebrew calendar, which is now Nisan in the Jewish Calendar*) you have been set free. **5** You must celebrate this event in this month each year after the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites, and Jebusites. (He swore to your ancestors that he would give you this land—a land flowing with milk and honey.) **6** For seven days the bread you eat must be made without yeast. Then on the seventh day, celebrate a feast to the LORD. **7** Eat bread without yeast during those seven days. In fact, there must be no yeast bread or any yeast at all found within the borders of your land during this time. **8** “On the seventh day you must explain to your children, ‘I am celebrating what the LORD did for me when I left Egypt.’ **9** This annual festival will be a visible sign to you, like a mark branded on your hand or your forehead. Let it remind you always to recite this teaching of the LORD: ‘With a strong hand, the LORD rescued you from Egypt.’ **10** So observe the decree of this festival at the appointed time each year. **11** “This is what you must do when the LORD fulfills the promise he swore to you and to your ancestors. When he gives you the land where the Canaanites now live, **12** you must present all firstborn sons and firstborn male animals to the LORD, for they belong to him. **13** A firstborn donkey may be bought back from the LORD by presenting a lamb or young goat in its place. But if you do not buy it back, you must break its neck. However, you must buy back every firstborn son. **14** “And in the future, your children will ask you, ‘What does all this mean?’ Then you will tell them, ‘With the power of his mighty hand, the LORD brought us out of Egypt, the place of our slavery. **15** Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, so the LORD killed all the firstborn males throughout the land of Egypt, both people and animals. That is why I now sacrifice all the firstborn males to the LORD—except that the firstborn sons are always bought back.’ (see *Exodus 4:22-“...Israel is my firstborn son”*) **16** This ceremony will be like a mark branded on your hand or your forehead. It is a reminder that the power of the LORD’s mighty hand brought us out of Egypt.”

Ezekiel 9:4-10 **3** Then the glory of the God of Israel rose up from between the cherubim, where it had rested, and moved to the entrance of the Temple. And the LORD called to the man dressed in linen who was carrying the writer’s case. **4** He said to him, “Walk through the streets of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of all who weep and sigh because of the detestable sins being committed in their city.” **5** Then I heard the LORD say to the other men, “Follow him through the city and kill everyone whose forehead is not marked. Show no mercy; have no pity! **6** Kill them all—old and young, girls and women and little children. But do not touch anyone with the mark. Begin right here at the Temple.” So they began by killing the seventy leaders. (see also Rev 7:2-3, Rev 13:16-17, Rev. 14:9-10 & Rev 14:1 **Revelation 14:1** *A mark - literally, "Tau," the name of the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The old form of the letter was that of a cross. The Jews have interpreted this sign variously, some considering that "Tau," being the last of the Hebrew letters, and so closing the alphabet, denoted completeness, and thus the mark indicated the completeness of the sorrow for sin in those upon whom it was placed.~Barnes Notes on the Bible*

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MATTHEW 24 (MATTHEW CHAPTER 24--Also found in [Mark 13:1-9](#); [Luke 21:5-9](#)- THIS IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE OLIVET DISCOURSE-JESUS is speaking of God's future for Israel. Other passages which support and are referred to in the Olivet Discourse are [Daniel 9:24-27](#) and [Revelation 6:1-19 & 21](#). These passages refer to the tribulation-especially adhered to in Matthew...and remember Jesus is speaking with HIS disciples and they just came from the temple and were contending with the scribes, Sadducees and Pharisees. God's future for "the Church" which starts in Acts chapter 2-Pentecost, & which concludes with the rapture, is NOT taught in the Olivet Discourse. The rapture of the Church is found in [John 14:1-4](#); [1 Corinthians 15:51-52](#); and [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#). And the Rapture will happen before the end of times.) (all this from Mt of Olives-later Jesus Ascended to Heaven from the Mount of Olives Acts 1:9-12)

MATTHEW--NKJ VERSION **Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple** **1**Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. **2**And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." (He had just given "WOES" to the Pharisees and Scribes in chapter 23 of Matthew, now he is predicting the temple destruction, which was fulfilled in 70 AD)

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age (MATTHEW 24: **3**Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"**4**And Jesus answered and said to them: "**Take heed that no one deceives you. 5For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.[DECEPTION] 6And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. [DISSENTION] See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. [DEVASTATION] And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8All these are the**

Mark chapter 13 -- Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple **1**Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!"**2**And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not *one* stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age **3**Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, **4**"Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"**5**And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "**Take heed that no one deceives you. 6For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many. 7But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various**

LUKE 21**1**And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, **2**and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. (lepta, very small copper coins) **3**So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; **4**for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had." **Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple****5**Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was (decorated) adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, **6**"**These things which you see—the days will come in which not *one* stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.**"

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age **7**So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign *will there be* when these things are about to take place?"**8**And He said: "**Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.'** **9**Therefore do not go after them. **9**But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must

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beginning of sorrows.⁹“Then [GREEK- τότε-At that time] they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. ¹⁰And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹²And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. **The Great Tribulation** MATTHEW 24-15“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), [Daniel chapter 9]¹⁶“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²²And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the [c]elect’s sake those days will be shortened.²³“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵See, I have told you beforehand.²⁶“Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. ²⁷For as

places, and there will be famines and troubles. These *are* the beginnings of sorrows.⁹“But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.**The Great Tribulation**¹⁴“So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ [r]spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. ¹⁶And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁷But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

come to pass first, but the end *will not come* immediately.”¹⁰Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake. ¹³But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. ¹⁴Therefore settle *it* in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; ¹⁵for **I will give you a mouth and wisdom** which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put *some* of you to death. ¹⁷And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head shall be lost. ¹⁹By your patience possess your souls.
The Destruction of Jerusalem²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. ²²For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

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the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. The Coming of the Son of Man 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 heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. *When Christ returns to earth in the future, He brings those Christians who were raptured before the tribulation (1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; Revelation 3:5; 19:7, 14) within Him to the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19:7-21). The Parable of the Fig Tree* 32“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. 33So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! 34Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. No One Knows the Day or Hour 36“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. *(Jesus restricts his Omniscience and submits to the FATHER’S WILL, remaining a servant to the will of the father (John 15:15)-waiting patiently for the*

18And pray that your flight may not be in winter. 19For *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. 20And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days. 21“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, *He is* there!’ do not believe it. 22For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand. The Coming 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; 25the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27And then He will send His angels, and gather together His [h](eklektos-chosen out, selected by God for the rendering of special service to HIM, of the Hebrew race)elect from the four winds(from all directions, universality or total coverage and inclusion), from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven. The Parable of the Fig Tree 28“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves,

23But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. 24And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. Romans 11:25 25For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:“The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27For this *is* My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”] The Coming of the Son of Man 25“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” The Parable of the Fig Tree 29Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

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Father to reveal only what the Father wanted revealed. If man knew what time Jesus was coming again-they would wait until then to repent. After the resurrection, in Matt. 28:18-Jesus said, "all authority is given to me"...and in Acts 1:7 Jesus said, "it is not given to you to know the times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority".)
37But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39and did not know until the flood came and took them all away[Those taken away at the flood of NOAH? All the evil people---WHO WAS LEFT? Noah's famiy...this is not the rapture-this is Jesus speaking to Jews], so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42WATCH THEREFORE, FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT HOUR YOUR LORD IS COMING.
43But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

you know that summer is near. 29So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors! 30Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. **No One Knows the Day or Hour**32“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

30When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. 31So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. 32Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. 33Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. **No One Knows the Day or Hour --The Importance of Watching**34“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”37And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. 38Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

Matthew 24:45-The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant45“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ 49and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

MATTHEW 25 Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids NLT^a1“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids [*WHERE IS THE*

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BRIDE?] who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. **2**Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3**The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, **4**but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. **5**When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. **6**"At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!'**7**"All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. **8**Then the five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.'**9**"But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.'**10**"But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. **Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked.** **11**Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!'**12**"But he called back, 'Believe me, I don't know you!'**13**"So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return. *[According to Ellicott's commentary, "Jewish custom required the bridesmaids to wait at the bridegroom's house, to receive him and the bride, and as this was commonly after sunset, they were provided with lamps or torches." Jewish weddings took place at the bride's home and then they went to the bridegroom's home for the wedding feast/banquet. The symbolism here is the Church will be with the groom (Jesus) when He comes again for the bridesmaids who are prepared/Jews that believe.]*

Parable of the Three Servants**14**"**Again, the Kingdom of Heaven** can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. **15**He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.**16**"The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. **17**The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. **18**But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.**19**"After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. **20**The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.'**21**"The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'**22**"The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.'**23**"The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'**24**"Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. **25**I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.'**26**"But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, **27**why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'*[the slave did not value the responsibility given to him]***28**"Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. **29**To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even **what little they have will be taken away.** **30****Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'**

The Final Judgment**31**"**But when the Son of Man comes in his glory,** and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. **32**All the nations^e will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33**He will place the **sheep at his right hand and the goats at 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 creation of the world.** **35**For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. **36**I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'**37**"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38**Or a stranger and show

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you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? **39**When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' **40**“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ **41**“Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. **42**For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink. **43**I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’ **44**“Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’ **45**“And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’ **46**“And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.” [*The sheep and goat judgment is for those who are living (Matthew 25:31). In Revelation 20:4-15, there are two resurrections – for dead people. In Revelation 19:20-2, we find that living persons who received the mark of the beast and who worshipped his image will be immediately judged. This is the time of the Sheep and Goat judgment will occur.*°]

JOHN 14:1NLT“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. **2**There is more than enough room in my Father’s home.^a If this were not so, would I have told you that **I am going to prepare a place for you?** **3**When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. **4**And you know the way to where I am going.”

MATTHEW 26-(IN ALL 4 GOSPEL-Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-6; John 11:45-12:11)*The Plot to Kill Jesus***1**Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, *that* He said to His disciples, **2**“**You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.**”**3**Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, **4**and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill *Him*. **5**But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

*The Anointing at Bethany (also found in Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8)***MATT 26****6**And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, **7**a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured *it* on His head as He sat *at the table*. **8**But when His disciples saw *it*, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? **9**For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to *the poor*.”**10**But when Jesus was aware of *it*, He said to them, “**Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. 11For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. 12For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. 13Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.**”

LUKE 22 **1**Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. **2**And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. **3**Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. **4**And he went his way, and

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communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. ⁵And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. ⁶And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus(*Zechariah 11:10-17; Matthew 27:3-10; Mark 14:10-11*) **MATTHEW 26**¹⁴Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, ¹⁵And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for **thirty pieces of silver**. ¹⁶And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

*JOHN 13-Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet***Now before the Feast of the Passover**, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.²And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray Him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, ⁴rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. ⁵After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. ⁶Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"⁷Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."⁸Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."⁹Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also *my hands and my head!*"¹⁰Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash *his feet*, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."¹¹For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."¹²So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you β know what I have done to you? ¹³You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am. ¹⁴If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. *Jesus Identifies His Betrayer*¹⁸"I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' (*psalm 41:9* ⁹Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has **[ACTED AS A TRAITOR]**lifted up *his* heel against me.) ¹⁹Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*. ²⁰Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."²¹When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."²²Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.²³Now there was β leaning on Jesus' bosom

one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.²⁵Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"²⁶Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. ²⁷Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."²⁸But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. ²⁹For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.³⁰Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

THE LAST SUPPER(*Psalm 41:1-13; Mark 14:12-21; Luke 22:7-13; John 13:18-30*) **MATTHEW 26**¹⁷Now the first *day* of the *feast* of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? ¹⁸And he said, **Go into the city to such a man, and say**



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unto him, **The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.** ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.²⁰Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. ²¹And as they did eat, he said, **Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.** ²²And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? ²³And he answered and said, **He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.** ²⁴**The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.** ²⁵Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, **Thou hast said.**

The Lord's Supper Instituted *Matthew 26: (Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-23; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34)*²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** ²⁷And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. ²⁹But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

[Usually at Passover (the Seder ['sādər] feast of Pesach=PASSOVER/FEAST OF UNLEAVEN BREAD)they would say this is the bread of affliction][The Passover Feast/Feast of unleaven bread which is: unleaven bread-to remind them they had to hurry and leave Egypt(yeast=sin);bitter herbs (called derabanan)-to remind them of the slavery and bondage; and they also ate romaine lettuce dipped in charoset(a paste of nuts, apples, pears and wine) to remind them of the clay they used to make bricks while enslaved; veggies dipped in saltwater-to remind them of the tears shed asking for God's deliverance and Passover lamb-the blood on the lintels and the special meal of Passover lamb which saved them from the death plague-the last plague. Blood was sacred-it was the life spring, they were not to ingest blood. In Passover feast there were 4 cups and their meaning comes from Exodus 6:6-8.

1. The Cup of Sanctification — “I will bring you out”...before saving faith, there is utter darkness-until God (the beginning of redemption). Drink 1st Cup with Kiddush(prayer & blessing)- (at the start of the seder).
2. The Cup of Deliverance/Plagues/Judgment — “I will deliver you”-YHWH promise to deliver you from bondage. These bondages have many forms-for the Hebrews they were shackles during the time of Pharaoh & Moses, but can also be fleshly (nephesh) trappings(sinful desires that separate us from God). No matter what the issue, God can deliver. Drink 2nd Cup after the Maggid (retelling of the Passover aka Haggadah)
3. The Cup of Redemption/Blessing — “I will redeem you”-YHWH redeems his people from the realm of sin and death. *Ex. 14:13-14 But Moses said to the people, “Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. “The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent.”* [Drink 3rd Cup after Birkat Hamazon (blessing for the

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meal and Afikomen ...then, pour Elijah's cup in anticipation for final redemption and coming Messiah.]

4. The Cup of Praise/Hope/Kingdom/Salvation/Restoration — “I will take you for My people”- Psalm 136 is generally recited or sang before partaking of the fourth cup. This Psalm recounts the fact that God’s mercy/lovingkindness/grace endures forever. Final cup of restoration and completeness. The cup of Salvation as it is God’s desire that he will restore us and dwell with us for eternity. Drink 4th Cup after Hallel (Psalms of praise)(also called the cup of Elijah, the harbinger of the coming Moshiach, our Righteous Messiah) ...We drink the fourth cup, we await the coming Kingdom of Heaven where Yeshua will be our King.. Thus, with the fourth cup, we await the coming Kingdom of Heaven where Yeshua will be our King. Wine and/or the cup(KOS) can be a symbol of judgment or blessing. Passover weaves both of these themes together seamlessly. Sin and wickedness must be judged. There is a false bread and a false wine that competes with GOD’s covenant Passover meal. Like the righteous woman and the harlot, both call and ask YOU to rest in their presence . Proverbs. 4:17 For they eat the bread of wickedness And drink the wine of violence. Obviously, the harlot feeds false bread and wine; which is, in reality a covenant of wickedness. The problem is that the nephesh or flesh craves the (spiritual) false bread and wine just as one often prefers processed junk rather than the healthy plants and animals that Abba meant for consumption....^d

Before the 70AD temple destruction, Hebrew Jews had priests designated from birth from the Levite tribe who were consecrated to give sacrifices. Hebrew Jews were Jews by birthright-a genealogical trace back to the 12 tribes and even to Abraham. After 70AD and the destruction of the Temple(called Beit Hamikdash)the sacrificial offerings stopped and instead of sacrifice, they began to read the MINACHAH Prayer “We offer the words of our lips in the place of the sacrifice of bullocks”. Instead of Levite priests(Sadducees) in the temple, and it gave more power to Pharisees to open Judaism to other nations outside of the bonds of heritage. (The majority of priests were Sadducees and rabbis were Pharisees.) Now rabbinic Judaism is a religion based on a theology. More emphasis was placed on the Mishna(writings dealing with 6 sections on agriculture, sacred times, women and purity laws compiled by the Pharisees.) and Talmud(oral study that expands the Mishna). The only people who could not become Jews were Christians .

PAUL CONFIRMS THE COMMUNION AND ITS PURPOSE FOR US IN 1 COR 11:23 ²³For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread ²⁴and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, “**This is my body, which is given for you.(BROKEN FOR YOU)Do this in remembrance of me.**” ²⁵In the same way, he took the cup of wine **after supper**, saying, “**This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.**” ²⁶For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.

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Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial-(*Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-38; John 13:36-38*) MATTHEW 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, “**All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’** [FROM ZECHARIAH 13:7] *7*Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the man who is My Companion, declares the LORD of Hosts. Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn My hand against the little ones. *8*And in all the land,” declares the LORD, “two-thirds will be cut off and perish, but a third will be left in it. *9*This third I will bring through the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are My people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God.’” ...]**32**But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”**33**Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.” [*Notice Peter doesn’t respond to “after I have been raised”, but **fleshly** concentrated on you will be made to stumble*]**34**Jesus said to him, “**Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.**”**35**Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And so said all the disciples.

LUKE INCLUDES MORE OF THE DIALOGUE:LUKE 22:24-34The **Disciples Argue About Greatness****24**Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. **25**And He said to them, “**The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’** **26**But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. **27**For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.**28**“But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. **29**And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, **30**that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial LUKE 22: **31**[d]And the Lord said, “**Simon, Simon!** [Jesus repeats Peter’s earthly name twice]Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. **32**But **I have** prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”[the tenses imply that Jesus has already defended Peter against Satan’s accusations]**33**But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.”**34**Then He said, “**I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will**

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deny three times that you know Me.” ³⁵And He said to them, “When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?” So they said, “Nothing.” ³⁶Then He said to them, “But now, he who has a money bag, let him take *it*, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. ³⁷For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: ‘**And He was numbered with the transgressors.**’ For the things concerning Me have an end.” ³⁸So they said, “Lord, look, here *are* two swords.” And He said to them, “It is enough.”

Gethsemane, garden across the Kidron Valley on the Mount of Olives (Hebrew *Har ha-Zetim*), a mile-long ridge paralleling the eastern part of Jerusalem, where Jesus prayed on the night of his arrest before his Crucifixion. The name Gethsemane (Hebrew *gat shemanim*, “oil press”) suggests that the garden was a grove of olive trees in which was located an oil press. Olive oil was commanded to be made for burning in the lampstand, in the golden candlestick of the tabernacle (Ex 27:20 & Lev 24:1-4) and was used for anointing, and was crucial in the making of unleavened bread (Exod 29:2 & Lev 2:1-10). Four grades of oil—first is virgin oil used for anointing; the second for cooking; the third is bitter and used in lamps and the fourth and final pressing is to make lye (used in soap)...i.e..Palmolive is palm and olive oil in the soap.



The Prayer in the Garden (still in Luke) ³⁹Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰When He came to the place, He said to them, “**Pray that you may not enter into temptation.**” ⁴¹And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, “**Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.**” ⁴³[**NOT IN THE NUJ**] Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. (*the other time angels ministered to him was after his fasting and temptation in the wilderness in Matthew 4:11*) ⁴⁴**And being in agony**, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow.

⁴⁶Then He said to them, “**Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.**”

BACK TO MATTHEW 26: Jesus Prays at Gethsemane[OIL PRESS](Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46) ³⁶Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “**Sit here while I go and pray over there.**” ³⁷And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee,**[THE SAME WHO CAME UP TO SEE THE TRANSFIGURATION-THE INNER CIRCLE]** and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. ³⁸Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” ³⁹He went a little **farther and fell on His face**, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, **let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.**” ⁴⁰Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.” ⁴²Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, **if this cup cannot pass away** from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” [The “cup” (literally “this cup” in Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36, and Luke 22:42) is the cup of God’s wrath upon man’s sin. The cup is used as a symbol of God’s wrath several times in the Old Testament (Jeremiah 25:15-16; Isaiah 51:17, 22; Lamentations 4:21; Ezekiel 23:28-34; Habakkuk 2:16). We read of it again in Revelation about those who take the mark of the beast-Revelation 14:9-10] 2

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Corinthians 5:21 God made HIM who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. **43**And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.**44**So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. **45**Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “**Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46**Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”

Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest(*also found in Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-14*)**MATTHEW 26:47**And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. **48**Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. **49**And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. **50**And Jesus said unto him, **Friend, wherefore art thou come?** Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.**51**And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. **52**Then said Jesus unto him, **Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. 53**Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? **54**But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?**55**In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, **Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. 56**But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

Jesus Before the Sanhedrin-(*Isaiah 53:1-8; Mark 14:53-65; John 18:19-24; 1 Peter 2:21-25*)**57**And they that had laid hold on Jesus led *him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. **58**But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. **59**Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; **60**But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, *yet* found they none. At the last came two false witnesses. **61**And said, This *fellow* said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. **62**And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee? **63**But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. **64**Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.****65**Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. **66**What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.**67**Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands, **68**Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?**Peter Denies Jesus**(*Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18*)**69**Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. **70**But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. **71**And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and said unto them that were there, This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Nazareth. **72**And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. **73**And after a while came unto *him* they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech bewrayeth [makes you known or divulges] thee. **74**Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. **75**And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly. [The difference between Peter and Judas-Judas was remorseful, but remained unchanged and died in his sin. Peter was remorseful, also, but returns to fishing. After the resurrection, he sees Jesus-repents and returns to him to do the will of the Father –to feed my sheep-and remains until death, with some

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mistakes and faltering, seeking the Father's will-This is REPENTANCE.]

Prophecy fulfilled...ISAIAH 53-NLT^a1Who has believed our message? To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm?

2My servant grew up in the LORD's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground.

There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.

3He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

4Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows^a that weighed him down.

And **we thought** his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

5**But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.**

He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

6All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

7He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word.

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.

8Unjustly condemned, he was led away.^b

No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream.^c

But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people.

9He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.

10But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him and cause him grief.

Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants.

He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's good plan will prosper in his hands.

11When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied.

And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous,

for he will bear all their sins.

12I will give him the honors of a victorious soldier, because he exposed himself to death.

He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels.

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*June 6, 2020: Judas Hangs Himself (also found in Mark 14:10-11) MATTHEW 27*1Very early in the morning the leading priests and the elders of the people met again to lay plans for putting Jesus to death. 2Then they bound him, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.3When Judas, who had betrayed him, realized that Jesus had been condemned to die, he was filled with remorse. So he took the thirty pieces of silver **back** to the leading priests and the elders. 4“I have sinned,” he declared, “for I have betrayed an innocent man.” “What do we care?” they retorted. “That’s your problem.”5Then Judas threw the silver coins down in the Temple and went out and hanged himself.

[**COMMENTARY:** *We find reference to Judas death also in Acts chapter 1:16-19 16Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. 17For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. 18Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. 19And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. This seems to conflict with Judas hung himself, however if a body is left it will deteriorate THEN it would explain the bursting bowels. If a man is hung in Jewish Law because of a capital offense and their body is hung on a tree, it is not to remain all night-see Deut. 21:23 because this would defile the land that God gave you as an inheritance, but here Judas body is to remain and burst on the field of blood. This land to remain desolate as the Lord directed-also referenced in Psalm 69: 24Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them. 25Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.]*

6The leading priests picked up the coins. “It wouldn’t be right to put this money in the Temple treasury,” they said, “since it was payment for murder.”(GREEK:for the price of blood) 7After some discussion they finally decided to buy the potter’s field, and they made it into a cemetery for foreigners. 8That is why the field is still called the Field of Blood. 9This fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah that says, “They took the thirty pieces of silver—the price at which he was valued by the people of Israel, 10and purchased the potter’s field, as the LORD directed.”[**COMMENTARY:** *There is a controversy over this that Matthew misquoted saying the prophecy was Jeremiah but 30 pieces of silver is in Zechariah 11. 11The most likely answer is found in the structure of the Hebrew Bible. The Hebrew Bible is divided into three sections called the Law, Writings, and Prophets. Jesus refers to these divisions in Luke 24:44. The collection of the Prophets began with the book of Jeremiah. The scrolls were sometimes referred to by the name of the first book, which in the case of the Prophets would be Jeremiah. So, when Matthew says that “Jeremiah says,” he means that the prophecy was found in the “Jeremiah Scroll.” In Zechariah 11, the 30 pieces of silver are considered slave wages and prophesied that this is the amount that would be paid. It is also prophesied that it would purchase the potter’s field, which is confirmed in Acts 1:18. Another thought is it could be that Matthew is referring to the kinsman redeemer when in Jeremiah 32:8-11, Jeremiah buys land for silver that belonged previously to Hanamel as next of kin rights. Therefore, when Judas throws down the money, the priests are metaphorically the equivalent of a kinsman. Judas sold his inheritance in the kingdom of heaven just as Hanamel sold his land inheritance. Likewise, the field bought by Jeremiah is destined to serve foreigners since the invasion of Jerusalem is at soon to happen during the time of Jeremiah:”**The city is sure to fall into the hands of the Babylonians. Yet, in spite of this, you, Lord God, have said to me, “Buy that field with silver and have the transaction legally witnessed.”**” (Jeremiah 32:25) This relates to the Priests saying in Matthew 27:7-After consulting together they bought the Potter’s Field as*

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a burial place for foreigners. It seems to be that this is SYMBOLIC of the loss of the heavenly and earthly inheritance for Judas and for all those who reject Christ. Also symbolically, throughout the OT, silver has been the “price of blood”. Specifically it is listed in Exodus 30:15 (amp) “The rich shall not give more and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel of silver when you give this offering to the Lord to make atonement for yourselves. 16 And you shall take the atonement money of the Israelites and use it exclusively for the service of the Tent of Meeting that it may bring the Israelites to remembrance before the Lord to make atonement for yourselves.”]

*Jesus’ Trial before Pilate (also found in Luke 23:1-6 and John 18:28-40)***MATTHEW 27:11**Now Jesus was standing before Pilate, the Roman governor. “Are you the king of the Jews?” the governor asked him. Jesus replied, **“You have said it.”** **12**But when the leading priests and the elders made their accusations against him, Jesus remained silent. **13**“Don’t you hear all these charges they are bringing against you?” Pilate demanded. **14****But Jesus made no response to any of the charges.** [*fulfillment of prophesy Isaiah 53:7 7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*] much to the governor’s surprise.**15**Now it was the governor’s custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner to the crowd—anyone they wanted. **16**This year there was a notorious prisoner, a man named Barabbas. **17**As the crowds gathered before Pilate’s house that morning, he asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” **18**(He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.)**19**Just then, as Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message: “Leave that innocent man alone. I suffered through a terrible nightmare about him last night.”

In **JOHN 19:8-12**: **8**Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, **9**and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.**10**Then Pilate said to Him, “Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have [c]power to crucify You, and power to release You?”**11**Jesus answered, **“You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”** **12**From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.”

MATTHEW 27:20Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be put to death. **21**So the governor asked again, “Which of these two do you want me to release to you?”The crowd shouted back, “Barabbas!” **22**Pilate responded, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” They shouted back, “Crucify him!” **23**“Why?” Pilate demanded. “What crime has he committed?” **But the mob roared even louder, “Crucify him!”**

24Pilate saw that he wasn’t getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. The responsibility is yours!”**25**And all the people yelled back, “We will take responsibility for his death—we and our children!”^b*Remarkably, in 70 AD, they seemed to have gotten fulfillment of this responsibility. Great numbers of Jews were put to death by crucifixion; and very likely some of those very persons crying out for the crucifying of Christ; and if not them then at least their children. Five hundred of the Jews and more, were crucified in a day, whilst Titus was besieging the city. It was so prevalent that they ran out of "room for crosses", as Josephus says, who was an eyewitness of it: and to this day, this dreadful wish of the blood of Christ upon them; and will be, until such time that they look to him whom they have pierced, and mourn. ~Gills Exposition.]*

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26 So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.



The Soldiers Mock Jesus 27 Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. 29 They wove thorn branches into a crown [thorns—the punishment for ADAM's sin as commanded by God in Genesis 3:18: Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you and you shall eat the herb of the field. The blood of Christ redeems the curse of the land for the sin of man.] and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" 30 And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. 31 When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified. *The Crucifixion* (Psalm 69:1-36; Mark 15:21-32; Luke 23:26-43; John 19:16-27) 32 Along the way, they came across a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, [Cyrene is located in Libya Africa. Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21) is mentioned in three Gospels. (Mark mentions that Simon is the father of Rufus because Rufus was familiar to

Romans as he was affluent in the Church in Rome and Paul mentions Rufus in ROMANS chapter 16:13, we don't know for sure that these are one in the same.)] and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. 33 And they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). 34 The soldiers gave Jesus wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it. [Fulfillment of Psalm 69:21 they put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst] COMMENTARY: In the account in John 19:29: "put the sponge on a stalk of hyssop plant and lifted it to Jesus lips", Hyssop is used in purification and sacrifices in the tabernacle (Leviticus 14:4 & Numbers 19:6) and it was used to put the lambs blood over the lintel the night of the Passover in Egypt.

IN LUKE 23:26- 26 As the soldiers led Him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene on his way in from the country, and 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 'they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!'**" (also found in Hosea 10:8—"Retribution for Israel's sins and in Revelation 6:16—They called to the mountains and rocks fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb.) 31 **For if men do these things while the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"** [once again Jesus points to the near future and the far future in these predictions—the near future being the horrific overtaking and destruction of the temple in 70AD and the far—the coming judgement.] 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. (fulfillment of Psalm 22:8)

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Mathew 27:35 After they had nailed him to the cross, *[nailed and pierced fulfilling Isaiah 53:5 for by his wounds we are healed 1Peter 2:24 also fulfills Jesus prophesied in John 3:14* **14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in Him should have eternal life.] the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. *[fulfilled Psalm 22:18]* **36** Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there. **37** A sign was fastened above Jesus' head, announcing the charge against him. It read: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Compare to JOHN 19:19-22- **19** And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. **20** This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. **21** Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. **22** Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. *[In Latin, the text "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS" would have been written, "Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum." Abbreviated, this phrase results in "INRI."]*

MATTHEW 27:38 Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. *[Isaiah 53:12 counted among the rebels]* **39** The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. **40** "Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, if you are the Son of God, save yourself and come down from the cross!" *[fulfillment of Isaiah 53]* **41** The leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders also mocked Jesus. **42** "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself! So he is the King of Israel, is he? Let him come down from the cross right now, and we will believe in him! **43** He trusted God, so let God rescue him now if he wants him! For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" **44** Even the revolutionaries who were crucified with him ridiculed him in the same way.

John: 19:25-27 Behold Your Mother **25** Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **26** When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "**Woman, behold your son!**" **27** Then He said to the disciple, "**Behold your mother!**" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. *[Jesus, being the kinsman redeemer for his earthly mother, gives her to John]*

The Death of Jesus-Matthew 27(also found in Psalm 22:1-31; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-30) **45** At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. *[This is a supernatural darkness over the earth that lasted for 3 hours-much like the three day darkness in Egypt during Moses time. What kind of fear would this invoke in the Jews in Jerusalem, particularly the priests. Also the fulfillment of Amos 8:9; Ezekiel 32:8]* **46** At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "**Eli, Eli, jema sabachthani?**" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" *(see this paralleled in PSALM 22:1 by David)*

JOHN 19:28-30--It Is Finished **28** After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "**I thirst!**" **29** Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. **30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished!**" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Psalm of the Cross *(found also in Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-30) Psalms 22: Berean Study Bible version, My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, so far from my words of groaning? **2** I cry out*

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by day, O my God, but You do not answer, and by night, but I have no rest. [3](#)Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. [4](#)In You our fathers trusted; they trusted and You delivered them. [5](#)They cried out to You and were set free; they trusted in You and were not disappointed. [6](#)But I am a worm and not a man, **scorned by men and despised by the people.** [7](#)**All who see me mock me;** they sneer and shake their heads:[8](#)“He trusts in the LORD, let the LORD deliver him; let the LORD rescue him, since He delights in him.” [9](#)Yet You brought me forth from the womb; You made me secure at my mother’s breast. [10](#)From birth I was cast upon You; from my mother’s womb You have been my God. [11](#)Be not far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. [12](#)Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me. [13](#)They open their jaws against me like lions that roar and maul. [14](#)**I am poured out like water,** and all my bones are disjointed. My heart is like wax; it melts away within me.

[15](#)My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You lay me in the dust of death.[16](#)For dogs surround me; a band of evil men encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet. [17](#)I can count all my bones; they stare and gloat over me. [18](#)**They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.** [19](#)But You, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. [20](#)Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of wild dogs. [21](#)Save me from the mouth of the lion; at the horns of the wild oxen You have answered me! [22](#)I will proclaim Your name to my brothers; I will praise You in the assembly.[23](#)You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All descendants of Jacob, honor Him! All offspring of Israel, revere Him! [24](#)For He has not despised or detested the torment of the afflicted. He has not hidden His face from him, but has attended to his cry for help. [25](#)My praise for You resounds in the great assembly; I will fulfill my vows before those who fear You.

[26](#)The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise Him. May your hearts live forever!

[27](#)All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD. All the families of the nations will bow down before Him.

[28](#)For dominion belongs to the LORD and He rules over the nations. [29](#)All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him—even those unable to preserve their lives.

[30](#)**Posterity will serve Him; they will declare the Lord to a new generation.**

[31](#)**They will come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn—all that He has done.**

June 20, 2020-THE MIRACLES OF HIS DEATH –Luke 23:32-44[32](#)There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. [33](#)And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. [34](#)[\[h\]](#)Then Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.**” [Jesus, suffering on the cross, speaks as an intercessor for his accusers pleading to the Father for mercy, not for himself, but for them, because of their ignorance. HOW GREAT IS HIS LOVE! In Acts 3:17 Paul says, [17](#)“Yet now, brethren, I know that you did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers. [18](#)But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.]

And they divided His garments and cast lots. [[psalm 22](#)][35](#)And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.”[36](#)The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, [37](#)and saying,

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“If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.”³⁸And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew:THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.³⁹Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.”⁴⁰But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” ⁴³And Jesus said to him, “**Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.**” *[Jesus just redeemed this criminal. Paradise also referenced in Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. How crazy is it that the other criminal, faced with death next to the Savior, blasphemed Him.]*

Jesus Dies on the Cross ⁴⁴Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “**Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’**” Having said this, He breathed His last.

Matthew 27: ⁴⁸One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, *[fulfilled psalm 69:21]*holding it up to him on a reed (hyssop)stick so he could drink. ⁴⁹But the rest said, “Wait! Let’s see whether Elijah comes to save him.”*[In John 19:34 it adds another took a spear and pierced his side, and out flowed water and blood.]* ⁵⁰Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. *[In Luke 23:46 ⁶Then Jesus called out in a loud voice, “Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit.” And when He had said this, He breathed His last.]* ⁵¹At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. *[This curtain is the temple curtain that separates the Holy of Holies-which the Talmud lists the veil was 60 feet long and 30 feet wide and the thickness of the palm of a man’s hand. The split from top to bottom was another miracle at Jesus death to symbolically let us come into the Kingdom of heaven without further sacrifice as the priests did. “Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh” (Hebrews 10:19-20).]*

The earth shook, rocks split apart, ⁵²and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead. ⁵³They left the cemetery after Jesus’ resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people. *[Death is conquered, as the those who were righteous are risen. The violent shaking of the earth opened up select graves, the graves of the saints. Christ’s death opened the graves. His death destroyed the power of death by His death^h (1 Cor. 15:50-57)]* ⁵⁴The Roman officer (Centurion) and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, “This man truly was the Son of God!” *[This is counted as a miracle. The Centurions were hardened soldiers whose primary job was to crucify criminals. Another reason the criminal on the cross who didn’t accept Jesus is hard to fathom.]*

⁵⁵And many women who had come from Galilee with Jesus to care for him were watching from a distance. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James and Joseph), and the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

*The Burial of Jesus from the book of Mark 15:42-47*⁴²This all happened on Friday, the day of preparation, the day before the Sabbath. As evening approached, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea took a risk and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. (Joseph was an honored member of the high council, and he

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was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.) *[The risk is: 1) a man in the Sanhedrin asking for this dead body, 2) touching a dead body would defile him on the Sabbath, and 3) it was a notorious criminal prosecuted by the Sanhedrin. The body had to be taken care of before nightfall and before the Sabbath.]*⁴⁴Pilate couldn't believe that Jesus was already dead, so he called for the Roman officer and asked if he had died yet. ⁴⁵The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. ⁴⁶Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid. *[prophesy fulfilled that he would lay in the tomb of a rich man Isaiah 53:9][no broken legs a fulfillment of psalm 34:20]*

The Burial of Jesus from Matthew 27 (Isaiah 53:9-12; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42)⁵⁷As evening approached, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who had become a follower of Jesus, ⁵⁸went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. *[Isaiah 53 prophesy fulfilled]* And Pilate issued an order to release it to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth. ⁶⁰He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left. ⁶¹Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching. (All the synoptics emphasize that Mary watched where they put Jesus' body)

FROM JOHN 19:31-38 Jesus' Side is Pierced (Zechariah 12:10-14)³¹The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. ³²Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: ³⁴But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. ³⁵And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. ³⁶For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. ³⁷And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced. **The Burial of Jesus** (Isaiah 53:9-12; Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56)³⁸And after this Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. ³⁹And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound *weight*. ⁴⁰Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. ⁴²There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation *day*; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

The Guard at the Tomb MATTHEW 27-62 The next day, on the Sabbath, *[notice Matthew refer to this as the "next day"]* the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate. ⁶³They told him, "Sir, we remember what that deceiver once said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise from the dead.' ⁶⁴So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead! If that happens, we'll be worse off than we were at first."⁶⁵Pilate replied, "Take guards and secure it the best you can."⁶⁶So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it.

The Resurrection MATTHEW 28-also found (Psalm 16:1-11; Psalm 49:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-9) ¹Early on Sunday morning,^a as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.²Suddenly there was a great

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earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. **3**His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. **4**The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and **they fell into a dead faint.** **5**Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6**He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. **7**And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.”**8**The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel’s message. **9**And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. **10**Then Jesus said to them, **“Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.”***[The Report of the Guard]* **11**As the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the leading priests what had happened. **12**A meeting with the elders was called, and they decided to give the soldiers a large bribe. **13****They told the soldiers, “You must say, ‘Jesus’ disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole his body.’** **14****If the governor**

hears about it, we’ll stand up for you so you won’t get in trouble.” **15****So the guards accepted the bribe** *[in order to accept this bribe they would have to make a deal with the priests that they weren’t held as derelict of duty-because the punishment for the guards would be death] and said what they were told to say. Their story spread widely among the Jews, and they still tell it today. [the irony here is the lie that the body is stolen reinforces that the tomb is empty. “until this day” Matthew was written 30-36 years after Jesus death, so this lie was still being perpetuated by the Jews for 40 years and is still today. Also, how unbelievable is it that the disciples, who fled and didn’t come to the cross for the crucifixion, outside of John, now boldly fought off 60 guards to steal a dead body? Why would the grave clothes be folded neatly in the tomb, if you were stealing a body you wouldn’t unwrap it? If the soldiers were asleep during the stealing of the body, how would they know it was the disciples who stole it? If they weren’t asleep, why did they allow it?]*

MARK 16:1-9**The Resurrection***(Psalm 16:1-11; Psalm 49:1-20; Matthew 28:1-10; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-9)***1**And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. **2**And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. **3**And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? **4**And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. **5**And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. **6**And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. **7**But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. **8**And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled

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and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any *man*; for they were afraid. **Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**(*also in John 20:10-18*)²Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. ¹⁰And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

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Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene (also found in Mark 16:9-11) ¹¹But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, *and looked* into the sepulchre, ¹²And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of *Jesus* had lain. ¹³And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. ¹⁴And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw *Jesus* standing, and knew not that it was *Jesus*. ¹⁵*Jesus* saith unto her, **Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?** She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. ¹⁶*Jesus* saith unto her, **Mary**. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. ¹⁷*Jesus* saith unto her, **Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.** ¹⁸Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had spoken these

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things unto her. [Commentary: John is telling you a story or vision that Mary told him. Note that he doesn't say-We saw the angels in white, he says Mary saw and spoke to angels in white garments and he tells you she thought HE was the gardener. The only way John knows what Mary thought is that she told him this and he believed her testimony.]

Jesus Appears to the Disciples (Luke 24:36-43; 1 John 1:1-4) **19** Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you.** **20** And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. **21** Then said Jesus to them again, **Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.** **22** And when he had said this, he breathed [**greek-ἐνεφύσησεν** (em-foo-sah'-o) **breathe into, breathe upon-used only one time in the bible...not the same as breath in Genesis**] on *them*, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.** [**remember Matthew 9:4-6** *NLT* **4** Jesus *knew* what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you have such evil thoughts in your hearts? **5** Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? **6** So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"]

Jesus Appears to Thomas **24** But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. **26** And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, **Peace be unto you.** **27** Then saith he to Thomas, **Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.** **28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. **29** Jesus saith unto him, **Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.** **30** And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: **31** But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Breakfast by the Sea **JOHN 21** **1** After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed *Himself*: **2** Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. **3** Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and **a** immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5** Then Jesus said to them, "**Children, have you any food?**" They answered Him, "No."**6** And He said to them, "**Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.**" So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.**7** Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" [**John is the first to recognize**] Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. [**Peter is the first to act**]**8** But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. **9** Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. **10** Jesus said to them, "**Bring some of**

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the fish which you have just caught.”¹¹Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. ¹²Jesus said to them, **“Come and eat breakfast.”** Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?”—knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.¹⁴This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Jesus Restores Peter¹⁵So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, **“Simon, son of [b]Jonah, do you love Me more than these?”** He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, **“Feed My lambs.”** [Strong’s Concordance: **721** *arníon* (the diminutive of 704 /*arén*, "a sheep") – properly, a young lamb, "a little lamb" (J. Thayer); (figuratively) a person with *pure (innocent), virgin-like (gentle)* intentions.]

¹⁶He said to him again a second time, **“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?”** He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, **“Tend [Poimaine=Shepherd] My sheep.”** Strong’s Concordance: **SHEEP=4263** *próbaton* – *sheep*; (figuratively) someone easily led, one way or the other (like a sheep).

¹⁷He said to him the third time, **“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?”** Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, **“Do you love Me?”** And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, **“Feed My sheep.** [Strong’s Concordance: **FEED=1006** *bóskō* – properly, *feed* (graze); (figuratively) *spiritually* nourish by feeding people the Word of God (Jn 21:15,17). While 4166 (*poimén*) focuses on "*shepherding*" the flock of God (*caring* for them), 1006 (*bóskō*) stresses *feeding* them His Word.]

18Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.” ¹⁹This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. [Strong’s Concordance-Cognate: **1392** *doksázō* (from 1391 /*dókسا*, "glory") – *glorify*; properly, to ascribe *weight* by recognizing real *substance (value)*. See 1391 (*dókسا*). "*Glorifying* (1392 /*doksázō*) God" means valuing Him for who *He really is*. For example, "giving (ascribing) glory to God" *personally acknowledges* God in *His true character* (essence).]

And when He had spoken this, He said to him, **“Follow Me.”** ²⁰Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” ²¹Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what *about* this man?” ²²Jesus said to him, **“If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”** ²³Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, **“If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?”** ²⁴This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.²⁵And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.[end of the gospel of John]

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[REMEMBER-Matthew 16:15–19]. Jesus says to his disciples, “**Who do you say that I am?**” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**”]

The Great Commission Matthew 28(also found in Mark 16:14-18) **16**Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **17**When they saw him, they worshipped him—**but some of them doubted!****18**Jesus came and told his disciples, “**I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**”[COMMENTARY: Just as the next table shows, each book of the Gospel has a purpose in their conclusion, for Matthew it shows his resurrection is proof of being the foretold Messiah, for Mark the servant is lifted to glorification, for Luke the promise to the Apostles of the Holy Spirit which Luke continues in the Acts of the Apostles; and John, the promise of HIS return which he illuminates in REVELATION.]

WHY DO WE SPREAD THE GREAT COMMISSION:

1 Corinthians 10:4 Before the Resurrection-HE WAS WITH GOD AND WAS GOD

...**3**They all ate the same spiritual food **4**and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

WE ARE JOINING HIM----**1 COR 15:51-57NLT****51**But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! **52**It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. **53**For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. **54**Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: “Death is swallowed up in victory.**55**O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” **56**For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. **57**But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HE IS COMING AGAIN-The Comfort of Christ’s Coming:1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**13**But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen (died)asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. **14**For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.**15**For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are (died) asleep. **16**For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17**Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **18**Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Phil 3:20 **20**For our **citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21**who will transform our lowly body that **it may be conformed to His glorious body**, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.-

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| BOOKS | MATTHEW | <i>Mark</i> | Luke | JOHN |
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| The author | (the tax collector, a Jew, APOSTLE) | (Roman, Jew, interpreter for Peter-writes Peter's memories) | (a physician, a Gentile, travelled with Paul) | (a fisherman, a Jew, APOSTLE) |
| PORTRAIT | KING/MESSIAH
[lion=THE KING] | SERVANT
[ox= servant] | SON OF MAN
[man=humanity] | SON OF GOD/God in Christ
[eagle=deity] |
| Tribe: | Judah | Ephraim | Reuben | Dan |
| Camp: | East | West | South | North |
| Audience: | JEW | Roman | Greek | ALL/Church |
| Ezekiel & Rev. 4-FACE: | Lion | Ox | Man | Eagle |
| How each conveys their story | Uses the most OT references (LAW)
330 prophecies of Messiah | The Miracles and deeds of Jesus;
Jesus is our Redeemer | Prodigal Son, Lepers, prostitutes, thief at the cross-for those in need of Grace | (7) "I AM" statements of Jesus-(TRINITY)
Miracles=Signs showing Jesus' Deity |
| Ends with | Resurrection
<i>Evidence of the Messiah is risen</i> | <i>Ascension- to glorification</i> | Promise of Holy Spirit:
continues in the book of ACTS | Promise of Return:
continues in the book of Revelation |

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| | Miracles recorded of Jesus | Matthew | Mark | Luke | John |
|----|---|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Jesus turns water into wine | | | | 2:1-11 |
| 2 | Jesus drives out an evil spirit from a man in Capernaum | | 1:21-27 | 4:31-36 | |
| 3 | Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law | 8:14-15 | 1:29-31 | 4:38-39 | |
| 4 | Jesus heals many sick at evening | 8:16-17 | 1:32-34 | 4:40-41 | |
| 5 | First miraculous catch of fish | | | 5:1-11 | |
| 6 | Heals leper | 8:1-4 | 1:40-45 | 5:12-14 | |
| 7 | Heals Centurion's paralyzed servant in Capernaum**(OFFICIALS SON) | 8:5-13 | | 7:1-10 | 4:43-54 |
| 8 | Jesus heals a paralytic who was let down from the roof | 9:1-8 | 2:1-12 | 5:17-26 | |
| 9 | Jesus heals a man's withered hand on the Sabbath | 12:9-14 | 3:1-6 | 6:6-11 | |
| 10 | Jesus raises a widow's son from the dead in Nain | | | 7:11-17 | |
| 11 | Jesus calms a storm on the sea | 8:23-27 | 4:35-41 | 8:22-25 | |
| 12 | Jesus casts demons into a herd of pigs | 8:28-33 | 5:1-20 | 8:26-39 | |
| 13 | Jesus heals a woman in the crowd with an issue of blood | 9:20-22 | 5:25-34 | 8:42-48 | |
| 14 | Jesus raises Jairus' daughter back to life | 9:18,
23-26 | 5:21-24,
35-43 | 8:40-42,
49-56 | |
| 15 | Jesus heals two blind men | 9:27-31 | | | |
| 16 | Jesus heals a man who was unable to speak | 9:32-34 | | | |
| 17 | Jesus heals an invalid at Bethesda (by the pool of mercy, having 5 porches) | | | | 5:1-15 |
| 18 | Jesus feeds 5,000 plus women and children | 14:13-21 | 6:30-44 | 9:10-17 | 6:1-15 |
| 19 | Jesus walks on water | 14:22-33 | 6:45-52 | | 6:16-21 |
| 20 | Jesus heals many sick in Gennesaret as they touch his garment | 14:34-36 | 6:53-56 | | |
| 21 | Jesus heals a gentile woman's demon-possessed daughter | 15:21-28 | 7:24-30 | | |
| 22 | Jesus heals a deaf and dumb man | | 7:31-37 | | |
| 23 | Jesus feeds 4,000 plus women and children | 15:32-39 | 8:1-13 | | |
| 24 | Jesus heals a blind man at Bethsaida | | 8:22-26 | | |
| 25 | Jesus heals a man born blind by spitting in his eyes | | | | 9:1-12 |

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| 26 | Jesus heals a boy with an unclean spirit | 17:14-20 | 9:14-29 | 9:37-43 | |
| 27 | Miraculous temple tax in a fish's mouth | 17:24-27 | | | |
| 28 | Jesus heals a blind, mute demoniac | 12:22-23 | | 11:14-23 | |
| 29 | Jesus heals a woman who had been crippled for 18 years | | | 13:10-17 | |
| 30 | Jesus heals a man with dropsy on the sabbath | | | 14:1-6 | |
| 31 | Jesus cleanses ten lepers on the way to Jerusalem | | | 17:11-19 | |
| 32 | Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead in Bethany | | | | 11:1-45 |
| 33 | Jesus restores sight to Bartimaeus in Jericho | 20:29-34 | 10:46-52 | 18:35-43 | |
| 34 | Jesus withers the fig tree on the road from Bethany | 21:18:22 | 11:12-14 | | |
| 35 | Jesus heals a servant's severed ear while he is being arrested | | | 22:50-51 | |
| 36 | Crucifixion and Resurrection miracles | Matthew 27&28 | Mark 15-16 | Luke 23-24 | John 19-20 |
| 37 | AFTER RESURRECTION; The second miraculous catch of fish at the Sea of Tiberias | | | | 21:4-11 |
| 38 | The ascension of Jesus-Act 1:1-11 | | | | |

WHO HE IS, WAS AND WILL ALWAYS BE-I AM

[I AM: The aseity of God is His attribute of independent self-existence. God is the uncaused Cause, the uncreated Creator. He is the source of all things, the One who originated everything and who sustains everything that exists. The aseity of God means that He is the One in whom all other things find their source, existence, and continuance. He is the ever-present Power that sustains all life. There is no other source of life and none other like Him: "For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me" ([Isaiah 46:9](#)).]

Psalm 103

- He is equal with the Father (John 5:18);
- He has life within Himself (John 5:26);
- He has the power to raise the dead (John 5:25);
- He gives life (John 5:21);
- He sets men free from slavery to sin (John 8:36);
- He receives honor equal with the Father (John 5:23);
- He is the object of faith (John 6:40);
- He is the object of prayer (John 14:13,14);
- He has the power to answer prayer (John 14:13).

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In the feeding miracle of the 5000 to the Jews-there are 12 baskets left over and in the Gentile miracle feeding 4000, there are 7 baskets left over which Jesus specifically asks to be counted. In Deuteronomy 7:1, we read of the Gentile 7 nations which the Jews were to destroy, but they failed and intermarried and didn't totally destroy them. In Mark 7:31, Jesus goes into Decapolis, which is where the remnants of the 7 Gentile nations remained] and of the Canaanite woman that asks Jesus to heal her daughter who is from the Sidon/Tyre region. One thing we didn't discuss is the origin of this Gentile region which we can read of in Genesis 9:18-27 Noah and His Sons-**18Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. 19These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.20And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. 21Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. 22And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were [b]turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.24So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. 25Then he said:"Cursed be Canaan;A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."26And he said:"Blessed be the LORD,The God of Shem[the 12 tribes will be descendants of Shem- also found in the genealogy of Jesus via Mary see Luke 3:36], And may Canaan be his servant.27May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem]; And may Canaan be his servant."28And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died. [then continue to Gen 10:15-19 and we read] 15Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth; 16the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Gergashite; 17the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; 18the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed. 19And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha. 20These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands and in their nations.[These Sidonian Canaanites were known for their red and purple cloth (a purple dye was extracted from murex snails found near the shores of Palestine, a method now lost). The Greeks called the land of Canaan "Phoenicia," which meant "purple." Thus, Sidonians became known as Phoenicians, and became a nation of great trade, language, and culture. Phoenician, Hebrew and Moabite were a group of west Semitic languages, all dialects from Canaan, as referred to in Isaiah 19:18]**

[The number of descendants of Noah (grandsons, great-grandsons, etc.) mentioned are 26 from Shem, 30 from Ham, and 14 from Japheth, totaling 70 "sons" or "nations." These 70 nations are the descendants (generations, genealogies or family histories) of the sons of Noah, known from Hebrew antiquity (Talmudic tradition of seventy nations in the world), and other ancient sources.]

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CONTEXT: The Gospels often write of Jesus speaking of the “kingdom of heaven” is nigh or at hand (Matthew 3:2, Mark 1:15, Matt 4:17, 15:24) And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Furthermore, Jesus instructs his disciples at this time, not to go into Samaria or talk to the Gentiles. Matthew 10:5-7 5These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

(Matthew uses “Kingdom of Heaven 32 times, none of the other Gospels use “Kingdom of Heaven”, they use “Kingdom of God”, Matt 5 times, Mark 15 times, Luke 32 times and John 2 times...because Matthew wrote to a Jewish audience, and the Jews did not pronounce the Tetragrammaton יהוה (the Hebrew name of GOD transliterated in four letters YHWH), and sometimes not even the word אֱלֹהִים (elohim)^f. Religiously observant Jews and those who follow Talmudic Jewish traditions do not pronounce יהוה, nor do they read aloud transliterated forms such as Yahweh; instead the word is substituted with a different term, whether used to address or to refer to the God of Israel. Common substitutions for Hebrew forms are hakadosh baruch hu, Adonai or HaShem.)

Luke 13:29. *they shall come from the east, and from the west*] There is an obvious reference to [Isaiah 49:12](#); [Isaiah 14:6](#). Nothing more furiously excited the envy of the Jews than the free admission of the Gentiles to those privileges of the Kingdom of Heaven ([Ephesians 3:6](#)) which they rejected. [Romans 11:1-36](#); [Acts 13:44-52](#).

*Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary*10:5-15 *The Gentiles must not have the gospel brought them, till the Jews have refused it. This restraint on the apostles was only in their first mission. Wherever they went they must proclaim, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. They preached, to establish the faith; the kingdom, to animate the hope; of heaven, to inspire the love of heavenly things, and the contempt of earthly; which is at hand, that men may prepare for it without delay.^b*

Jesus indicated that His relationship to the Father was entirely unique. He always referred to God as “My Father,” never “our Father” (cf. John 20:17). 16“Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”). 17“Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to my Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

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One way we can follow Jesus is by His divine instruction which is of HIS father.

Jesus Teaches at the Feast John 7:15-17

...¹⁵The 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. ¹⁷If anyone desires to do His will, he will know whether My teaching is from God or whether I speak on My own...

John 12:49

I have not spoken on My own, but the Father who sent Me has commanded Me what to say and how to say it.

John 14:24

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.

2 John 1:9

Anyone who runs ahead without remaining in the teaching of Christ does not have God. Whoever remains in His teaching has both the Father and the Son.

John 8:28

Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 12:49,50

For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak...

John 6:38-40,44

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me...

Knowing Jesus came to do the will of His Father-He answers in specific ways to be sure it is incontrovertible. “It is written...” “Have you never read...” “Search the scripture..” “He who has ears let him hear”...

Romans 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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