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¹ The record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

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

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

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

⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Uriah's wife,

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

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

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

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

¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² After the exile to Babylon, Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

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

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

¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob,

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

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

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place like this. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Joseph, her fiancé, being a righteous man, and not willing to shame her in public, considered breaking off the engagement privately.

²⁰ But when he thought about these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, because that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you will call his name 'Jesus,' for he will save his people from their sins."

²² Now all this happened that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

²³ "Look, the virgin will be with child, and will bring forth a son, and they will call his name Immanuel," which means, "God with us."

²⁴ Joseph woke up from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took her as his wife,

²⁵ but he had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he called his name Jesus.

Matthew 2

¹ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, at that time, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying,

² "Where is he who is born King of the Jews? for we saw his star rising in the eastern sky, and are come to worship him."

³ When Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴ Gathering together all the chief priests and experts in the law of the people, he asked them where the Christ should be born.

⁵ They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written through the prophet,

⁶ 'And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are in no wise least among the princes of Judah; for out of you will come a governor, who will be shepherd over my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod secretly called the wise men, and learned from them exactly what time the star appeared.

⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when you have found him, bring me word, that I also may come and worship him."

⁹ They, having heard the king, went their way; and the star, which they saw rising in the eastern sky, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹ They came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped him. Opening their treasures, they gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

¹² After being warned by God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed to their own country another way.

¹³ After they were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be there until I tell you; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

¹⁴ He arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and left for Egypt.

¹⁵ He was there until the death of Herod; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was tricked by the wise men, was very angry, and sent and slew all the male children in Bethlehem, and in all its borders, from two years old and under, according to the exact time which he had learned from the wise men.

¹⁷ Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; and she would not be comforted, because they were gone."

¹⁹ But after Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

²⁰ "Get up and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, for they are dead who sought the young child's life."

²¹ So he got up and took the young child and his mother, and returned to the land of Israel.

²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Being warned of God in a dream, he withdrew into the region of Galilee.

²³ He went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Matthew 3

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,

² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

³ For this is the one who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

⁴ Now John wore clothes made of camel's hair, and a had leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him,

⁶ and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to see his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

⁸ Bring forth, therefore, fruit worthy of repentance,

⁹ and do not think to tell yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you, that God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

¹⁰ Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down, and cast into the fire.

¹¹ I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor; and he will gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire."

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴ But John resisted him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it now, for it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he agreed to do it.

¹⁶ After Jesus was baptized, when he came up out of the water, suddenly, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him.

¹⁷ A voice from of heaven, said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 4

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

² After he had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

⁴ But he answered and said, "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him into the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple,

⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge concerning you, and with their hands they will catch you, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and their splendor.

⁹ He said to him, "All these things will I give you, if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Get out of here, Satan, for it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

¹² Now when he heard that John was arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

¹³ After leaving Nazareth, he came and stayed in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,

¹⁴ that it might be fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, saying,

¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness saw a great light, and to them that sat in the region and shadow of death, the light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

¹⁸ While walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹ He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

²⁰ Immediately they left the nets, and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there he saw two more brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

²² Immediately, they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went around all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of disease and sickness among the people.

²⁴ So a report about him went out into all Syria. They brought to him all who were sick, those who had various diseases and terrible pains, those possessed with demons, epileptic and crippled, and he healed them.

²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

Matthew 5

- ¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up into the mountain. After he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- ² He opened his mouth and taught them, saying,
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and say all types of evil things against you falsely, for my sake.
- ¹² Rejoice, and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- ¹³ You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its saltiness can you make it salty again? It is good for nothing, but to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.
- ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.
- ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp, and puts it under a bushel basket, but on the stand, and it shines for all that are in the house.
- ¹⁶ In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- ¹⁷ Do not think that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets, I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill them.
- ¹⁸ For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one dot or one pen-stroke will in any way pass away from the law, until all things are accomplished.
- ¹⁹ Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do so, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does and teaches them, he will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- ²⁰ For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the experts in the law and Pharisees, you will in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- ²¹ You have heard that it was said to them of old time, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever does commit murder will be in danger of the judgment.'

²² But I say to you, that everyone who is angry with his brother will be in danger of the judgment; and whoever insults his brother saying, 'Idiot,' will be in danger of the council; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ If therefore you offer your gift at the altar, and remember that your brother has something against you,

²⁴ leave your gift before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are with him in the way, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you are thrown into prison.

²⁶ Truly I say to you, you will by no means get out of there until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

²⁸ But I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it away, for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should go to hell.

³⁰ If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off, and throw it away! For it is better that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body go to hell.

³¹ It was also said, 'Whoever will put away his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

³² But I say to you, that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of unfaithfulness, makes her an adulteress, and whoever marries her when she is so divorced commits adultery.

³³ Again, you have heard that it was said to them in old times, 'You shall not break your oaths, but shall keep your oath to the Lord.'

³⁴ But I say to you, do not swear at all, neither by the heaven, for it is the throne of God,

³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet, nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

³⁶ Neither should you swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

³⁷ But let your speech simply be, 'Yes,' meaning yes, and 'No,' meaning no, and whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

³⁸ You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'

³⁹ But I say to you, do not resist one who is evil, but whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

⁴⁰ If any one would take you to court, and take away your coat, let him have your cloak also.

⁴¹ Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

⁴² Give to the one who asks from you, and from the one who would borrow from you do not turn away.

⁴³ You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.'

⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you;

⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven, since he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.

⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors the same?

⁴⁷ If you greet only your brothers, what do you more than others? Do not even the Gentiles the same?

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 6

¹ Beware that you do not do your righteous deeds before men, to be seen of them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

² When you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward.

³ But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand does,

⁴ that your giving may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵ When you pray, you should not be as the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward.

⁶ But you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ When praying do not use meaningless repetitions, as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what things you have need of, before you ask.

⁹ Pray like this: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

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

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

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

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

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, neither will your Father forgive your

¹⁶ Moreover when you fast, do not be as the hypocrites, who make their faces sad, for they disfigure their faces, that they may be seen by men to fast. Truly I say to you, they have received their reward.

¹⁷ But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face,

¹⁸ that you may not be seen by men to fast, but only by your Father who is hidden in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

¹⁹ Do not accumulate for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ But accumulate for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

²² The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

- ²³ But if your eye is diseased, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
- ²⁴ No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.
- ²⁵ Therefore I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?
- ²⁶ Look at the birds of the heaven, they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of much more value than they?
- ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add one hour to life?
- ²⁸ Why do you worry about clothes? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they do not work, nor do they spin.
- ²⁹ Yet I say to you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
- ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
- ³¹ Do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or, 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?'
- ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of them.
- ³³ But seek first his kingdom, and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well.
- ³⁴ Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 7

¹ Judge not, so that you will not be judged.

² For with the same judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with what measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ Why do you gape at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not consider the beam that is in your own eye?

⁴ Or how will you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and yet, there is a beam in your own eye?

⁵ You hypocrite, first take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

⁶ Do not give that which is holy to the dogs, neither cast your pearls before the swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and then turn and attack you.

⁷ Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened for you.

⁸ For every one who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to whoever knocks it will be opened.

⁹ Will anyone among you, if his son asks him for a loaf of bread, will he give him a stone?

¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a snake?

¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him?

¹² Whatever therefore you would that others should do to you, so you should do to them, for this fulfills the law and the prophets.

¹³ Enter in by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

¹⁴ But narrow is the gate, and the way is hard, that leads to life, and only a few find it.

¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravaging wolves.

¹⁶ By their fruits you will know them. Do people gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?

¹⁷ Even so every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit.

¹⁸ A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, neither can a bad tree produce good fruit.

¹⁹ Every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down, and thrown into the fire.

²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

²¹ Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

²² Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and by your name cast out demons, and by your name do many mighty works?'

²³ Then I will profess to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.'

²⁴ Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine, and does them, is like a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.

²⁵ The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because its foundation was upon the rock.

²⁶ Everyone who hears these words of mine, and does not do them, is like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand.

²⁷ The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell; and great was its fall."

²⁸ It came to pass, when Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching;

²⁹ for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their legal experts.

Matthew 8

¹ After he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him.

² A man with leprosy came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean."

³ He stretched out his hand, and touched him, saying, "I will; be made clean." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

⁴ Then Jesus said to him, "Make sure you do not tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."

⁵ When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, pleading with him,

⁶ and saying, "Lord, my servant lies in the house sick, paralyzed and suffering terribly."

⁷ He said to him, "I will come and heal him."

⁸ The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to those who followed, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith, no, not in anyone in Israel.

¹¹ I say to you, that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven,

¹² but the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness, where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth."

¹³ Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way, as you have believed, it will be done for you." And the servant was healed in that exact hour.

¹⁴ When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's wife's mother lying sick from a fever.

¹⁵ He touched her hand, and the fever left her. Then she got up, and served him.

¹⁶ That evening, they brought to him many possessed with demons. He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick.

¹⁷ So was fulfilled that which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, saying, "He took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

¹⁸ Now when Jesus saw the large crowd around him, he gave orders to depart to the other side.

¹⁹ A scribe came, and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

²⁰ Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

²¹ Another disciple said to him, "Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father."

²² But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

²³ When he entered into a boat, his disciples followed him.

²⁴ Suddenly, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the boat was covered with the waves. But he was asleep.

²⁵ They came to him, and woke him up, saying, "Save us, Lord! We are about to perish!"

²⁶ He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

²⁷ They marveled, saying, "What type of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

²⁸ When he came to the other side to the country of the Gadarenes, he met two men possessed with demons, coming out of the tombs, very fierce, so that no one could pass by that way.

²⁹ They cried out, saying, "What do you want with us, you Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?"

³⁰ Now there was a good distance away from them a herd of many pigs feeding.

³¹ Then the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs."

³² He said to them, "Go." They came out, and went into the pigs. Suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters.

³³ They that fed them fled, and went away into the city, and told everything, that had happened to the ones possessed with demons.

³⁴ Then all the city came out to meet Jesus. When they saw him, they requested that he leave their territory.

Matthew 9

¹ He got into a boat, and crossed over, and came to his own town.

² Then some people brought to him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the one paralyzed, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven."

³ Then, certain of the experts in the law said to themselves, "This man blasphemes."

⁴ Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

⁵ Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, and walk'?

⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins (then he said to the paralyzed man), "Get up, and take your mat, and go home."

⁷ He got up, and went home.

⁸ But when the multitudes saw it, they were awe-struck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man, called Matthew, sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." He got up, and followed him.

¹⁰ It happened, as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples.

¹¹ When the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with the tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² But when Jesus heard it, he said, "They who are healthy do not need of a doctor, but those who are sick.

¹³ But go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees frequently fast, but your disciples do not?"

¹⁵ Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

¹⁶ No one sews an unshrunk patch on old clothes; for the patch will tear away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.

¹⁷ People do not put new wine into old wineskins, else the wineskins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins perish. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

¹⁸ While he spoke these things to them, suddenly, a ruler came and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter just died, but come and lay your hand upon her, and she will live."

¹⁹ Jesus got up, followed him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ Right then, a woman, who had a discharge of blood for twelve years, came behind him, and touched the edge of his garment.

²¹ For she said to herself, "If I can touch his garment, I will be cured."

²² But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, cheer up; your faith has cured you." The woman was healed from that hour.

²³ When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players, and the crowd making an uproar,

²⁴ he said, "Leave, for the girl is not dead, but sleeps." They laughed him to scorn.

²⁵ But when the crowd was put out, he entered in, took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

²⁶ The news of this spread throughout all that land.

²⁷ As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying out, and saying, "Have mercy on us, son of David."

²⁸ When he came into the house, the blind men came to him. Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Absolutely Lord."

²⁹ Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be done to you."

³⁰ Their eyes were opened. Jesus strictly charged them, saying, "Do not tell anyone what happened."

³¹ But they went out, and spread what he had done everywhere.

³² As they went forth, suddenly, a man was brought to him who could not talk, possessed with a demon.

³³ When the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke. The crowds marveled, saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

³⁴ But the Pharisees said, "By the prince of the demons he casts out demons."

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

³⁶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

³⁸ Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 10

¹ He called his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of diseases and sicknesses.

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

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

⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, and charged them, saying, "Do not go anywhere among the Gentiles, or enter into any town of the Samaritans.

⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

⁷ As you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'

⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

⁹ Do not take gold, silver, or brass in your money belt,

¹⁰ no traveling bag for your journey, or extra coat, shoes, or staff; for the laborer is worthy of his food.

¹¹ Into whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay with them until you leave.

¹² As you enter a house, give it greetings.

¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

¹⁴ Whoever will not receive you, or hear your words, as you go out of that house or town, shake off the dust from your feet.

¹⁵ Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that town.

¹⁶ Look, I am sending you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

¹⁷ But beware of people, for they will deliver you up to councils, and in their synagogues they will beat you.

¹⁸ You will be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you will say, for it will be given you at that time what you will say.

²⁰ For it is not you who speaks, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks through you.

²¹ Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child. Children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death.

²² You will be hated of all men for my name's sake. But whoever endures to the end will be saved.

²³ But when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Truly I say to you, you will not have gone through the towns of Israel, until the Son of Man comes.

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

²⁵ It is enough for the disciple that he be as his teacher, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much worse the members of his household!

²⁶ Do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed, that will not be revealed, and hid, that will not be known.

²⁷ What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. But rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father.

³⁰ Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

³¹ So do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² Every one therefore who confesses me before men, I also will confess before my Father who is in heaven.

³³ But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven.

³⁴ Do not think that I have come to send peace on the earth. I did not come to send peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

³⁶ A man's foes will be from his own household.

³⁷ He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

³⁸ He who does not take his cross and follow me, is not worthy of me.

³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.

⁴¹ He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.

⁴² Whoever will give one of these little ones a cup of cold water to drink, because he is my disciple, truly I say to you, he will never lose his reward."

Matthew 11

¹ When Jesus finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on to teach and preach in their towns.

² Now when John, who was in prison, heard of the works of Christ, he sent his disciples

³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

⁴ Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:

⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

⁶ Blessed is everyone who does not turn away because of me."

⁷ While these went their way, Jesus said to the crowds concerning John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

⁸ But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in expensive clothes? Look, those who wear expensive clothes live in king's palaces.

⁹ But why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet.

¹⁰ This is he, of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ Truly I say to you, among those who are born of women there has not risen up anyone greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and men of violence take it by force.

¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

¹⁴ If you are willing to accept it, this is Elijah, who is to come.

¹⁵ Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶ But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces, who call to their friends,

¹⁷ and say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wept, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ For John came neither eating or drinking, and they said, 'He has a demon.'

¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they said, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her works."

²⁰ Then he began to denounce the towns where most of his mighty works were done, because they did not repent.

²¹ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

²² But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted unto heaven? No, you will go down to Hades! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

²⁴ But I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and yet have revealed them to children.

²⁶ Yes, Father, for so it was pleasing in your sight.

²⁷ All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows the Son, except the Father, neither does anyone know the Father, except the Son and the one to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

²⁸ Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 12

¹ At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pluck grain and to eat.

² But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples do what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath."

³ But he said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he was hungry, and they that were with him;

⁴ how he entered the house of God, and ate the sacred bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

⁵ Or have you not read in the law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are not guilty?

⁶ But I say to you, that one greater than the temple is here.

⁷ But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent.

⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

⁹ Jesus then left that place, and entered their synagogue.

¹⁰ There was a man there with a withered hand. They asked him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" that they might accuse him.

¹¹ He said to them, "Would not any one of you if he had one sheep, and it fell into a pit on the Sabbath, not get ahold of it, and pull it out?"

¹² How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

¹³ Then he said to the man, "Stretch out you hand." He stretched it out and it was restored whole, as the other.

¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out, and plotted against him, how they might destroy him.

¹⁵ Jesus perceiving it withdrew from there. Many followed him, and he healed them all.

¹⁶ But he ordered them not to tell who he was,

¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled what was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁸ "Look, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased; I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

¹⁹ He will not fight or yell, neither will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

²⁰ A bruised reed will he not break, and a smoking wick he will not extinguish, until he brings justice to victory.

²¹ And in his name shall the Gentiles hope."

²² Then one possessed with a demon was brought to him, blind and mute and he healed him, so that he both spoke and saw.

²³ All the crowds were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?"

²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "This man casts out demons by Beelzebub, the prince of the demons."

²⁵ Knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every town or house divided against itself will not stand.

²⁶ If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

²⁷ If I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

²⁸ But if I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.

²⁹ How can anyone enter into the house of the strong man, and plunder his goods, except he first bind the strong man? Then he will plunder his house.

³⁰ He that is not with me is against me, and he that does not gather with me scatters.

³¹ Therefore I say to you, people will be forgiven every sin and blasphemy, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

³² Whoever will speak a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven. But whoever will speak against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven, neither in this world, nor in the one which is to come.

³³ Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt, for the tree is known by its fruit.

³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

³⁵ The good man out of his good treasure brings out good things, and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings out evil things.

³⁶ I say to you, that every idle word that people speak, they will give account for in the day of judgment.

³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

³⁸ Then certain of the experts in the law and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you."

³⁹ But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; but no sign will be given except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

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

⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment on this generation, and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and look, a greater than Jonah is here.

⁴² The queen of the south will rise up in judgment on this generation, and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and look, a greater than Solomon is here.

⁴³ But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of the man, passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it.

⁴⁴ Then he says to himself, 'I will return to my house that I came out of;' and when he returns, he finds it empty, swept, and straightened up.

⁴⁵ Then he goes, and takes with himself seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there. The last state of that man is worse than the first. It will be like that for this evil generation."

⁴⁶ While he was yet speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers stood outside, seeking to speak to him.

⁴⁷ Someone said to him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to talk to you."

⁴⁸ But he answered him, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"

⁴⁹ He stretched out his hand pointing toward his disciples, and said, "See, my mother and my brothers!

⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, is my brother, sister, and mother."

Matthew 13

- ¹ On that day Jesus went out of the house, and sat beside the sea.
- ² Such large crowds gathered around him, that he got into a boat, and sat, while all the crowd stood on the shore.
- ³ He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Look, a sower went out to sow seed.
- ⁴ As he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and devoured them.
- ⁵ Others fell in the rocky places, where they did not have much dirt. Immediately they sprang up, because the soil was shallow.
- ⁶ When the sun came up, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they withered away.
- ⁷ Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
- ⁸ Others fell on the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
- ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."
- ¹⁰ The disciples came, and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"
- ¹¹ He answered them, "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."
- ¹² For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have in abundance. But whoever does not have, from him, even what he has, will be taken away.
- ¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, neither do they understand.
- ¹⁴ In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which said, 'Hearing you will hear, and will not understand; and seeing you will see, and will not comprehend.
- ¹⁵ For this people's heart is hardened, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, so they might not see with their eyes, or hear with their ears, or understand with their heart, and might turn, and I would heal them.'
- ¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.
- ¹⁷ For truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which you see, and did not see them; and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them.
- ¹⁸ Listen then to the parable of the sower.
- ¹⁹ When any one hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then comes the evil one, and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is the seed sown on the path.
- ²⁰ That which was sown upon the rocky places, is the one who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy.
- ²¹ But he has no root in himself, yet endures for a while; but when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

²² That which was sown among the thorns, is the one who hears the word and the cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

²³ That which was sown on the good ground, is the one who hears the word, and understands it. He bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

²⁴ He gave them another parable, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man that sowed good seed in his field.

²⁵ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

²⁶ When the blades sprang up and brought forth fruit, then the weeds appeared also.

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

²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy did this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us to go and gather them up?'

²⁹ But he said, 'No; lest while you are gathering up the weeds, you also root up the wheat with them.

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. In the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, gather up first the weeds, and bind them in bundles to burn them, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³¹ He gave them another parable, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field.

³² It is small among all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches."

³³ Another parable he spoke to them; "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until it was all leavened."

³⁴ All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the crowds; and he spoke nothing to them without using a parable.

³⁵ This fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet, saying, "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world."

³⁶ Then he left the crowds, and went into the house. His disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

³⁷ He answered, "He that sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

³⁸ The field is the world. The good seed are the sons of the kingdom and the weeds are the sons of the evil one.

³⁹ The enemy that sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰ As therefore the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause sin, and those who do iniquity.

⁴² They will cast them into the furnace of fire, where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The one that has ears, listen carefully.

⁴⁴ The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in the field, which a man found, and hid, and in his joy he went and sold all that he had, and bought that field.

⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls.

⁴⁶ When he found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net, that was cast into the sea, and caught fish of every kind.

⁴⁸ When it was filled, they dragged it up on the shore, sat down, and gathered the good into baskets, but the bad they threw away.

⁴⁹ So will it be in the end of the age. The angels will come forth, and separate the wicked from the righteous,

⁵⁰ and will cast them into the furnace of fire, where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ Do you understand all these things?" They responded, "Yes."

⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been made a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a man that is a house owner, who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old."

⁵³ It came to pass, when Jesus finished these parables, he left that place.

⁵⁴ After coming to his hometown, he taught in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom, and these mighty works?"

⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? Are not his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?

⁵⁶ Are not his sisters all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

⁵⁷ So they were offended by him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and in his own house."

⁵⁸ He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Matthew 14

¹ At that time, Herod Antipas the Galilean tetrarch heard the report concerning Jesus,

² and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He is risen from the dead! That is why he is doing miracles."

³ For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,

⁴ because John said to him, "It is not lawful for you to marry her."

⁵ When he wanted to have him put to death, he feared the crowds, because they counted him as a prophet.

⁶ But on Herod's birthday, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.

⁷ So he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked for.

⁸ She, being prompted by her mother, said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

⁹ Although the king was grieved, but for the sake of his oath, and because of those who sat at dinner with him, he commanded it to be given.

¹⁰ He sent and beheaded John in the prison.

¹¹ His head was brought on a platter, and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.

¹² Then his disciples came, took the body, and buried him, and went and told Jesus.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard it, he withdrew in a boat, to a remote area. But when the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴ When he came out, and saw a great crowd, he had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

¹⁵ When evening came, the disciples came to him, saying, "This place is desolate, and it is already late. Send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages, and buy food."

¹⁶ But Jesus replied, "They do not have to go away. You give them food."

¹⁷ They said to him, "We only have five loaves and two fish."

¹⁸ He responded, "Bring them to me."

¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, brake and gave the loaves to the disciples. The disciples then distributed them to the crowds.

²⁰ They all ate, and were filled, and they picked up that which was left over from the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

²¹ There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children.

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat, and go ahead of him to the other side, until he could send the crowds away.

²³ After he sent the crowds away, he went up into the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.

²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, beat by the waves because the wind was against them.

²⁵ About five in the morning he came to them, walking upon the sea.

²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost;" and they cried out in fear.

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered, "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you upon the water."

²⁹ He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat, and walked upon the water to come to Jesus.

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid. Beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me."

³¹ Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³ They that were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

³⁴ After they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

³⁵ When the men of that place recognized him, they sent all around that region, and brought to him all who were sick.

³⁶ They begged him that they might only touch the edge of his clothes, and as many as touched were healed.

Matthew 15

- ¹ Then Pharisees and Scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying,
- ² "Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat."
- ³ He answered them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"
- ⁴ For God said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.'
- ⁵ But you say, 'whoever will say to his father or his mother, "Whatever you might have profited from me is given to God,"
- ⁶ he does not need to honor his father.' You have voided the word of God because of your tradition.
- ⁷ You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,
- ⁸ 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
- ⁹ In vain do they worship me, teaching the rules of men as if they were divine commands.'"
- ¹⁰ He called the crowd to him, and said to them, "Hear, and understand:
- ¹¹ whatever enters into the mouth does not defile anyone, but that which comes out of the mouth, this is what defiles a person.
- ¹² Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended, when they heard this saying?"
- ¹³ But he answered, "Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted, will be rooted up.
- ¹⁴ Let them alone! They are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."
- ¹⁵ Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us."
- ¹⁶ He said, "Do you still not understand?"
- ¹⁷ Do you not see, that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the belly, and is flushed out into the sewer?
- ¹⁸ But the things which come out of the mouth come from the heart, and they are what defile a person.
- ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, immorality, theft, lying, and slander.
- ²⁰ These are the things that defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."
- ²¹ Then Jesus left and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon.
- ²² A Canaanite woman came from that region, and cried, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, son of David! My daughter is being tormented by a demon."

²³ But he did not answer her even a word. His disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out to us."

²⁴ But he answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

²⁶ He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

²⁷ But she said, "Yes, Lord but even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, your faith is great! Let what you want, be done for you." So her daughter was healed that same hour.

²⁹ Then Jesus left and went beside the sea of Galilee. Afterwards he went up into the mountain, and sat there.

³⁰ Large crowds came to him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, crippled, and many others, and they laid them down at his feet, and he healed them.

³¹ As a result the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled whole, and lame walking, and the blind seeing, and they praised the God of Israel.

³² Jesus called his disciples to him, and said, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me for three days now and have had nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away fasting, lest they faint on the way."

³³ The disciples said to him, "Where can we get so many loaves in this desolate place to feed such a large crowd?"

³⁴ Jesus asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They replied, "Seven, and a few small fish."

³⁵ He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground.

³⁶ He took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks, he broke, and gave to the disciples, and they distributed it to the crowds.

³⁷ They all ate, and were filled. The disciples picked up that which was left over of the broken pieces. It was seven baskets full.

³⁸ There were four thousand men who ate, besides women and children.

³⁹ After sending the crowd away, he got into the boat, and came into the region of Magadan.

Matthew 16

¹ The Pharisees and Sadducees came to test him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven.

² But he answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,'

³ and in the morning, 'It will be bad weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the face of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

⁴ An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given to it, except the sign of Jonah." He left them, and went away.

⁵ When the disciples came to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

⁶ Jesus said to them, "Pay attention and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

⁷ They thought among themselves, saying, "It is because we did not bring bread."

⁸ Jesus perceiving it said, "O you of little faith, why argue among yourselves, because you do not have bread?"

⁹ Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you picked up?

¹⁰ Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you picked up?

¹¹ How is it that you do not understand that I was not speaking to you about bread but to beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees?"

¹² Then they understood that he was warning them to beware not about the yeast of bread, but the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

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

¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

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

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

¹⁸ I also tell you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you will bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you will loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

²⁰ Then he ordered the disciples that they should not tell anyone that he was the Christ.

²¹ From that time Jesus began to tell his disciples, that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and Scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.

²² Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, "No way, Lord! This will never happen to you."

²³ But he turned, and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are a stumbling-block to me, because you are not thinking about the things of God, but the things of men."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to join me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it.

²⁶ For what will a man profit if he gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

²⁷ For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will repay to everyone according to his deeds.

²⁸ Truly I say to you, there are some who are standing here, who will in no wise taste of death, until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Matthew 17

¹ After six days, Jesus took Peter, James, and John, James' brother, with him, and led them up onto a high mountain to be by themselves.

² He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as the light.

³ Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared before them talking with him.

⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice out of the cloud, said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."

⁶ When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces, and were terrified.

⁷ Jesus came and touched them and said, "Get up and do not be afraid."

⁸ After looking up, they saw no one, except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Do not tell this vision to anyone, until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

¹⁰ His disciples asked him, "Why then do the experts in the law say that Elijah must come first?"

¹¹ He responded, "Elijah indeed is coming, 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 wanted. Even so will the Son of Man suffer at their hands."

¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, kneeling before him, saying,

¹⁵ "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is epileptic, and suffers terribly. Often he falls into the fire, and into the water.

¹⁶ I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "O faithless and corrupt generation! How long will I be with you? How long do I have to put up with you? Bring him here to me."

¹⁸ Then Jesus rebuked the demon and he went out of him, and the boy was cured from that hour.

¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

²⁰ He said to them, "Because of your little faith. Truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move to another place;' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

²¹ [Some manuscripts have: But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.]

²² As they gathered in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of men.

²³ They will kill him, and the third day he will be raised up." They were greatly troubled.

²⁴ When they came to Capernaum, the temple-tax collector came to Peter, and said, "Does your teacher not pay the half-shekel tax?"

²⁵ He said, "Yes." When he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon, the kings of the earth, from whom do they collect taxes, from their sons or from strangers?"

²⁶ Then he said, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Therefore the sons are free.

²⁷ But, so we do not cause them to stumble, go to the sea, and cast in a hook. Take up the first fish you catch. When you have opened its mouth, you will find a shekel. Take it, and give it to them for you and me."

Matthew 18

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

² He called a little child to him, and set him in the midst of them,

³ and said, "Truly I say to you, 'Except you change, and become as little children, you will in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Whoever will humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ Whoever will receive one such little child in my name receives me.

⁶ But whoever will cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is better for him that a great millstone be hung around his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.

⁷ Woe to the world because of occasions of stumbling! For it is unavoidable. But woe to that one through whom it comes!

⁸ If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off, and throw it away. It is better for you to enter into life maimed or crippled, rather than having two hands or two feet and be thrown into the eternal fire.

⁹ If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it away. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

¹⁰ See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.

¹¹ [Some manuscripts have: The Son of Man came to save what was lost.]

¹² What do you think? If anyone has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine, and go to the mountains, and seek the one which has gone astray?

¹³ If he happens to find it, truly I say to you, he rejoices more over that one than over the ninety-nine which did not go astray.

¹⁴ Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ If your brother sin against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen to the church also, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸ Truly 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 will agree on earth concerning anything that you will ask for, it will be done by my Father who is in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him, seven times?"

²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, seven times; but, seventy times seven.

²³ Therefore is the kingdom of heaven like a certain king, who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

²⁴ When he had begun to reckon, one was brought to him, that owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵ But as he did not have enough to pay, his lord commanded him, his wife, and children, and all that he had to be sold, and payment made.

²⁶ The servant therefore fell down and begged him, saying, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

²⁷ The lord of that servant, 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. He then grabbed him, and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me everything you owe.'

²⁹ So his fellow-servant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

³⁰ But he would not, but went and threw him into prison, till he could pay that which was due.

³¹ When his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very disturbed, and came and told their lord all that happened.

³² Then his lord called him and said to him, 'You wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt, because you begged me.

³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-servant also, even as I had mercy on you?'

³⁴ His lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors, until he paid all that was due.

³⁵ So also will my heavenly Father do to you, if you do not forgive every one his brother from your hearts."

Matthew 19

- ¹ When Jesus finished these things, he left Galilee, and went to the territory of Judea on the other side of the Jordan.
- ² Great crowds followed him, and he healed them there.
- ³ Then the Pharisees came to him, testing him saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason whatsoever?"
- ⁴ He answered and said, "Have you not read, that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female,
- ⁵ and said, 'For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?
- ⁶ So then they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no one split apart."
- ⁷ They said to him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to send her away?"
- ⁸ He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your heart, allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not like that.
- ⁹ I say to you, whoever will send away his wife, except for immorality, and will marry another, commits adultery, and whoever marries her when she is divorced commits adultery."
- ¹⁰ The disciples said to him, "If this is the case between a man and his wife, it is better not to marry."
- ¹¹ He said to them, "Not all men can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given.
- ¹² For there are eunuchs, who were born that way from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs, that were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs, that made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it."
- ¹³ Then some little children were brought to him, so that he might lay his hands on them, and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.
- ¹⁴ Jesus said, "Allow the little children to come to me, and do not stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
- ¹⁵ He laid his hands on them, and then went on from there.
- ¹⁶ Suddenly, one came to him and said, "Teacher, what good thing should I do, that I may have eternal life?"
- ¹⁷ He said to him, "Why do you ask me concerning that which is good? There is only one who is good, but if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."
- ¹⁸ He said to him, "Which ones?" Jesus replied, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,
- ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother; and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- ²⁰ The young man said to him, "All these things have I kept, what do I still lack?"

²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me."

²² But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful; because he had many possessions.

²³ Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

²⁴ Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

²⁵ When the disciples heard it, they were astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶ Jesus looking at them said, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

²⁷ Then Peter responded and said to him, "But we have left all, and followed you; what then will we get?"

²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed me, in the renewal of all things when the Son of Man will sit on the throne of his glory, you also will sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

²⁹ Everyone who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundred times as much, and will inherit eternal life.

³⁰ But many will be last that are first; and first that are last.

Matthew 20

¹ For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

² When he had agreed with the laborers for a normal day's wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

³ About 9 o'clock he went out, and saw others standing around idle in the marketplace.

⁴ He said to them, 'Go also into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will pay you.' So they went to work.

⁵ Again he went out about noon and three o'clock, and did the same.

⁶ Then about five o'clock he went out, and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing around here all the day idle?'

⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'Go also into the vineyard.'

⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers, and pay them their wages, beginning from the last to the first.'

⁹ When they came who were hired at five o'clock, they received everyone a full day's wage.

¹⁰ When the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but they likewise received everyone a full days wage.

¹¹ When they received it, they complained against the landowner,

¹² saying, 'These who were hired last have spent only one hour, and you paid them the same as us, who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

¹³ But he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I did you no wrong, did not you agree with me to work for a normal days wage?'

¹⁴ Take that which is yours, and go your way, I want to give to the one hired last, the same as you.

¹⁵ Do I not have the right to do what I want to with my money? Or is your eye jealous, because I am generous?'

¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last.'"

¹⁷ As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them,

¹⁸ "Pay attention, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes; and they will condemn him to death,

¹⁹ and will deliver him up to the Gentiles to mock, to scourge, and to crucify him, and the third day he will be raised up."

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons came to him, kneeling before him, and asked for a favor from him.

²¹ He said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Command that my two sons may sit, one on your right hand, and one on your left hand, in your kingdom."

²² Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They say to him, "We are able."

²³ He said to them, "Indeed you will drink my cup, but to sit on my right, and on my left hand, is not mine to give, but it is for them for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.

²⁵ But Jesus called them to him, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over their subjects, and their officials exercise authority over them.

²⁶ It should not be like that among you, but whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your servant.

²⁸ Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

²⁹ As they went out from Jericho, a great crowd followed him.

³⁰ Two blind men sitting by the side of the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Lord, son of David, have mercy on us."

³¹ The crowd rebuked them, ordering them to shut up: but they cried out all the more, saying, "Lord, son of David, have mercy on us."

³² Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, "What do you want me to do for you?"

³³ They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened."

³⁴ Then Jesus, moved with compassion, touched their eyes, and immediately they received their sight, and followed him.

Matthew 21

¹ When they drew near to Jerusalem, they approached Bethphage, on the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

² saying to them, "Go into the village that is over there, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them, and bring them to me.

³ If any one says anything to you, you will say, 'The Lord has need of them;' and immediately he will send them."

⁴ Now this came to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Look, your King comes to you, meek, and riding upon a donkey, and upon a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶ The disciples went, and did just as Jesus directed them to.

⁷ They brought the donkey, and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat on it.

⁸ Then much of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut down branches from the trees, and spread them in the way.

⁹ The crowds that went before and after him, cried, saying, "Hosanna to the son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!"

¹⁰ When he came into Jerusalem, all the city was in an uproar, saying, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

¹² Then Jesus entered into the temple of God, and threw out all that bought and sold in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of those who sold the doves.

¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of robbers.'"

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children who were shouting in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the son of David!" they got angry.

¹⁶ They said to him, "Do you not hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes, have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings you have perfected praise?'"

¹⁷ He left them, and went out of the city to Bethany, and stayed there.

¹⁸ Now in the morning as he returned to the city, he was hungry.

¹⁹ Seeing a fig tree by the road side, he came to it, and found nothing on it, but only leaves. He said to it, "Let there be no fruit on you forever." And immediately the fig tree withered away.

²⁰ When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, "How did the fig tree immediately wither away?"

²¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith, and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will be done.

²² All things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

²³ When he came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority do you do these things? Who gave you this authority?"

²⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one question, which, if you answer me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵ The baptism of John, where was it from? Was it from heaven or from men?"

They reasoned with themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

²⁶ But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the crowds; because everyone held that John was a prophet."

²⁷ They answered Jesus, and said, "We do not know." He then said to them, "Neither will I tell by what authority I do these things.

²⁸ But what do you think? A man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.'

²⁹ He answered and said, 'I will not;' but afterwards he changed his mind, and went.

³⁰ He came to the second son, and said the same thing. He answered and said, 'I will go. sir.' and then did not go.

³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They replied, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that the tax-collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and you, when you saw it, did not even repent afterwards, that you might believe him.

³³ Listen to another parable: There was a man that was a landowner, who planted a vineyard, set a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower, and then rented it out to tenants, and went into another country.

³⁴ When the harvest drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to receive his rent.

³⁵ The tenants took his servants, beat one, killed another and stoned another.

³⁶ Again, he sent other servants more than the first; and they did the same thing to them.

³⁷ But afterwards he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

³⁸ But the tenants, when they saw the son, said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and take his inheritance.'

³⁹ They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰ When therefore the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

⁴¹ They said to him, "He will utterly destroy those miserable men, and will rent out the vineyard to other tenants, who will pay him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures, 'The same stone which the builders rejected was made the head cornerstone. This was from the Lord, and it is amazing in our eyes?'

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation bringing forth its fruits.

⁴⁴ He that falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but whoever it will fall on, it will crush him to dust."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he had spoken against them.

⁴⁶ When they tried to lay hold on him, they feared the crowds, because they thought he was a prophet.

Matthew 22

¹ Jesus answered and spoke again in parables to them, saying,

² "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who gave a wedding feast for his son,

³ and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, and they would not come.

⁴ Again he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "Look, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened calves are killed, and everything is ready, come to the marriage feast."'

⁵ But they ignored it, and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business,

⁶ and the rest took hold of his servants, and treated them shamefully, and killed them.

⁷ The king was angry. He sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned their town down.

⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come.'

⁹ Go therefore to the street corners, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding feast.'

¹⁰ Those servants went out into the streets, and gathered together everyone they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding was filled with guests.

¹¹ But when the king came in to greet the guests, he saw a man who did not have on a wedding garment.

¹² He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wearing a wedding garment?' He was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him out into the outer darkness, there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ For many are called, but few chosen."

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went, and plotted how they might trap him in his talk.

¹⁶ They sent their disciples with the Herodians, to him, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God in truth, and do not play favorites, for you are not impressed by a person's status.

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?"

¹⁹ Show me the tax money." They brought him a denarius.

²⁰ He said to them, "Whose picture and inscription is this?"

²¹ They said to him, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."

²² When they heard it, they marveled, and left him, and went away.

- ²³ On that day the Sadducees came to him, those who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him,
- ²⁴ saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man die, having no children, his brother should marry his wife, and raise up seed to his brother.'
- ²⁵ Now there were with us seven brothers, and the first married and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother.
- ²⁶ Similarly the second also, and the third, to the seventh.
- ²⁷ Last of all, the woman died.
- ²⁸ In the resurrection therefore whose wife of the seven will she be, for they all were married to her?"
- ²⁹ But Jesus answered and said to them, "You err, not knowing the Scriptures, or the power of God.
- ³⁰ For in the resurrection people will not marry, or be given in marriage, but will be like the angels in heaven.
- ³¹ But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying,
- ³² 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?' God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."
- ³³ When the multitudes heard it, they were amazed at his teaching.
- ³⁴ But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered themselves together.
- ³⁵ One of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, testing him.
- ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?"
- ³⁷ He replied, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
- ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment.
- ³⁹ The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
- ⁴⁰ On these two commandments the whole law and prophets hang."
- ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,
- ⁴² saying, "What do you think of 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 on my right hand, until I put your enemies underneath your feet?'"
- ⁴⁵ If David called him Lord, then how is he his son?"
- ⁴⁶ No one was able to answer him anything, neither did anyone from that day on ask him any more questions.

Matthew 23

¹ Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and his disciples,

² saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses seat.

³ Observe and do everything they tell you, but do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

⁴ Yes, they bind heavy burdens, hard to carry, and load them on men's shoulders, but they themselves will not lift a finger to move them.

⁵ But they do all their works for show. They make their phylacteries wide, and the religious tassels of their garments long,

⁶ and love the chief place at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

⁷ and savor the salutations in the marketplaces, to be called, 'Rabbi.'

⁸ But do not be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

⁹ Do not call any man 'father' on the earth, for one is your Father, even he who is in heaven.

¹⁰ Do not be called 'Teacher,' for you have one teacher, even the Christ.

¹¹ But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

¹² Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

¹³ But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock up the kingdom of heaven. You do not enter yourselves, then you stop those who are trying to enter.

¹⁴ [Some manuscripts have: Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Therefore you will be punished more severely.]

¹⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel over land and sea to make one convert, and once he is converted, you make him twice the son of hell that you are.

¹⁶ Woe to you, blind guides, that say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor.'

¹⁷ You fools and blind, for which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold?

¹⁸ You say, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gift that is upon it, he is a debtor.'

¹⁹ How blind! Which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

²⁰ Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it, and by all things on it.

²¹ He who swears by the temple, swears by it, and by him who dwells in it.

²² He who swears by the heaven, swears by the throne of God, and by him who sits on it.

²³ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, anise and

cummin, and have ignored the more important matters of the law, justice, mercy, and faith. But these you ought to have done, and not to have neglected the other.

²⁴ You blind guides, who strain out a gnat, and then swallow the camel!

²⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and plate, but the inside is full from greed and self-indulgence.

²⁶ You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and plate, that the outside may become clean also.

²⁷ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like white sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and all uncleanness.

²⁸ Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

²⁹ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the sepulchres of the prophets, and garnish the tombs of the righteous,

³⁰ and say, 'If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have participated with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.

³¹ So you witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who slew the prophets.

³² Alright, then fill up the sinful measure of your fathers.

³³ You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how will you escape the judgment of hell?

³⁴ Therefore, look, I am sending to you prophets, wise men, and scribes, some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will beat in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city.

³⁵ So all the righteous bloodshed on the earth will come on you, from the blood of Abel the righteous to the blood of Zechariah son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

³⁶ Truly I say to you, all these things will come on this generation.

³⁷ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kills the prophets, and stone the ones who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would not!

³⁸ Look, your house is left to you desolate.

³⁹ For I say to you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Matthew 24

¹ As Jesus was leaving the temple, and going on his way, his disciples came to him to point out the buildings of the temple.

² But he answered and said to them, "You see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone will be left upon another, everyone will be thrown down."

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?"

⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Take heed that no one lead you astray.

⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ'; and will lead many astray.

⁶ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, see that you are not troubled; for these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

⁷ For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in many places.

⁸ But all these things are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ Then they will deliver you up to persecution, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all the nations for my name's sake.

¹⁰ Then many will stumble, and will deliver up one another, and will hate one another.

¹¹ Many false prophets will arise, and will lead many astray.

¹² Because of the multiplying of sin, the love of the many will grow cold.

¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

¹⁴ This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations; and then will the end come.

¹⁵ When therefore you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that reads understand),

¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take out things that are in his house.

¹⁸ Let the one who is in the field not go back to pick up his coat.

¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who nurse infants in those days!

²⁰ Pray that your escape is not in the winter, or on a Sabbath.

²¹ Then there will be great tribulation, such as has never been since the beginning of the world until now, no, or ever will be.

²² Except those days were shortened, no one would survive; but for the sake of the chosen those days will be shortened.

²³ Then if any one says to you, 'Look, Christ is here or there,' do not believe it.

²⁴ For there will arise false Christs, and false prophets, and will perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.

²⁵ Pay attention, I have told you these things a head of time.

²⁶ If, therefore, they say to you, 'Behold, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or 'Look, he is in the inner chambers,' do not believe it.

²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east, and is seen even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

²⁸ Wherever the carcass is, there will the vultures be gathered.

²⁹ But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and 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.

³¹ He will send out his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near.

³³ Even so when you see all these things, know that he is near, even at the door.

³⁴ Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away, until all these things are accomplished.

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁶ But the exact day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be when the Son of Man comes.

³⁸ For in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

³⁹ and they did not know until the flood came, and took them all away. So will it be when the Son of Man comes.

⁴⁰ Two men will be in a field, one will be taken, and the other left behind.

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill, one will be taken, and the other left behind.

⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord comes.

⁴³ But know this, that if the owner of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have permitted his house to be broken into.

⁴⁴ Therefore be ready, for in an hour that you do not expect the Son of Man comes.

⁴⁵ Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has set over his household, to give his servants their food at the right time?

⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant, whom his lord will find so doing when he returns.

⁴⁷ Truly I say to you, he will set him over all that he has.

⁴⁸ But if that evil servant will say in his heart, 'My lord will not be back for a while,'

⁴⁹ and will begin to beat his fellow servants, and will eat and drink with the drunkards,

⁵⁰ the lord of that servant will come in a day when he does not expect him, and in an hour when he does not anticipate it.

⁵¹ He will cut him in two, and give him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25

¹ The kingdom of heaven is like ten bridesmaids, who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom.

² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

³ The foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them.

⁴ But the wise took oil in their flasks with their lamps.

⁵ Now while the bridegroom delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

⁷ Then all the bridesmaids got up, and trimmed their lamps.

⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

⁹ But the wise answered, 'What if there is not enough for both of us, go to the store and buy your own.'

¹⁰ While they went away to buy some, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

¹¹ Afterward the other bridesmaids came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open up for us.'

¹² But he answered and said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.'

¹³ Watch therefore, for you do not know the day or the hour.

¹⁴ For the kingdom is like a man who was going into another country, who called his servants, and delivered to them his goods.

¹⁵ To one he gave five talents of money, to another two, to another one; to each according to his ability, and then he went on his journey.

¹⁶ Immediately, the one who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made five more talents.

¹⁷ In like manner the one who received two gained two more.

¹⁸ But the one who received the one went away and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

¹⁹ Now after a long time the lord of those servants returned, and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ The one who received the five talents came and brought five more talents, saying, 'Lord, you gave me five talents. Look, I have gained five more talents.'

²¹ His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

²² The one who received the two talents came and said, 'Lord, you gave me two talents. Look, I have gained two more talents.'

²³ His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

²⁴ The one who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter.

²⁵ I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. Look, you have back what is yours.'

²⁶ But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and slothful servant, you knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter,

²⁷ then you ought to have invested my money with bankers, and at my coming I should have received it back with interest.

²⁸ Take away therefore the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents.'

²⁹ For to everyone who has, it will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who has not, even that which he has will be taken away.

³⁰ Throw out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness, there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.'

³¹ When the Son of man will come in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

³² Before him all the nations will be gathered; and he will separate one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

³³ He will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

³⁴ Then the king will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

³⁵ For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in,

³⁶ naked, and you clothed me. I was sick, and you visited me, I was in prison, and you came to me.'

³⁷ Then will the righteous answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and fed you; or thirsty, and gave you a drink?

³⁸ When did we see you a stranger, and took you in, or naked, and clothed you?

³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison, and visit you?'

⁴⁰ The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ Then will he say to those on his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

⁴² For I was hungry, and you did not give me anything to eat, I was thirsty, and you did not give me a drink.

⁴³ I was a stranger, and you did not take me in, naked, and you did not clothe me, sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.'

⁴⁴ Then will they answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not care for you?'

⁴⁵ Then will he answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

⁴⁶ These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Matthew 26

- ¹ When Jesus finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,
² "You know that the Passover is in two days, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."
³ Then the chief priests, and the elders of the people were gathered together, at the court of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas.
⁴ They conspired together so that they might arrest Jesus secretly, and kill him.
⁵ But they said, "Not during the feast, or the people may riot."
- ⁶ Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,
⁷ a woman came to him who had an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, and she poured it on his head as he sat at dinner.
⁸ But when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?
⁹ This perfume might have been sold for much, and given to the poor."
¹⁰ But Jesus perceiving it said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has done a good thing to me.
¹¹ For the poor are always with you, but me you do not always have.
¹² For when she poured this perfume upon my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.
¹³ Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will be spoken of as a memorial to her."
- ¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests,
¹⁵ and said, "What are you willing to give me, and I will deliver him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver.
¹⁶ From that time he sought opportunity to hand him over to them.
- ¹⁷ Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?"
¹⁸ He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher said, My time is at hand; I will celebrate the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"
¹⁹ The disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.
²⁰ When evening had come, he was sitting eating dinner with the twelve disciples.
²¹ As they were eating, he said, "Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me."
²² They were very distressed, and each of them began to say to him, "Is it I, Lord?"
²³ He said, "The one who dips his hand with me in the dish, will betray me."
²⁴ The Son of Man goes, even as it is written of him, but woe to the one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had never been born."
²⁵ Judas, who betrayed him, asked, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You said it."

²⁶ As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed, and broke it. He gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

²⁷ He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "All of you drink from it;

²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will abandon me this night; for it is written, I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee."

³³ But Peter answered and said to him, "Though everyone desert you, I will never desert you."

³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, this night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

³⁵ Peter said to him, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you." So said all the disciples.

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him, and began to be sorrowful and deeply troubled.

³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is grief stricken, even to the point of death. Stay here, and watch with me."

³⁹ He went forward a little, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless, not what I want, but what you want."

⁴⁰ He came to the disciples, and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What, could you not watch with me for one hour?"

⁴¹ Watch and pray, that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² Again, a second time he went away, and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away, except I drink it, your will be done."

⁴³ He came again and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴ He left them, and went away, and prayed a third time, saying again the same words.

⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples, and said to them, "Sleep on and take your rest. Look, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. The one betraying me is at hand."

⁴⁷ While he was speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priest and elders of the people.

⁴⁸ Now the one who betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, "Whoever I will kiss, he is the one, arrest him."

⁴⁹ He came directly to Jesus, and said, "Greetings, Rabbi;" and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and arrested him.

⁵¹ Then one of them who was with Jesus reached out his hand, drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, for all who use the sword will die by the sword.

⁵³ Do you not think that I cannot ask my Father, and he will even now send me more than twelve legions of angels?

⁵⁴ How then would the scriptures be fulfilled that it must happen like this?"

⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out against me as a robber with swords and clubs to seize me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.

⁵⁶ But all this is happening so that the prophetic scriptures might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him, and fled.

⁵⁷ Those who took Jesus led him away to the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

⁵⁸ But Peter followed him at a distance to the court of the high priest. He entered in, and sat with the officers, to see how it would end up.

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council sought for a false witness against Jesus, so they might put him to death.

⁶⁰ They found none, though many false witnesses came forward. But afterward two came,

⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.'"

⁶² The high priest stood up, and said to him, "Do you not answer anything? What is it which these testify against you?"

⁶³ But Jesus held his peace. The high priest said to him, "I command you by the living God, tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God."

⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said it. Nevertheless I say to you, in the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy; what further need do we have for witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.

⁶⁶ What do you think?" They answered, "He is worthy of death."

⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and beat him, and some slapped him with the palms of their hands,

⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, you 'Christ,' who hit you?"

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the court. A servant-girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

⁷¹ When he had gone out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and said to those who were there, "This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁷² Again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the man."

⁷³ After a little while those who were standing by said to Peter, "Surely you are also one of them for your accent gives you away."

⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." Immediately the cock crew.

⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Matthew 27

¹ When morning arrived, all the chief priests and the elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put him to death.

² They bound him, led him away, and delivered him over to Pilate, the governor.

³ Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

⁴ saying, "I have sinned for I betrayed innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem."

⁵ He threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary, and left. Then he went out and hanged himself.

⁶ The chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money."

⁷ They discussed it, and bought the potter's field with it, to bury strangers in.

⁸ That is why that field was called, "The Field of Blood," unto this day.

⁹ Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price was set by the children of Israel.

¹⁰ and they used it to buy the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me."

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor. The governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "You said it."

¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they are making against you?"

¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even one word, so that the governor was astonished.

¹⁵ Now at the feast it was the governor's custom to release to the crowd one prisoner, whom they picked.

¹⁶ They had a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

¹⁷ When they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Who do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him."

²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

²¹ But the governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas."

²² Pilate said to them, "What then should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

They all said, "Let him be crucified."

²³ He said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they cried out all the more, "Let him be crucified."

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather the uproar increased, he took water, and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man. It's your responsibility."

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

²⁶ Then he released to them Barabbas, but he scourged Jesus and delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium, and gathered the whole band around him.

²⁸ They stripped him, and put a scarlet robe on him.

²⁹ And they twisted together a crown of thorns and pushed it upon his head. They put a staff in his right hand; and they kneeled down before him, and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and hit him on the head.

³¹ After they had mocked him, they took the robe off him, and put on him his own clothes, and led him away to crucify him.

³² As they came out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon! They compelled him to go with them, so that he might carry his cross.

³³ They came to the place called Golgotha, meaning, "The place of a skull."

³⁴ They gave him wine to drink mingled with bitter gall, but when he tasted it, he refused to drink it.

³⁵ When they had crucified him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots.

³⁶ They sat and kept guard over him there.

³⁷ They set up over his head his written accusation, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁸ Two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right hand and one on the left.

³⁹ They who passed by shouted abusively at him, wagging their heads,

⁴⁰ and saying, "You claimed to destroy the temple, and build it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

⁴¹ So also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

⁴² "He saved others, but he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel? Let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe on him.

⁴³ He trusted in God, let him deliver him now, if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God'."

⁴⁴ The robbers also that were crucified with him ridiculed him the same way.

⁴⁵ From noon until three there was darkness over all the land.

⁴⁶ About three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

⁴⁷ Some of them standing there, when they heard it, said, "This man calls for Elijah."

⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

⁴⁹ The rest said, "Let him alone. Let's see whether Elijah will come to save him."

⁵⁰ Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

⁵¹ At that moment, the veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom, the earth quaked; and the rocks split apart,

⁵² and the tombs were opened. Many bodies of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised.

⁵³ After his resurrection, they came out of the tombs, entered into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴ Now the centurion, and they who were with him guarding Jesus, when they saw the earthquake, and the things that happened, were terrified, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God."

⁵⁵ Many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee, caring for him, were there watching from a distance.

⁵⁶ Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When evening came, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also Jesus' disciple.

⁵⁸ This man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded it to be given up.

⁵⁹ Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out of rock. Then he rolled a great stone over the door of the tomb, and left.

⁶¹ Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting across from the sepulcher.

⁶² Now on the next day, which is the day after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together before Pilate,

⁶³ saying, "Sir, we remember that that deceiver said while he was yet alive, 'After three days I rise again'.

⁶⁴ Command therefore that the sepulcher be secured until the third day, otherwise his disciples may come and steal him away, and say to the people, 'He is risen from the dead,' and the last error will be worse than the first'."

⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you can."

⁶⁶ So they went, and made the sepulcher secure, sealing the stone, and put a guard there too.

Matthew 28

¹ After the Sabbath day, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to visit the sepulcher.

² Suddenly, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it.

³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

⁴ The guards shook, and became like dead men for fear of him.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are seeking Jesus, who was crucified.

⁶ He is not here, for he is risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

⁷ Go quickly, and tell his disciples. He is risen from the dead. He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him: yes, I have told you."

⁸ They quickly left the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word.

⁹ Suddenly, Jesus met them, saying, "Greetings." They came and took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Fear not! Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and they will see me there."

¹¹ Now while they were going, some of the guards went into the city, and told the chief priests all the things that had happened.

¹² After they were assembled with the elders, and had concocted a scheme, they gave a bribe to the soldiers,

¹³ saying, "Say, 'His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.'

¹⁴ If this comes to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and keep you out of trouble."

¹⁵ So they took the money, and did as they were instructed. This rumor was spread around among the Jews, and continues until this day.

¹⁶ But the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain that Jesus had directed them to.

¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted.

¹⁸ Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Surely, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

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¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Look, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way.

³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight.'"

⁴ John came, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵ Now all the region of Judea, and all those of Jerusalem went out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

⁶ John was clothed with a camel's hair garment, and had a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷ He preached, saying, "There comes one after me who is mightier than I, the strap of his sandal I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ Now it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan River.

¹⁰ While Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove.

¹¹ A voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son, I am well pleased with you."

¹² Immediately the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels ministered to him.

¹⁴ Now after John was imprisoned, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,

¹⁵ saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ Passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets, and followed him.

¹⁹ Going on a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat mending their nets.

²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired hands, and followed him.

²¹ They went to Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath he entered into the synagogue and taught.

²² They were astonished at his teaching, because he taught them as one having authority, and not like the scribes.

²³ Now there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

²⁴ "What have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

²⁵ Then Jesus rebuked him, "Be quiet, and come out of him."

²⁶ The unclean spirit, after tearing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

²⁷ They were all amazed, so they asked each other, "What is this?--a new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

²⁸ The report of him quickly spread everywhere into all the region of Galilee.

²⁹ As soon as they came out of the synagogue, they went to the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick of a fever, and immediately they told him about her.

³¹ He came and took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them.

³² During the evening, after sunset, they brought to him all that were sick, and those who were possessed with demons.

³³ All the city was gathered together at the door.

³⁴ He healed many that were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ He got up early in the morning, before dawn. He left, and departed into a deserted place, and there prayed.

³⁶ Simon and those who were with him searched for him.

³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you."

³⁸ He replied, "Let us move on to the next towns, that I may preach there too, for this is the reason I came."

³⁹ Then he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

⁴⁰ Now a leper came to him, begging him, and kneeling down before him, saying to him, "If you will, you can make me clean."

⁴¹ Being moved with compassion, he stretched out his hand, and touched him, and said to him, "I will, be clean."

⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

⁴³ Then he sternly warned him, and quickly sent him out.

⁴⁴ He said to him, "See that you do not say anything to anyone, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing the things that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."

⁴⁵ But he went out, and began to publicize it, and to spread the story around, so that Jesus could not openly enter into a city, but stayed out in deserted places. Yet they came to him from everywhere.

Mark 2

¹ When he returned to Capernaum after a few days, it was reported that he was at the house.

² So many were gathered together, that there was no more room, not even at the door, and he spoke the word to them.

³ They came, bringing to him a man sick of the palsy, carried by four of them.

⁴ When they could not get near him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof over where he was. When they had broken through, they let down the mat the paralyzed man was laying on.

⁵ Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ But there were certain scribes sitting there, reasoning in their hearts,

⁷ "Why does this man talk like this? He is blaspheming! For who can forgive sins except God alone?"

⁸ Immediately, Jesus, realizing in his spirit that they were thinking this, said to them, "Why do you think these things in your hearts?"

⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Arise, and take up your mat and walk'?

¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," he said to the paralyzed man,

¹¹ "I say to you, arise, take your mat, and go home."

¹² He stood, and immediately picked up the mat, and went out before them all. They were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this before."

¹³ He went out again by the seaside, and the whole crowd came to him, and he taught them.

¹⁴ Now as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." He got up and followed him.

¹⁵ It came to pass, that as he was sitting at dinner in his house, many tax collectors and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many following him.

¹⁶ Now the scribes who were Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹⁷ Then when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "They who are healthy have no need of a doctor, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁸ Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and they came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

¹⁹ Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast, while the bridegroom is with them? As long as the bridegroom is with them, they do not fast.

²⁰ But the days will come, when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, in that day, they will fast.

²¹ No man sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, otherwise the new patch will tear away from the old cloth, and the tear is made worse.

²² No one puts new wine into old wineskins, else the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins will be destroyed. But they put new wine into fresh wineskins."

²³ And it came to pass, as he was going through the grain fields on the Sabbath, his disciples began, as they went along, to pluck the ears of grain.

²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why do they do that which is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵ He replied, "Did you not ever read what David did, when he was in need and hungry, he, and those who were with him,

²⁶ how he entered into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the sacred bread, which it is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and he gave it also to those who were with him?"

²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath."

Mark 3

- ¹ Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and there was a man there who had a withered hand.
- ² They watched him, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.
- ³ He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come here."
- ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to do harm, to save life, or to kill?" But they were silent.
- ⁵ After he looked around at them in anger, being grieved at the hardening of their heart, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.
- ⁶ Immediately the Pharisees went out, plotting with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.
- ⁷ Then Jesus with his disciples withdrew to the sea, and a large crowd followed him from Galilee, Judea,
- ⁸ Jerusalem, Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and around Tyre and Sidon, having heard what great things he did, they came to him.
- ⁹ He spoke to his disciples and asked that a little boat be prepared for him because of the crowd, so that they might not crush him.
- ¹⁰ For he healed many, so that as many as had diseases pushed upon him in order that they might touch him.
- ¹¹ Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him, and cried, "You are the Son of God."
- ¹² But he strictly ordered them that they should not make him known.
- ¹³ Then he went up the mountain, and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him.
- ¹⁴ He appointed twelve, who he called apostles, so that they might be with him, and that he might send them out to preach,
- ¹⁵ and to have authority to cast out demons.
- ¹⁶ The twelve he appointed were: Simon, who he called Peter,
- ¹⁷ James, the son of Zebedee, and John, the brother of James; and he called them Boanerges, which means, Sons of Thunder;
- ¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot,
- ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. Then he went home.
- ²⁰ The crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.
- ²¹ Now when his family heard it, they wanted to get a hold of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² Now the scribes that came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub, and by the prince of the demons he casts out the demons."

²³ So he called them to him, and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?"

²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

²⁶ If Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

²⁷ No one can enter into the house of the strong man, and plunder his goods, except he first bind the strong man; and then he will rob his house.

²⁸ Truly I say to you, all sins will be forgiven for the children of men, even blasphemies they speak.

²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came, and, standing outside, they sent for him, summoning him.

³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ He answered them, "Who is my mother and my brothers?"

³⁴ Looking around on those who were sitting around him, he said, "Look, my mother and my brothers!

³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, that one is my brother, sister, and mother."

Mark 4

¹ Again Jesus began to teach by the seaside. Now there was gathered around him such a very great crowd, that he entered into a boat, and sat there while all the crowd was on the shore.

² He taught them many things in parables, and in his teaching said to them,

³ "Listen. A sower went out to sow seed.

⁴ It came to pass, as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and devoured it.

⁵ Other seed fell on the rocky ground, where it did not have much dirt, and immediately it sprang up, because the dirt was not deep.

⁶ When the sun rose, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered away.

⁷ Other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it produced no fruit.

⁸ Other seed fell on the good ground, and produced fruit, growing up and flourishing, and it brought forth thirty times, sixty times, and some a hundred times."

⁹ He said, "The one who has ears to hear, let him hear."

¹⁰ When he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.

¹¹ He explained to them, "Unto you the mystery of the kingdom of God is given, but to those who are outside, all things are done in parables.

¹² So that seeing, they may see, and not perceive, and hearing, they may hear, and not understand; so that they might turn and be forgiven."

¹³ He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

¹⁴ The sower sows the word.

¹⁵ These are the ones on the path, where the word is sown. Whenever they hear it immediately Satan comes, and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

¹⁶ These are the ones that are sown upon the rocky soil, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.

¹⁷ But they have no root in themselves, and so last only for a brief while. When tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.

¹⁸ Others are the ones that are sown among the thorns. These are the ones who hear the word,

¹⁹ and the cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things come in, and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²⁰ Then there are the ones that were sown upon the good ground. They hear the word, and accept it, and produce fruit, some thirty times, and sixty times, and a hundred times."

²¹ He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not to be put on the lamp stand?"

²² For there is nothing hid, that will not be revealed, neither was anything made secret, that will not eventually come to light.

²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

²⁴ Then he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear. For with what measure you use it will be measured to you; and even more will be given to you.

²⁵ For he that has, to him will be given. He that does not have, from him will be taken away even what he has."

²⁶ He continued, "The kingdom of God is like someone casting seed upon the ground.

²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed springs up and grows, but he does not know how.

²⁸ The ground produces fruit by itself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

²⁹ But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he uses the sickle, because the harvest is come."

³⁰ He said, "To what may we liken the kingdom of God? What parable shall we use to describe it?"

³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown on the ground, though it is the smallest of the garden seeds that are on the earth,

³² yet when it is sown it grows up, and becomes greater than all the garden plants, and puts out great branches; so that even the birds of the heaven can lodge under its shadow."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

³⁴ Without a parable he did not speak to them. But privately he expounded all things to his own disciples.

³⁵ On that day, when evening was come, he said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake."

³⁶ Leaving the crowd, they took him with them, just as he was, in the boat. There were other boats with him.

³⁷ Then there arose a great wind storm, and the waves beat on the boat, so much so that the boat was being swamped.

³⁸ But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. They woke him up, and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we perish?"

³⁹ Then he got up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet down, be still." The wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰ Then he said to them, "Why are you fearful? Do you not yet have faith?"

⁴¹ They were petrified, and said one to another, "Who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Mark 5

- ¹ They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes.
- ² When he was getting out of the boat, immediately a man with an unclean spirit met him having come out of the tombs.
- ³ He lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him, not even with chains.
- ⁴ He often had been bound with shackles and chains, but he had ripped the chains apart, and broke the shackles in pieces. No one was strong enough to control him.
- ⁵ Every day and night, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones.
- ⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell down before him.
- ⁷ He cried out with a scream, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me."
- ⁸ For Jesus said to him, "Come out of this man you unclean spirit."
- ⁹ He asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many."
- ¹⁰ He intensely begged Jesus not to send them out of the region.
- ¹¹ Now there was on the mountain side a great herd of pigs feeding.
- ¹² They begged him, saying, "Send us into the pigs, that we may go into them."
- ¹³ So he granted them permission. The unclean spirits came out, and entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand drowned in the sea.
- ¹⁴ Then they that fed them fled, and reported it in the town and in that region. They came out to see what had happened.
- ¹⁵ They came to Jesus and saw the one who was possessed with demons sitting, clothed and in his right mind. It was he who had the legion, and they were afraid.
- ¹⁶ So the ones who had seen it told them what had happened to the one who was possessed by the demons, and about the pigs.
- ¹⁷ Then they urged him to leave their region.
- ¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, he who had been possessed by the demons begged to go with him.
- ¹⁹ But Jesus would not permit him to, but said to him, "Go to your house to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how he had mercy on you."
- ²⁰ So he went his way, and began to proclaim in the Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him, and all the people were amazed.
- ²¹ When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea.
- ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue named Jairus, and seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet,
- ²³ urgently requesting him, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, that she may be healed and live."

²⁴ Then Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed him, and they pressed in all around him.

²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years,

²⁶ and had suffered many things at the hands of many doctors. She had spent all that she had, and was not any better, but even grew worse.

²⁷ After hearing the things about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd, and touched his garment.

²⁸ For she said, "If I can just touch his garments, I will be healed."

²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

³⁰ Immediately, Jesus, realizing that the power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd, and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ His disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you, and yet you still ask, 'Who touched me?'"

³² But he looked around to see who had done this.

³³ Then the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you whole. Go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking some people came from the synagogue ruler's house announcing, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any longer?"

³⁶ But Jesus, ignoring what had just been spoken, said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him, except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

³⁸ When they arrived at the house of the synagogue ruler, he saw all the commotion, with many weeping and loudly wailing.

³⁹ When he had entered in, he said to them, "Why do you make such a commotion, and weep? The child is not dead, but only asleep."

⁴⁰ Then they scornfully laughed at him. But he, having put them all out, took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in to where the child was.

⁴¹ Then taking the child by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum" which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, Arise."

⁴² Immediately the girl got up, and walked, for she was twelve years old. They were absolutely amazed.

⁴³ Then he sternly ordered them that no one should know about this, after which he requested that they give her something to eat.

Mark 6

¹ Then Jesus left there and came to his own hometown, with his disciples following him.

² When the Sabbath arrived, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many hearing him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things?" and, "What is the wisdom that has been given to him?" and "What is the meaning of such mighty works done by his hands?"

³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? Are not his sisters here with us?" So they were offended by him.

⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house."

⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

⁶ He was amazed because of their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.

⁷ Now Jesus summoned the twelve, and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits,

⁸ and told them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a staff, no bread, wallet, or money in their belt,

⁹ but to put on only sandals, and not to wear two coats.

¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that place.

¹¹ Whatever place will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave, shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony against them."

¹² So they went out, and preached that people should repent.

¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed many who were sick with oil, and healed them.

¹⁴ Now king Herod heard about it, for Jesus' name had become well known. He said, "John the Baptist has risen from the dead, which is the reason he does such miracles."

¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." Others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

¹⁶ But Herod, when he heard of him, said, "John, whom I beheaded, is risen."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent and imprisoned John. He bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her.

¹⁸ For John told to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to marry your brother's wife."

¹⁹ So Herodias positioned herself against him, and desired to kill him. But she could not,

²⁰ because Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man. So he protected him. When Herod heard him, he was greatly puzzled; although he enjoyed listening to him.

²¹ When an opportune time came, Herod, on his birthday, made a banquet for his court officials, the military officers, and the leaders of Galilee.

²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and those who ate with him. So the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want and I will give it to you."

²³ He swore to her, "Whatever you will ask me, I will give to you, up to half of my kingdom."

²⁴ Then she went out, and asked her mother, "What shall I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptist."

²⁵ She immediately returned to the king, and said, "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ The king really regretted it, but for the sake of his oath, and those who were at the dinner, he would not refuse her request.

²⁷ Immediately the king sent out a soldier from his guard, and commanded him to bring John's head. So he went and beheaded John in the prison.

²⁸ He brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

³⁰ Then the apostles gathered themselves around Jesus; and they told him everything they had done and taught.

³¹ Then he said to them, "Come apart into a desert place, and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they had no time even to eat.

³² So they went away in the boat to a desert place apart.

³³ Many who saw them leaving, knew where they were going, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, arriving ahead of them.

³⁴ When Jesus came out and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

³⁵ It was now late in the day. His disciples came to him, and said, "This place is a desert, and it is now late.

³⁶ Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred shillings' worth of bread, and give them to eat?"

³⁸ He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

³⁹ Then he ordered them that they should all sit down in groups on the green grass.

⁴⁰ They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties.

⁴¹ He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed it, and brake the loaves, and he gave it to the disciples to set before the people. He also split up the two fish among all of them.

⁴² They all ate, and were filled.

⁴³ They picked up the broken pieces, twelve basketfuls, and also the fishes.

⁴⁴ Now the loaves were eaten by five thousand men.

⁴⁵ Immediately he directed his disciples to get into the boat, and to go ahead of him to the other side to Bethsaida, while he sent the crowd away.

⁴⁶ After saying good-bye to them, he went to the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷ When evening was come, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land.

⁴⁸ Watching them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, about three in the morning, he came to them, walking on the sea. He was about to pass by them,

⁴⁹ when they saw him walking on the sea, thinking it was a ghost, so they cried out,

⁵⁰ for they all saw him, and were terrified. But he immediately spoke with them, and said to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind stopped. They were absolutely astonished,

⁵² for they still did not understand about the loaves. Their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to the land to Gennesaret, and moored the boat to the shore.

⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized him,

⁵⁵ and ran around that whole region, and began to carry those who were sick on their beds, to where they heard he was.

⁵⁶ Wherever he entered, into villages, towns, or into the countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and asked him that they might touch if only the border of his garment. As many as touched him were healed.

Mark 7

¹ The Pharisees and certain of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem gathered together around Jesus.

² They observed that some of his disciples ate their bread with unclean, that is, unwashed hands.

³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat except they ritually wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders;

⁴ when they come from the market, they do not eat unless they wash and they hold many other traditions such as the washings of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

⁵ Then the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with unclean hands?"

⁶ He said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

⁷ In vain they worship me, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men.'

⁸ You reject the commandment of God, but hold fast to the tradition of men."

⁹ Then he said to them, "You have a convenient way of rejecting the commandment of God, that you may keep your own tradition.

¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother;' and, 'He who insults either father or mother, should be put to death.'

¹¹ but you say, 'If a person should say to his father or mother, 'Whatever you might have benefited from me is Corban, that is to say, a gift to God'

¹² you no longer allow him to do anything in supporting his father or his mother.

¹³ You nullify the word of God by your tradition, that you have handed down and you do many things like that.

¹⁴ Then he called to crowd again, and said to them, "Hear me all of you, and understand;

¹⁵ there is nothing from outside a person, that going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a person those are the things that defile him.

¹⁶ [Some manuscripts have: If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.]

¹⁷ When he entered the house away from the crowd, his disciples asked him about the parable.

¹⁸ Then he said to them, "Are you also clueless? Do you not understand, that whatever goes into the man from outside, cannot defile him,

¹⁹ because it does not go into his heart, but into his belly, and goes out into the sewer?" He said this, making all foods clean.

²⁰ Then he said, "That which comes out of a person, is what defiles him.

²¹ For from within a person's heart come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,

²² greed, wickedness, deceit, sinful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.

²³ All these evil things come from within, and defile a person."

²⁴ From there he got up and went away to the borders of Tyre and Sidon. Afterward he entered into a house, and did not want anyone to know it; but he could not be hid.

²⁵ But immediately a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, came and fell down at his feet.

²⁶ Now the woman was a Greek, of Syro-phoenician extraction. Then she pleaded with him to cast out the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children first be filled, for it is not right to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs."

²⁸ But she replied, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

²⁹ Then he said to her, "For this saying go your way, the demon has left your daughter."

³⁰ She went home and found the child lying upon the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Again he left the borders of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³² Then they brought to him one who was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech. They begged him to lay his hand upon him.

³³ Then he took him aside from the crowd privately, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat, and touched his tongue.

³⁴ Looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

³⁵ His ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶ He ordered them that they should not tell anyone. But the more he ordered them, the more they publicized it.

³⁷ They were totally astonished, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes even the deaf to hear, and the mute to speak."

Mark 8

¹ In those days, when there was again a large crowd, and they had nothing to eat. Jesus called his disciples and said to them,

² "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me for three days now and have not had anything to eat.

³ If I send them home fasting they will faint on the way for some of them have come from far away."

⁴ His disciples answered him, "Where can anyone get enough bread to feed these people in this desolate place?"

⁵ Then he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They replied, "Seven."

⁶ He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks, he broke them, and gave it to his disciples, to set before them. Then they served it to the crowd.

⁷ They had a few small fish. Having blessed them, he commanded to serve these to them also.

⁸ They ate, and were filled, and they picked up, seven baskets of leftover pieces.

⁹ There were about four thousand people and he sent them away.

¹⁰ Immediately he entered into the boat with his disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

¹¹ Then the Pharisees came out, and began to question him, seeking a sign from heaven from him to test him.

¹² He sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."

¹³ Then he left them, and again got into the boat and went to the other side.

¹⁴ But they forgot to take bread, and there was none in the boat with them except a single loaf.

¹⁵ He warned them, "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

¹⁶ They discussed it with each other, saying, "It is because we do not have any bread."

¹⁷ Jesus perceiving it said to them, "Why do you argue, because you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Are your hearts that hard?"

¹⁸ Having eyes, you do not see? Having ears, you do not hear? Do you not remember?"

¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of leftover pieces did you pick up?" They replied, "Twelve."

²⁰ "When I broke the seven among the four thousand, how many baskets full of leftover pieces did you pick up?" They said to him, "Seven."

²¹ Then he said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

²² Then they came to Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to him, and urged him to touch him.

²³ He took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes, and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?"

²⁴ He looked up, and said, "I see men, but they look like walking trees."

²⁵ Then Jesus again laid his hands on his eyes, and he looked intently, and his sight was restored. He saw everything clearly.

²⁶ Then Jesus sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went out into the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

²⁸ So they told him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ Then he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

³⁰ He ordered them that they should not tell anyone about him.

³¹ So he began to teach them, that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³² Now he spoke about this openly. Peter took him aside, and began to rebuke him.

³³ But he turned around, and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan. For you are not thinking about the things of God, but about the things of men."

³⁴ He gathered the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any one would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

³⁶ For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life?

³⁷ For what can a person give in exchange for his life?

³⁸ For whoever will be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Mark 9

¹ Then Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste of death, until they see the kingdom of God come with power."

² After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and brought them up into a high mountain apart by themselves. He was transfigured before them,

³ and his garments became dazzling white, so that no launderer on earth could bleach them any whiter.

⁴ Then Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three memorial shelters, one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁶ For he did not know what to say, because they were terrified.

⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice out of the cloud declared, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

⁸ Suddenly looking around they saw no one with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down from the mountain, he ordered them that they should not tell anyone what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

¹⁰ So they kept it to themselves, questioning what the rising again from the dead meant.

¹¹ They asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

¹² He said to them, "Elijah indeed will come first, and restore all things. But it is written about the Son of Man, that he should suffer many things and be despised?"

¹³ But I tell you, that Elijah has come, and they did what they wanted to him just as it was written about him."

¹⁴ When they came back to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes questioning them.

¹⁵ Immediately when the whole crowd saw him, they were greatly amazed, and running to him, greeted him.

¹⁶ He asked them, "What were you arguing with them about?"

¹⁷ One of the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son, who has a spirit that renders him unable to speak.

¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and becomes stiff. I spoke to your disciples but they could not cast it out."

¹⁹ He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I put up with you? Bring him to me."

²⁰ So they brought him to Jesus. When he saw him, immediately the spirit threw him into convulsions; he fell on the ground, and rolled around foaming at the mouth.

²¹ He asked his father, "How long has it been since this has come on him?" He replied, "Since childhood.

²² Often it has thrown him into the fire or into the water, trying to destroy him, but if you can do anything, have compassion on us, and help us."

²³ Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief."

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter into him no more."

²⁶ It shrieked, threw him into a convulsion, and came out. The boy looked like a corpse; so much so that some said, "He is dead."

²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand, raised him up, and he got up.

²⁸ After he entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

²⁹ He said to them, "This kind comes only by prayer."

³⁰ They left and traveled through Galilee, for he did not want anyone to know about it.

³¹ For he taught his disciples, and said to them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and after three days he will rise again."

³² But they did not understand what he was saying, and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum. When he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had been arguing over, who was the greatest.

³⁵ He sat down, and called the twelve; and said to them, "If any one would be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all."

³⁶ Then he took a little child, and set him in the middle of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them,

³⁷ "Whoever will receive one of these little children in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not only me, but he who sent me."

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and we stopped him, because he did not follow us."

³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him for there is no one who will do a mighty work in my name, and be able right after that speak evil of me.

⁴⁰ For he that is not against us is for us.

⁴¹ For whoever will give you a cup of water to drink, because you are follower's of Christ, truly I say to you, he will never lose his reward.

⁴² Whoever will cause one of these little ones that believe on me to sin, it would be better for him if a great 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, to the unquenchable fire.

⁴⁴ [Some manuscripts have: "Where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched." cf. 9:48].

⁴⁵ If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.

⁴⁶ [Some manuscripts have: "Where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched." cf. 9:48]

⁴⁷ If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,
⁴⁸ where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.

⁴⁹ For every one will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with each other."

Mark 10

¹ Then Jesus left there and came to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan River and crowds came together to him. Again, as was his custom, he taught them.

² Some Pharisees came testing him asking, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife?"

³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"

⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to send her away."

⁵ But Jesus said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote this commandment.

⁶ But from the beginning of the creation, he made them male and female.

⁷ For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will be joined to his wife,

⁸ and the two will become one flesh. So then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰ Once in the house, the disciples asked him again about this matter.

¹¹ Then he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife, and marries another, commits adultery against her.

¹² If she divorces her husband, and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³ Now people were bringing to him little children, that he should touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

¹⁵ Truly I say to you, whoever will not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, there is no way he will enter it."

¹⁶ Then he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

¹⁷ As Jesus was going out on his way, a man ran up to him, and kneeled before him, asking him, "Good teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? There is none good except God alone.

¹⁹ You know the commandments, 'Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have done all these things from my youth."

²¹ Jesus looking at him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing. Go, sell whatever you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² Because of this his face fell, and he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter into the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus repeated to them, "Children, how hard is it for those who trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!"

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through an eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

²⁶ They were totally astonished, saying to each other, "Then who can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looking at them said, "With men it is impossible, but not for God, for all things are possible for God."

²⁸ Peter said to him, "Look, we have left all, and have followed you."

²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one that has left house, or brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or lands, for my sake, and for the gospel's sake,
³⁰ who will not receive a hundred times now in this age, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.

³¹ But many who are first will be last; and the last first."

³² When they got on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went ahead of them, they were amazed, but those who followed were afraid. He again took the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were about to happen to him,

³³ saying, "Look, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to the Gentiles.

³⁴ They will mock him, spit on him, scourge him, and will kill him. After three days, he will rise again."

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him saying, "Teacher, we want you to do something for us whatever we ask you."

³⁶ He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

³⁷ They said to him, "Grant us that we may sit, one at your right hand, and the other at your left hand, in your glory."

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what your asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

³⁹ They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism that I am baptized you will be baptized with,

⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left hand is not mine to give. It is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard it, they were angry with James and John.

⁴² Then Jesus called them to him, and said, "You know that those who rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their leaders exercise authority over them.

⁴³ But it is not like that among you. Whoever would become great among you, will be your servant.

⁴⁴ Whoever wants to be first among you, must be servant of all.

⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As he left Jericho, with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the road side.

⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me."

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him, telling him to be quiet, but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me."

⁴⁹ Then Jesus stood still, and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up, get up, he is asking for you."

⁵⁰ He, throwing away his garment, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "Rabbi, I want to receive my sight."

⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way, your faith has made you whole." Immediately he received his sight, and followed him down the road.

Mark 11

- ¹ When they drew near to Jerusalem, by Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,
- ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied, that no one has ever ridden. Loose it, and bring it here.
- ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why do you do this?' say, 'The Lord has need of him', and immediately he will send him back here."
- ⁴ Then they went, and found a colt tied at the door outside in the open street, and they untied it.
- ⁵ Then certain of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing untying the colt?"
- ⁶ They told them just what Jesus had said to them, and they let them go.
- ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus, and put their garments on it, and he sat upon it.
- ⁸ Many spread their garments upon the road, and others used branches, which they had cut from the fields.
- ⁹ Now they who went ahead, and those who followed, cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David. Hosanna in the highest."
- ¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem, and went to the temple. When he had looked around at everything, he went out to Bethany with the twelve since it was late in the day.
- ¹² Now on the next day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry.
- ¹³ Seeing a fig tree in the distance having leaves, he came, to see if by chance he might find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season of figs.
- ¹⁴ Then he said to it, "Let no one eat your fruit ever again." His disciples heard it.
- ¹⁵ When they came to Jerusalem, he entered the temple, and began to throw out those who bought and sold in the temple. He overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of those who sold the doves.
- ¹⁶ He would not permit any one to carry merchandise through the temple.
- ¹⁷ Then he taught them, "Is it not written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have turned it into a den of robbers."
- ¹⁸ When the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they plotted how they might destroy him. For they feared him, because the whole crowd was enamored with his teaching.
- ¹⁹ When it was evening, he left the city.
- ²⁰ In the morning, when they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots.
- ²¹ Peter recalled saying to him, "Rabbi, look, the fig tree which you cursed is withered away."

²² Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God.

²³ Truly I say to you, whoever will say to this mountain, be pulled up and thrown into the sea, and will not doubt in his heart, but will believe, whatever he says will happen for him.

²⁴ Therefore I say to you, all things whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive them, and you will have them.

²⁵ Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father who is in heaven may also forgive your sins."

²⁶ [Some manuscripts have: But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins.]

²⁷ They came again to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, scribes, and the elders came to him.

²⁸ Then they said to him, "By what authority do you do these things? or who gave you authority to do these things?"

²⁹ Jesus said to them, "I will ask of you one question, answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

³⁰ The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from human origin? Answer me."

³¹ They reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'why then did you not believe him?'

³² But if we say, 'From human origin'" -- they feared the people, for everyone held John to be a prophet.

³³ Then they answered Jesus, "We do not know." Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Mark 12

¹ Then Jesus began speaking to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, and built a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he rented it out to tenant farmers, and went into another country.

² At harvest he sent a servant to the tenants, so that he might collect the rent from the tenants from the crops of the vineyard.

³ But they took him, beat him, and sent him away empty.

⁴ Again he sent to them another servant. This one they hit in the head and abused.

⁵ He sent another and they killed him. He sent many others, and they beat some and killed others.

⁶ He had one left, a beloved son. He sent him last to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

⁷ But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

⁸ So they took him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

⁹ What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants, and will rent out the vineyard to others.

¹⁰ Have you never read this scripture: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

¹¹ This was from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

¹² Then they tried to arrest him; but they feared the crowd, for they realized that he spoke the parable against them. Then they left him and went away.

¹³ Then some of the Pharisees and Herodians were sent to him, that they might trap him in what he said.

¹⁴ When they arrived, they said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and do not show favoritism; for you do not regard the status of a person, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

¹⁵ Shall we pay it or not?" But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you trying to trap me? Bring me a denarius, that I may see it."

¹⁶ So they brought it. He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They replied, "Caesar's."

¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." They were absolutely amazed by him.

¹⁸ Then the Sadducees came to him. They claim that there is no resurrection. They asked him, saying,

¹⁹ "Teacher, Moses wrote to us, 'If a man's brother die, and he leaves a wife behind, yet leaves no child, that his brother should marry his wife, and have children in honor of his brother.

²⁰ There were seven brothers, and the first married a wife, and dying left no children.

²¹ The second married her, and died, leaving no children behind him; and similarly, the third.

²² Finally, all seven left with no children. Last of all, the woman died also.

²³ In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For all seven had been married to her."

²⁴ Jesus said to them, "Is it not for this reason that you err, because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?

²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are like the angels in heaven.

²⁶ Now in regard to the dead, whether they are raised; have you never read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

²⁷ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You have made a big mistake."

²⁸ Then one of the scribes came, and heard their group questioning, and realizing that he had answered them well, asked him, "What commandment is the most important of all?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one:

³⁰ and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

³¹ The second most important is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There are no other commandments greater than these."

³² The scribe said to him, "It is true, Teacher, you have answered well, God is one; and there is none other but he,

³³ and to love him with all your heart, and with all your understanding, and with all your strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered insightfully, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." No one after that dared ask him any further questions.

³⁵ Jesus, as he taught in the temple, said, "How is it the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?

³⁶ David himself said by the Holy Spirit, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'

³⁷ If David himself called him Lord; how can he be his son?" The common people heard him gladly.

³⁸ In his teaching Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes. They enjoy walking around in long robes, and to be respectfully greeted in the marketplaces,

³⁹ and to be seated in the honored seats of the synagogues and chief places at feasts.

⁴⁰ Yet they devour widows' property, and for show make ostentatious prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down across from the offering box, and watched how the crowd put money into the offering box. Many who were rich put in much.

⁴² Then a poor widow came and she put in two small coins totaling about a penny.

⁴³ Then he called his disciples, and said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all those who are putting into the offering box.

⁴⁴ For they all gave from their abundance; but she from her poverty put in everything she had, even what she had to live on."

Mark 13

¹ As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look, at the massive stones and impressive buildings!"

² Then Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left on another. Everything will be thrown down."

³ While he was sitting on the Mount of Olives overlooking the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,

⁴ "Tell us, when will these things happen? What will be the sign indicating when these things are to take place?"

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Beware that no one misleads you.

⁶ Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and will lead many astray.

⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. These things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines, yet these things are just the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ But be careful for they will deliver you up to councils; and in synagogues you will be beaten, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them.

¹⁰ The gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

¹¹ When they bring you to court, and hand you over for trial, do not be anxious beforehand about what you will say. For it will be given you in that hour, what you will say. For it is not you who speaks, but the Holy Spirit.

¹² Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child; and children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death.

¹³ You will be hated by everyone for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

¹⁴ But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he should not be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee into the mountains.

¹⁵ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, or enter his house, to take anything out.

¹⁶ Let the one who is in the field not return to get his coat.

¹⁷ Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who nurse in those days!

¹⁸ Pray that it not happen in the winter.

¹⁹ For in those days there will be tribulation, like there has never been before from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, or ever will be.

²⁰ Except the Lord had shortened those days, no one would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom he chose, he will shorten those days.

²¹ Then if any one will say to you, 'Look, here is the Christ', or, 'Look, there he is', do not believe it.

²² For there will arise false Christs and false prophets, and will show signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the chosen.

²³ Watch out. See, I have told you all things beforehand.

²⁴ But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light,

²⁵ and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then will they see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and will gather together his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the outer reaches of heaven.

²⁸ Now learn a parable from the fig tree; when her branch begins budding, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near.

²⁹ So too when you see these things coming to pass, you know that he is near, right at the door.

³⁰ Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away, until all these things are accomplished.

³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² But the exact day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, or the Son, but only the Father.

³³ Be careful, watch and pray. For you do not know when the time is.

³⁴ It is like when a man takes a trip to another country. He leaves his house, and gives authority to his servants, to each one his work, and commands also the doorkeeper to watch.

³⁵ Watch therefore, for you do not know when the lord of the house will return, whether at evening, midnight, when the rooster crows, or in the morning.

³⁶ Otherwise when he comes suddenly, he may find you sleeping.

³⁷ What I say to you, I say to all, 'Stay awake.'"

Mark 14

¹ It was two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes sought how they might secretly arrest and kill him.

² For they said, "Not during the feast, so there will not be a riot among the people."

³ While Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was eating, a woman came who had an alabaster jar of expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke the jar, and poured it over his head.

⁴ But there were some who were indignant, saying, "What was the purpose of wasting this expensive perfume?"

⁵ This perfume could have been sold for over three hundred silver coins, and given to the poor." They complained harshly about her.

⁶ But Jesus said, "Leave her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good work on me.

⁷ The poor you always have with you, and whenever you want you can do them good. But me you do not always have.

⁸ She has done what she could. She has anointed my body beforehand for the burying.

⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel will be preached throughout the whole world, what this woman has done will be told in memory of her."

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests, that he might hand him over to them.

¹¹ When they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. Then he started looking for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them.

¹² On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³ He sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and there you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him.

¹⁴ Wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, "Where is my guestroom, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"

¹⁵ He will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make preparations there for us."

¹⁶ The disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it as he had said. So they prepared the Passover there.

¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve.

¹⁸ As they sat and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, one of you eating with me will betray me."

¹⁹ They were distressed, and said to him one by one, "Is it I?"

²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, the one who dips with me in the dish.

²¹ For the Son of Man goes, even as it is written about him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It is better for that man if he had never been born."

²² As they were eating, he took bread, after he had blessed it, he broke it, and gave to them, and said, "Take it. This is my body."

²³ He took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them. They all drank from it.

²⁴ Then he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

²⁵ Truly I say to you, I will not drink any more from the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will desert me, for it is written, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

²⁸ But, after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

²⁹ But Peter said to him, "Even if everyone will desert you, I will not."

³⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, that today, even this night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

³¹ But he emphatically insisted, "If I must die with you, I will never deny you." All of them said the same.

³² And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane. He said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray."

³³ Then he took with him Peter, James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.

³⁴ He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved even to death. Stay here and keep watch."

³⁵ He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

³⁶ He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. But not what I will, but what you want."

³⁷ Then he came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not stay awake for one hour?"

³⁸ Watch and pray, that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

³⁹ Again he went away, and prayed, saying the same words.

⁴⁰ Again he returned and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to tell him.

⁴¹ He came the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come; look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴² Get up, let us go. Look, he who betrays me is here."

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came up, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, scribes and elders.

⁴⁴ Now he who betrayed him had given them a signal saying, "Whomever I kiss, it is he. Arrest him, and take him away under guard."

⁴⁵ As Judas approached, immediately he came to Jesus, and said, "Rabbi" and he kissed him.

⁴⁶ They grabbed and arrested him.

⁴⁷ But one of the bystanders drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, "Do you come out with swords and clubs to seize me, like a robber?"

⁴⁹ I was with you every day in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me, but this is done that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."

⁵⁰ Then they all deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ Now a young man followed him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They grabbed him,

⁵² but he shed the linen cloth, and fled away naked.

⁵³ Then they led Jesus to the high priest. There all the chief priests, elders and scribes gathered.

⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, and even got into the court of the high priest. He was sitting with the officers, warming himself by the fire.

⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin council sought evidence against Jesus to put him to death. But they found none.

⁵⁶ Many made false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree with one another.

⁵⁷ Then there stood up some who bore false witness against him, saying,

⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.'"

⁵⁹ Yet even on this, their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Do you not answer anything? What is this these testify against you?"

⁶¹ But he remained quiet, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said to him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

⁶² Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes, and said, "What further evidence do we need?"

⁶⁴ You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him to death.

⁶⁵ Then some began to spit on him, and to blindfold him and to beat him, and to say to him, "Prophecy." Then the guards took him and beat him.

⁶⁶ Peter was below in the courtyard. One of the servant girls of the high priest came

⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, looked at him, and said, "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus."

⁶⁸ But he denied, saying, "I do not know him or understand what you are saying." Next he went out into the porch, and the cock crew.

⁶⁹ Then the servant girl saw him again, and began saying to them that stood by, "This man is one of them."

⁷⁰ But he again denied it. After a little while some bystanders said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

⁷¹ But he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man you are talking about."

⁷² Immediately the cock crowed a second time. Then Peter called to mind the word, Jesus said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." When he thought about it, he wept.

Mark 15

¹ Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders, scribes, and the whole Sanhedrin council, held a meeting. Then they bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

² Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You said it."

³ Then chief priests accused him of many things.

⁴ So Pilate again asked him, saying, "Do you not answer anything? Look how many things they accuse you of."

⁵ But Jesus did not answer anything, so much so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the feast he customarily released to them one prisoner, whomever they requested.

⁷ There was one called Barabbas, jailed with them that had made insurrection with rebels who, during the revolt, had committed murder.

⁸ The crowd went up and began to ask him to do as he usually did for them.

⁹ Then Pilate asked them "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

¹⁰ For he perceived that it was because of jealousy the chief priests had handed him over to him.

¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, to have Pilate release Barabbas to them.

¹² Then Pilate again asked them, "What then shall I do with him you call the King of the Jews?"

¹³ They shouted back, "Crucify him."

¹⁴ Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted out all the more, "Crucify him."

¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them, but when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him up to be crucified.

¹⁶ The soldiers led him away into the governor's palace, the Praetorium, and they called together the whole battalion.

¹⁷ Then they clothed him in a purple robe, and twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on him.

¹⁸ They began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

¹⁹ They struck his head with a stick, and spat on him, and bowed their knees in homage to him.

²⁰ After they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe, and put his clothes back on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹ They forced one passing by, Simon of Cyrene, who had come from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go with them, so that he could carry his cross.

²² They brought him to the place Golgotha, which means, "The place of a skull."

²³ Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

²⁴ They crucified him. They split up his garments among them, casting lots for them to determine what each one should get.

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

²⁶ The posted inscription of the charge against him was, "THE KING OF THE JEWS."

²⁷ They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right hand, and one on his left.

²⁸ [Some manuscripts have: "and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was counted with the lawless ones."]

²⁹ Those who passed by insulted him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who claimed to be able to destroy the temple, and build it in three days,

³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross."

³¹ Likewise also the chief priests mocked him with the scribes saying, "He saved others; but he cannot save himself.

³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him insulted him.

³³ Then, at noon, there was darkness over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

³⁴ At three Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

³⁵ Some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, "Look, he is calling for Elijah."

³⁶ One person ran, and filled a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Leave him alone, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

³⁷ Then Jesus with a loud sigh breathed his last.

³⁸ The veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom.

³⁹ When the centurion, who stood in front of him, saw how he died, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God."

⁴⁰ There were also women watching from a distance among whom were both Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less, Joses, and Salome;

⁴¹ who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and served him. Many other women had come up to Jerusalem with him.

⁴² When evening had come, it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath.

⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a highly regarded council member, who also himself was looking for the kingdom of God, came and boldly went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

⁴⁴ Then Pilate was surprised that he was dead already. Calling to him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for a while.

⁴⁵ After he confirmed it from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

⁴⁶ Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking him down, wound him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of a rock. Then he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where Jesus' body was laid.

Mark 16

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Salome, bought spices, that they might go and anoint him.

² Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at sunrise.

³ Now they were saying among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

⁴ Looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back, for it was very large.

⁵ Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were alarmed.

⁶ He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are seeking Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He is risen, he is not here. Look, here is the place where they laid him!

⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, that he is going before you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

⁸ Then they went out, and fled from the tomb, for trembling and terror had overcome them. They said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

[Several earliest and best manuscripts do not have Mark 16:9-20]

[⁹ Now when he was risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.

¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

¹¹ When they heard that he was alive, and had been seen by her, they could not believe it.

¹² After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they walked, on their way into the country.

¹³ They went back and told it to the rest of them. But they did not believe them either.

¹⁴ Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at dinner. He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

¹⁶ The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.

¹⁷ These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new languages;

¹⁸ they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

²⁰ They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that accompanied it. Amen.]

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¹ Since many have attempted to compile a narrative concerning those events that have been fulfilled among us,

² just as they were delivered to us, by those who were from the beginning eyewitnesses and servants of the word,

³ it seemed good to me also, having traced all things accurately from the first, to write an orderly account to you, most excellent Theophilus,

⁴ that you might know for certain the things about which you have been instructed.

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the priestly order of Abijah. His wife, whose name was Elizabeth, was also a descendant of Aaron.

⁶ They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly.

⁷ They had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and they both were now well along in years.

⁸ Now while Zechariah was serving in his priestly duties before God his priestly order was on duty.

⁹ According to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter into the temple of the Lord to burn incense.

¹⁰ There was a whole crowd of the people praying outside at the hour when the incense was being burned.

¹¹ Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing at the right side of altar of incense.

¹² When Zacharias saw him, he was astonished, and fear overcame him.

¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, because your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will call his name John.

¹⁴ You will have joy and gladness; and many will rejoice at his birth.

¹⁵ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must not drink wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even while he is in his mother's womb.

¹⁶ He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

¹⁷ He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁸ Then Zacharias said to the angel, "How will I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years."

¹⁹ The angel replied, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God. I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news.

²⁰ But now you will be silent and unable to speak, until the day that these things happen, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their appointed time."

²¹ The people were waiting for Zacharias, and they were puzzled about why he stayed so long in the temple.

²² When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized that he had seen a vision in the temple because he kept making gestures to them and remained speechless.

²³ When the days of his service were finished, he went home.

²⁴ After these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant but hid it for five months, saying,

²⁵ "This is what the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked favorably on me to take away my disgrace before people."

²⁶ Now in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee, named Nazareth,

²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, from the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸ The angel came to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored, the Lord is with you."

²⁹ But she was greatly troubled by his words, and pondered what this greeting might mean.

³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

³¹ Look, you will conceive in your womb, give birth to a son, and will call his name Jesus.

³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, seeing I have never had sexual relations with a man?"

³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God.

³⁶ Now look, Elizabeth your relative also has conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month of the pregnancy of she who was once called barren.

³⁷ For nothing is impossible for God."

³⁸ Mary said, "I am the servant of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

³⁹ After these days Mary got up and quickly went into the hill country, to a town in Judah,
⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

⁴² She exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

⁴³ Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
⁴⁴ For at the moment the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

⁴⁵ Blessed is she who believed that the things that had been spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

⁴⁶ Then Mary replied,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
⁴⁸ For he has looked favorably
on the low estate of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed.
⁴⁹ For the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy extends from generation to generation
to those who fear him.
⁵¹ He has showed strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has thrown down princes from their thrones,
and has lifted up those of humble position.
⁵³ The hungry he has filled with good things;
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
⁵⁵ just as he promised our forefathers
to Abraham and his descendants forever."

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months, then went back home.

⁵⁷ Now when Elizabeth's time to give birth had come, she gave birth to a son.

⁵⁸ Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had shown his mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day, when they were going to circumcise the child, they wanted to call him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

⁶⁰ But his mother objected, "No; he will be called John."

⁶¹ They said to her, "But none of your relatives are called by this name."

⁶² Then they signaled to his father, inquiring about what he wanted him to be called.

⁶³ He requested a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." They were all amazed.

⁶⁴ His mouth immediately was opened, and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.

⁶⁵ Fear came on all their neighbors and all this news spread throughout the hill country of Judea.

⁶⁶ All who heard about it took note of it in their hearts, asking, "What then will this child become?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷ His father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied,
⁶⁸ "Praise be the Lord, the God of Israel;
for he has come to the aid and redeemed his people,
⁶⁹ he has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David
⁷⁰ (As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago),
⁷¹ salvation from our enemies,
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show mercy towards our forefathers,
by remembering his holy covenant;
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,
⁷⁴ that we being delivered from the hand of our enemies
should serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶ Yes and you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare his paths;
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
through the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the dawn will break upon us from on high,
⁷⁹ to shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death;
to guide our feet into the path of peace."

⁸⁰ The child grew, became strong in spirit, and was in the desert until the day of his public revelation to Israel.

DASV: Luke 2

¹ In those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the empire should be registered.

² This was the first census made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

³ Everyone had to return to their home town to be registered.

⁴ Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the town of David, called Bethlehem, because he was a descendant of the house and family of David.

⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was expecting a child.

⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver the baby.

⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in strips of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸ Now in that same area there were shepherds staying in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for I am bringing you good news that will bring great joy to all the people.

¹¹ Today there is born to you in the town of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

¹² This will be the sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth, and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased."

¹⁵ After the angels left them returning to heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let's go to Bethlehem, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried there and found Mary and Joseph, with the baby lying in the manger.

¹⁷ When they saw him, they reported what they had been told about this child.

¹⁸ All who heard it were amazed at the things which were spoken to them by the shepherds.

¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these sayings, pondering them in her heart.

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, just as they had been told.

²¹ After eight days when he was circumcised, they named him Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, his parents brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord

²³ (just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be called holy to the Lord"),

²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what was prescribed in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now, there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, looking for the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

²⁷ So he came directed by the Spirit into the temple. When the parents brought in the baby Jesus, that they might do with him what was customary under the law,

²⁸ Simeon received him into his arms, and praised God, saying,

²⁹ "Now allow your servant to depart, Lord,
according to your word, in peace;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples;

³² a light, for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ His father and his mother were amazed at the things that were spoken about him.

³⁴ Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother, "Indeed, this child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel; and for a sign that will be rejected,

³⁵ so that true thoughts of many hearts may be revealed, and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, who was very old, having lived with a husband for seven years after her marriage.

³⁷ She had been a widow for eighty-four years. She never left the temple, worshipping there with prayer and fasting night and day.

³⁸ Coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When his parents had completed everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰ The child grew, became strong, and was filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹ His parents went every year to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover.

⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the feast according to the custom.

⁴³ When the days of the feast were over, they were going home, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, and his parents did not realize it.

⁴⁴ They assumed that he was in the group traveling. After they went a day's journey, they searched for him among their relatives and friends.

⁴⁵ When they could not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions.

⁴⁷ All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been searching for you worried sick."

⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

⁵⁰ But his parents did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ He went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and he was subject to them. His mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and people.

DASV: Luke 3

¹ Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod Antipas was tetrarch over Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region over Iturea and Trachonitis and Lysanias was tetrarch over Abilene.

² During the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

³ He went into all the region around the Jordan River, preaching the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.'

⁵ Every valley will be filled,

and every mountain and hill will be brought low;

the crooked will become straight,

the rough ways smooth;

⁶ and all flesh will see the salvation of God."

⁷ So John proclaimed to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

⁸ Bring forth fruits demonstrating your repentance, and do not even start to tell yourselves, 'Abraham is our father,' for I tell you, that God is able to raise up from these rocks children to Abraham.

⁹ Even now the ax is laid at the root of the trees; so that every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down, and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ The crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"

¹¹ He replied, "He who has two coats, let him give to the one who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."

¹² The tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

¹³ He replied, "Do not collect any more than what is required."

¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And what about us, what should we do?" He replied, "Do not extort money from anyone by violence, do not accuse anyone by false accusations; and be content with your wages."

¹⁵ The people were filled with expectation, everyone was wondering in their hearts about John, whether he might be the Messiah [that is, Christ].

¹⁶ John answered them all saying, "I baptize you with water; but one is coming who is mightier than I am, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear out his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ With many other warnings he proclaimed the good news to the people.

¹⁹ But Herod Antipas the tetrarch was rebuked by John for marrying Herodias his brother's wife, and for all the evil things which Herod had done.

²⁰ Herod added this to them all, when he imprisoned John.

²¹ Now it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that, Jesus also having been baptized, prayed while the heaven was opened.

²² The Holy Spirit descended on him in physical form, like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased."

²³ Jesus himself began to teach when he was about thirty years old, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph,

²⁴ the son of Heli,
the son of Matthat,
the son of Levi,
the son of Melki,
the son of Jannai,
²⁵ the son of Joseph,
the son of Mattathias,
the son of Amos,
the son of Nahum,
the son of Esli,
the son of Naggai,
²⁶ the son of Maath,
the son of Mattathias,
the son of Semein,
the son of Josech,
the son of Joda,
²⁷ the son of Joanan,
the son of Rhesa,
the son of Zerubbabel,
the son of Shealtiel,
the son of Neri,
²⁸ the son of Melki,
the son of Addi,
the son of Cosam,
the son of Elmadam,
the son of Er,
²⁹ the son of Joshua,
the son of Eliezer,
the son of Jorim,

the son of Matthat,
the son of Levi,
30 the son of Simeon,
the son of Judah,
the son of Joseph,
the son of Jonam,
31 the son of Eliakim,
the son of Melea,
the son of Menna,
the son of Mattatha,
the son of Nathan,
32 the son of David,
the son of Jesse,
the son of Obed,
the son of Boaz,
the son of Salmon,
the son of Nahshon,
33 the son of Amminadab,
the son of Admin,
the son of Arni,
the son of Hezron,
the son of Perez,
the son of Judah,
34 the son of Jacob,
the son of Isaac,
the son of Abraham,
the son of Terah,
the son of Nahor,
35 the son of Serug,
the son of Reu,
the son of Peleg,
the son of Eber,
the son of Shelah
36 the son of Cainan,
the son of Arphaxad,
the son of Shem,
the son of Noah,
the son of Lamech,
37 the son of Methuselah,
the son of Enoch,
the son of Jared,
the son of Mahalalel,
the son of Kenan,

³⁸ the son of Enos,
the son of Seth,
the son of Adam,
the son of God.

DASV: Luke 4

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

² where for forty days he was tempted of the devil. He did not eat one thing during those days and when they were over he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

⁶ The devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been given to me; and I can give it to anyone I wish.

⁷ If you will worship me, all this will be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'"

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down from here,

¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge concerning you, to protect you,'

¹¹ and, 'with their hands they will bear you up, so that you do not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹² Jesus replied, "It is said, 'Do not test the Lord your God.'"

¹³ When the devil had finished every temptation, he left him waiting for a more opportune time.

¹⁴ Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and news spread concerning him through the entire region.

¹⁵ He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom he entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

¹⁷ The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him and he unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

²¹ He began to tell them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your ears."

²² Everyone spoke well of him and was astonished at the gracious words that came out of his mouth. They asked, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote this proverb to me, 'Physician, heal yourself,' saying, 'do here in your own hometown what we have heard that you did at Capernaum.'"

²⁴ He said, "Truly I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own hometown.

²⁵ But I tell you the truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three and a half years, when there was a great famine over all the land;

²⁶ yet Elijah was not sent to one of them except to a widow at Zarephath, in Sidon.

²⁷ There were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; yet none of them was cleansed, except Naaman the Syrian.

²⁸ When they heard these things all who were in the synagogue were furious.

²⁹ They got up, and threw him out of the town, and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might throw him off the cliff.

³⁰ But he passed through the middle of them and went on his way.

³¹ He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee where he was teaching them on the Sabbath day.

³² They were astonished at his teaching; for his word had authority.

³³ In the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon; and he cried out with a loud voice,

³⁴ "Leave us alone! What do you want with us Jesus the Nazarene? Are you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

³⁵ Jesus rebuked him, "Shut up, and come out of him." After the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him without hurting him.

³⁶ They were all amazed and they spoke with each other, saying, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands even the unclean spirits, and they come out."

³⁷ News about him spread into all the surrounding regions.

³⁸ Jesus left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon. Now Simon's wife's mother was suffering from high fever; and they asked for his help for her.

³⁹ He stood over her, and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and served them.

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, all those who had any of their family sick with any kind of disease brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

⁴¹ Demons also came out of many, crying out, and claiming, "You are the Son of God." Rebuking them, he did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

⁴² The next morning, he came out and went into a desert place. The crowds were searching for him, and came to him, and wanted to keep him from leaving.

⁴³ But he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also because that is why I was sent."

⁴⁴ He continued preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

DASV: Luke 5

¹ It came to pass, while Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the crowd pressed in on him in order to hear the word of God.

² He saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them, and were washing their nets.

³ He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and taught the crowd from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon replied, "Master, we worked all night, and have caught nothing; yet if you say so I will let down the nets."

⁶ After they had done it, they caught so many fish that their nets were breaking.

⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat that they should come and help them. They came, and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

⁸ But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken.

¹⁰ So were also James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will catch men."

¹¹ When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything, and followed him.

¹² While he was in one of the towns, a man full of leprosy came and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face, and begged him, saying, "Lord, if you want, you can make me clean."

¹³ So Jesus stretched out his hand, and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be made clean." Immediately the leprosy left him.

¹⁴ Jesus charged him not to tell anyone and said "Go your way, and show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."

¹⁵ But the news about him spread all the more and great crowds came together to hear, and to be healed of their diseases.

¹⁶ He often withdrew into the deserts and prayed.

¹⁷ On one of those days that he was teaching, there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting nearby, who had come out of every village of Galilee, Judea and Jerusalem. The power of the Lord was with him to heal.

¹⁸ Men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed. They attempted to bring him in and to lay him before Jesus.

¹⁹ But not finding a way that they could bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof, and let him down through the tiles with his mat into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus.

²⁰ Seeing their faith, Jesus said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

²¹ The scribes and the Pharisees began to raise questions, saying, "Who is this speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"

²² But Jesus perceiving their objections, answered and said to them, "Why do you reason like this in your hearts?"

²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?

²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," he said to the person who was paralyzed, "I say to you, get up and take your mat, and go home."

²⁵ Immediately he stood up before them, picked up his mat, and went home, glorifying God.

²⁶ Astonishment took hold of everyone, and they glorified God. They were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen amazing things today."

²⁷ After these things he went out, and saw a tax collector, named Levi, sitting at a tax booth, and said to him, "Follow me."

²⁸ He forsook all, got up and followed him.

²⁹ Then Levi made a great feast for him in his house. There was a great crowd of tax collectors and of others who were sitting at dinner with them.

³⁰ The Pharisees and their scribes complained against his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?"

³¹ Jesus replied, "Those who are healthy do not need a doctor; but those who are sick.

³² I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

³³ They questioned him, "The disciples of John often fast and make prayers, likewise also the disciples of the Pharisees; but your disciples eat and drink."

³⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Can you make the wedding guests fast, while the bridegroom is with them?"

³⁵ But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, then, in those days, they will fast."

³⁶ He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece of a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise not only will he have to tear the new one, but also the piece from the new will not match with the old cloth.

³⁷ No one puts new wine into old wineskins; else the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined.

³⁸ But new wine must be put into new wineskins.

³⁹ No one having drunk old wine wants the new, for he says, 'The old is good.'"

DASV: Luke 6

¹ One Sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, and rubbing them in their hands they ate them.

² But certain of the Pharisees objected, "Why do you do that which it is not lawful to be done on the Sabbath day?"

³ Jesus replied, "Have you never read what David and his companions did, when they were hungry?"

⁴ He entered into the house of God, and took and ate the bread of the Presence, and also gave it to those who were with him, which it is not lawful to eat except by the priests alone?

⁵ He said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

⁶ On another Sabbath, he entered into the synagogue and taught. There was a man there, with a deformed right hand.

⁷ The scribes and the Pharisees watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find something to accuse him of.

⁸ But he knew their thoughts. He said to the man with the deformed hand, "Get up and stand here in the middle." So he got up and stood there.

⁹ Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to do harm, to save a life, or to destroy it?"

¹⁰ He looked around at them all, then he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did and his hand was restored.

¹¹ But they were filled with rage and plotted together with one another what they might do to Jesus.

¹² In those days Jesus went off onto the mountain to pray; and he spent all night in prayer to God.

¹³ When daybreak came, he called his disciples; and he chose twelve of them, whom he also called apostles:

¹⁴ Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip and Bartholomew,

¹⁵ and Matthew and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot,

¹⁶ and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷ He came down with them, and stood on a level place. There was a large crowd of his disciples, and a great number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases.

¹⁸ These included some who were troubled with unclean spirits and they also were healed.

¹⁹ All the crowd tried to touch him, for power came out of him, and healed them all.

- ²⁰ He lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said,
"Blessed are the poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
- ²² Blessed are you, when people hate you, and when they will exclude you, and mock you, and denounce your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake.
- ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for your reward is great in heaven; for this is the same thing their forefathers did to the prophets.
- ²⁴ But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your comfort already.
- ²⁵ Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.
- ²⁶ Woe to you, when everyone speaks well of you, for in that same way their forefathers treated the false prophets.
- ²⁷ But I say to you who are listening, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
²⁸ bless those who curse you and pray for those who abuse you.
- ²⁹ To the one who strikes you on the one cheek offer also the other; and from one who would take away your cloak do not withhold your coat also.
- ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks from you; and if someone takes away your goods do not ask for them back.
- ³¹ Do to others what you would have them do to you.
- ³² If you love those who love you, what credit do you get? Even sinners love those who love them.
- ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit do you get? Even sinners do that.
- ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit do you get? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive payment in full.
- ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do them good. Lend, never expecting anything in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind toward the ungrateful and evil.
- ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
- ³⁷ Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
- ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will drop into your lap. For with what measure you use it will be measured to you back again."
- ³⁹ He also told them a parable, "Can the blind person lead another blind person? Will they not both fall into a pit?"
- ⁴⁰ The disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when fully trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹ Why do you gaze at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the beam that is in your own eye?

⁴² Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out that speck that is in your eye, when you do not see the beam that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take out the beam from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

⁴³ For no good tree produces bad fruit; similarly, a bad tree does not produce good fruit.

⁴⁴ For each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good. The evil person out of the evil treasure brings forth that which is evil; for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

⁴⁶ Why do you call me, Lord, Lord, yet do not do the things which I say?

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me, hears my words, and does them, I will show you what he is like.

⁴⁸ That person is like a man building a house, who dug deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock. When a flood came, the stream wash up against that house, but could not shake it, because it had been well built.

⁴⁹ But the one who hears, but does not do it, is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The stream washed up against it, immediately it caved in and was absolutely destroyed.

DASV: Luke 7

¹ After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.

² A certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and at the point of death.

³ When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and save his servant.

⁴ When they came to Jesus, they earnestly appealed to him, saying, "It is worthy for you to do this for him,

⁵ for he loves our nation, and has even built our synagogue."

⁶ Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself; for I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.

⁷ That is why I did not presume myself worthy to come to you; but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

⁸ For I also am a man set under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

⁹ When Jesus heard these things, he was amazed at him, and turned and said to the crowd that followed him, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith anywhere in Israel."

¹⁰ When they who were sent, returned to the house, they discovered the servant in good health.

¹¹ Soon afterwards Jesus went to a town called Nain; and his disciples and a great crowd went with him.

¹² Now when he approached the town gate, there was one who was dead being carried out. He was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and many of the people of the town were with her.

¹³ When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not grieve."

¹⁴ He came close and touched the coffin; those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

¹⁵ He who was dead sat up, and began to speak. Jesus gave him to his mother.

¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us," and, "God has come to the aid of his people."

¹⁷ This report about him spread through the whole of Judea, and all the surrounding region.

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him.

¹⁹ John called to himself two of his disciples, and sent them to the Lord, asking, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we keep looking for someone else?"

²⁰ When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, asking, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we keep looking for someone else?'"

²¹ In that hour he cured many of diseases, plagues and evil spirits; and many who were blind he gave them sight.

²² Then he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

²³ Blessed is he who finds no occasion for stumbling in me."

²⁴ When the messengers of John had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

²⁵ But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in nice clothes? Look, those who wear extravagant clothes, and live in luxury, are in kings' palaces.

²⁶ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet.

²⁷ This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women there is none greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

²⁹ When all the people heard this, even the tax collectors, they acknowledged God's justice, because they had been baptized with the baptism of John.

³⁰ But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God, refusing to be baptized by John.

³¹ Jesus continued, "To what then can I compare the people of this generation?

³² They are like children that sit in the marketplace, calling to one another, saying, 'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance; we wailed, but you did not weep.'

³³ For John the Baptist came eating no bread or drinking no wine; and you claim, 'He has a demon.'

³⁴ The Son of Man came eating and drinking; and you claim, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

³⁵ Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

³⁶ One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he entered the Pharisee's house, and sat down for dinner.

³⁷ A woman was in the town, a sinner; and when she knew that he was sitting for dinner in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfumed ointment.

³⁸ She stood behind at his feet, weeping, she began to bathe his feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the perfumed ointment.

³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he thought, "This man, if he were a prophet, would realize who and what type of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." He replied, "Teacher, tell me."

⁴¹ "A certain lender had two debtors, the one owed five hundred silver coins, and the other fifty.

⁴² When they were unable to pay, he forgave both of them. Which of them therefore will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon answered, "I imagine the one whom he forgave the most." Jesus replied, "You have judged correctly."

⁴⁴ Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered into your house, you gave me no water for my feet, but she has washed my feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair.

⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but she, since the time I came in, has not stopped kissing my feet.

⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil; but she has anointed my feet with perfume.

⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which were many, are forgiven; for she loved much. But to the one to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

⁴⁸ He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹ They who sat at dinner with him began to think to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰ Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

DASV: Luke 8

¹ Soon afterwards, Jesus went through the towns and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him,

² and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had been cast out;

³ and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward; and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to them from their own resources.

⁴ When a great multitude came together, and those from every town came to him, he spoke in a parable:

⁵ "The sower went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell on the path; and it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the heaven devoured it.

⁶ Other seed fell on the rock; and as soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

⁷ Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew with it, and choked it.

⁸ Other seed fell into the good ground, and grew, and produced fruit a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "The one who has ears to hear, let him hear."

⁹ His disciples asked him what this parable meant.

¹⁰ He replied, "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God; but to the others I use parables; that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

¹¹ Now the meaning of the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

¹² Those on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes, and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved.

¹³ Those on the rock are those who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; but they have no root. They believe for a while, yet in time of temptation fall away.

¹⁴ The seed which fell among the thorns are those who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked by the cares, riches and pleasures of this life, and do not produce mature fruit.

¹⁵ But that which fell in the good soil are those who with an honest and good heart, having heard the word, produce fruit with patient persistence.

¹⁶ No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a bowl, or puts it under a bed; but rather it is put on a stand, that those who enter in may see the light.

¹⁷ For nothing is hid, that will not be revealed; and nothing is secret, that will not be known and come to light.

¹⁸ Pay attention then how you hear; for whoever has, to him will be given; and whoever does not have, from him will be taken away even that which he thinks he has. "

¹⁹ Jesus' mother and brothers came to him, and they could not get near him because of the crowd.

²⁰ He was told, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

²¹ But he replied, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

²² One day, he got into a boat with his disciples, and he told them, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they set out.

²³ But as they sailed he fell asleep. Now a windstorm came up on the lake; and the boat was filling up with water, and they were in danger.

²⁴ They came to him, and woke him up, saying, "Master, master, we are going to die." He woke and rebuked the wind and the raging of the waves. They ceased and there was a calm.

²⁵ He asked them, "Where is your faith?" Being afraid they were amazed, saying to one another, "Who is this, that he even commands the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is across Galilee.

²⁷ When he climbed out on shore, he was met by a certain man from the town, who had demons; and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and did not stay in any house, but lived in the tombs.

²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice shouted, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torture me."

²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had seized him, and he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and shackles; but he broke the restraints and was driven by the demon into deserted places.

³⁰ Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "Legion;" for many demons had entered into him.

³¹ They begged him that he would not order them to go out into the abyss.

³² Now there was there a herd of many pigs feeding on the mountain. They begged Jesus that he would allow them to enter into the pigs. So he gave them permission.

³³ The demons came out of the man, and entered into the pigs. The herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned.

³⁴ Now when those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled, and reported it in the town and country.

³⁵ They came out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man, from whom the demons had gone out, sitting, clothed and in his right mind, at the feet of Jesus and they were afraid.

³⁶ They who saw it told them how he who was possessed by the demons had been healed.

³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked him to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he entered into a boat, and returned.

³⁸ But the man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,

³⁹ "Return to your house, and declare what great things God has done for you." So he went his way, proclaiming throughout the whole town what great things Jesus had done

for him.

⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him; for they were all waiting for him.

⁴¹ A man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell down at Jesus' feet, and begged him to come to his house,

⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as he went the crowds crushed in on him.

⁴³ A woman who had hemorrhaged blood for twelve years, and who had spent all that she had on physicians, but no one could heal her,

⁴⁴ came behind him, and touched the edge of his clothes. Immediately the bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ Jesus said, "Who touched me?" After everyone denied it, Peter and those who were with him, said, "Master, the crowd is surrounding you and pressing in on you."

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceived that power has gone out of me."

⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she could not hide, she came trembling, fell down before him declaring in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been healed immediately.

⁴⁸ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you whole. Go in peace."

⁴⁹ While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler of the synagogue's house came, informing him, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher anymore."

⁵⁰ But Jesus hearing it told Jairus, "Do not fear, only believe, and she will be healed."

⁵¹ When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter in with him, except Peter, John and James, and the girl's father and mother.

⁵² All were weeping and wailing for her. But he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead, but asleep."

⁵³ Then they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and called, saying, "Child rise up."

⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. He told them to give her something to eat.

⁵⁶ Her parents were amazed, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

DASV: Luke 9

¹ Then Jesus called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases,

² and sent them out to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

³ He instructed them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, no wallet, no bread, no money; not even a change of clothes.

⁴ Into whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave town.

⁵ Whoever does not welcome you, when you depart from that town, shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony against them."

⁶ So they left and went throughout the villages, preaching the gospel, and healing the sick everywhere.

⁷ Now Herod Antipas the tetrarch heard of all that was done, and he was very perplexed, because some people were saying that John had risen from the dead,

⁸ and some, that Elijah had appeared; and others, that one of the old prophets had risen.

⁹ Herod said, "John I beheaded; but who is this, about whom I hear such things?" So he attempted to see him.

¹⁰ When they returned, the apostles told him what they had done. He took them and withdrew to a town called Bethsaida.

¹¹ But the crowds found out about it and followed him. He welcomed them, and spoke to them of the kingdom of God, and those who were in need of healing he cured.

¹² When the day began to come to an end the twelve came, and asked him, "Send the crowd away, that they may go into the villages and surrounding country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place."

¹³ But he said to them, "Give them something to eat." But they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people."

¹⁴ There were about 5,000 men. He said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each."

¹⁵ So they did it and had them all sit down.

¹⁶ He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

¹⁷ They ate, and were all filled. There were picked up twelve baskets from what was left over from the broken pieces.

¹⁸ One day, as Jesus was praying alone, and only the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

¹⁹ They answered, "John the Baptist; but others say, Elijah; and others, one of the old prophets who has risen again."

²⁰ Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah of God."

²¹ But he charged them, and commanded them not to tell this to anyone,

²² saying, "The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up."

²³ He said to them all, "If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

²⁴ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

²⁵ For what benefit is there for a person, if they gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit themselves?

²⁶ For whoever will be ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him, when he comes in his glory, and the glory of the Father and the holy angels.

²⁷ But I tell you the truth, there are some standing here, who will not taste of death, until they see the kingdom of God."

²⁸ About eight days after these sayings, he took with him Peter, John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray.

²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰ Then two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him.

³¹ They appeared with glory, and spoke about his departure which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men who stood there with him.

³³ As the men were preparing to leave, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three memorial shelters; one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he was saying.

³⁴ While he said these things, a cloud came, and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

³⁵ A voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my chosen, hear him."

³⁶ After the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They kept quiet, and told no one in those days about any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, after they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

³⁸ A man from the crowd shouted out, "Teacher, I beg you to look on my son; for he is my only child.

³⁹ A spirit seizes him, and suddenly he will shriek. It throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It hardly ever leaves him alone but continually hurts him.

⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, and they could not."

⁴¹ Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you, and bear with you? Bring your son here."

⁴² While he was still coming, the demon threw him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

⁴³ They were all astonished at the majesty of God. But while all were marveling at everything which he did, he said to his disciples,

⁴⁴ "Let these words sink into your ears. The Son of man will be betrayed into the hands of men."

⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying, for its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not understand it. But they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

⁴⁶ There arose an argument among them about which of them was the greatest.

⁴⁷ But when Jesus became aware of what they were thinking in their hearts, he took a little child, and set him by his side.

⁴⁸ Then he said to them, "Whoever will receive 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, that one is the greatest."

⁴⁹ John said, "Master, we saw one casting out demons in your name; and we stopped him, because he did not follow us."

⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him for he that is not against you is for you."

⁵¹ When the days drew near that he should be taken up, he resolutely set his face to go to Jerusalem.

⁵² He sent messengers ahead of him. They went and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for him,

⁵³ but they did not receive him, because he was set on going to Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven and consume them?"

⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them.

⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they going along the way, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

⁵⁹ He said to another person, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Another also said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first allow me to say good-bye to those who are at my home."

⁶² But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

DASV: Luke 10

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two by two ahead into every town and place, where he himself was about to go.

² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest, that he send out laborers into his harvest.

³ Go, I am sending you out like lambs in the midst of wolves.

⁴ Carry no purse, no wallet, no shoes; and greet no one on the way.

⁵ Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.'

⁶ If a person of peace lives there, your peace will rest upon them, but if not, it will return to you.

⁷ Remain in that same house, eating and drinking whatever they give, for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Do not move from house to house.

⁸ Into whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat whatever is set before you.

⁹ Heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

¹⁰ But into whatever town you will enter and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,

¹¹ 'Even the dust from your town, that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you; nevertheless, know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹² I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that town.

¹³ Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

¹⁴ But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment, than for you.

¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶ He who listens to you listens to me; and he who rejects you rejects me; and he that rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

¹⁸ He said to them, "I saw Satan falling like lightning from heaven.

¹⁹ I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.

²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice about this, that the spirits are submit to you; but rather rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

²¹ In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hid these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to infants, yes, Father; for so was your gracious will.

²² All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is, except the Father, and who the Father is, except the Son, and he to whomever the Son wishes to reveal him."

²³ Turning to the disciples, he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see the things that you see.

²⁴ For I tell to you, that many prophets and kings desired to see the things that you see, but never saw them; and to hear the things that you hear, but have never heard them."

²⁵ A certain scribe stood up and tested him, saying, "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind;' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸ Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you shall live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Jesus replied, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was attacked by robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and then took off, leaving him half dead.

³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that way and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³² Similarly a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came by where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion.

³⁴ He went up to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring olive oil and wine on them; and he set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵ On the next day he took out two silver coins, and gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him, and whatever you spend more, when I come back again, I will repay you."

³⁶ Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?"

³⁷ He said, "He who had mercy on him." Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same."

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.

³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet, and listened to his word.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by the dinner preparations; and she came up to him, and complained, "Lord, do you not care that my sister left me to serve all by myself? Now tell her to help me."

⁴¹ But the Lord answered, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and distracted by many things,

⁴² but one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the better part, which will never be taken away from her."

DASV: Luke 11

¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place. After he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples."

² He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone who has sinned against us. And do not lead us into temptation."

⁵ Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight, and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;

⁶ for a friend of mine who was taking a trip has come to visit me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷ Then the person within the house will answer, 'Don't bother me. The door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot rise and give it to you.'

⁸ I say to you, though he will not get up and give it to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; and everyone who seeks finds; and to everyone who knocks it will be opened.

¹¹ Which of you fathers if his son asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he give him a scorpion?

¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

¹⁴ Now Jesus was casting out a demon that was causing a person to be mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man began to speak; and the crowd was amazed.

¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the prince of the demons."

¹⁶ Others, testing him, demanded a sign from heaven from him.

¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be destroyed; and a divided house falls.

¹⁸ If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I ask you this because you claim that I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

¹⁹ But if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out?

Therefore they will be your judges.

²⁰ But if I by the finger of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.

²¹ When the strong man fully armed guards his own palace, his goods are safe.

²² But when someone stronger than he attacks him, and overcomes him, he strips him of his armor that he trusted in, and splits up his spoils.

²³ He who is not with me is against me; and he who does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴ The unclean spirit when it has gone out of the person, passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and finding none, it says, 'I will go back to my house that I came out of.'

²⁵ When it returns, it finds the place swept and put in order.

²⁶ Then it goes, and takes with it seven other spirits more evil than itself; and they enter and dwell there. Now the last state of that person is worse than the first."

²⁷ As Jesus said these things, a certain woman from the crowd shouted out to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts which nursed you."

²⁸ But he replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God, and defend it."

²⁹ When the crowds were gathering to him, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation, that seeks after a sign; but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.

³⁰ For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation.

³¹ The queen of the south will rise up in the judgment against the people of this generation, and will condemn them because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and now someone greater than Solomon is here.

³² The people of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment against this generation, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and now someone greater than Jonah is here.

³³ No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on the stand, that those who enter in may see the light.

³⁴ The lamp of your body is your eye. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness.

³⁵ Therefore make sure that the light that is in you is not darkness.

³⁶ If therefore your whole body is full of light, having no part in the dark, it will be totally full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining gives you light.

³⁷ Now as Jesus spoke, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him. He went in, and reclined at the table.

³⁸ When the Pharisee saw it, he was amazed that he did not first wash up before dinner.

³⁹ The Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and the plate; but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.

⁴⁰ You foolish ones, did not the one who made the outside also make the inside?

⁴¹ But give donations to the poor from that which is within you; and all things will be clean for you.

⁴² But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint, rue and every little herb, but neglect justice and the love of God; but these you ought to have done, and not left the other undone.

⁴³ Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the chief seats in the synagogues, and the honored greetings in the marketplaces.

⁴⁴ Woe to you! For you are like the unmarked graves that people walk over without even realizing it.

- ⁴⁵ One of the scribes answered him, "Teacher, in saying this you insult us also."
- ⁴⁶ But he said, "Woe to you scribes also! For you load people with burdens difficult to be carried, yet you yourselves never touch the burden with even one of your fingers.
- ⁴⁷ Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, whom your forefathers killed.
- ⁴⁸ So you are witnesses and give consent to the works of your forefathers because they killed them, and now you build their tombs.
- ⁴⁹ Therefore also the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles; and some of them they will kill and persecute.'
- ⁵⁰ Therefore the blood of all the prophets, which have been shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation,
- ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was murdered between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation.
- ⁵² Woe to you scribes! For you take away the key of knowledge yet you do not enter in yourselves, and yet you hinder those who are trying to enter."
- ⁵³ When he went out of there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to strongly oppose him, and to cross-examine him about many things,
- ⁵⁴ trying to trap him with anything coming out of his mouth.

DASV: Luke 12

¹ In the meantime, when a crowd of many thousands gathered together, so that they trampled on one another, Jesus began to say first to his disciples, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is their hypocrisy.

² For there is nothing covered up, that will not be revealed; and hid, that will not be known.

³ Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light; and what you have secretly spoken behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops.

⁴ I tell you my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but after that have nothing more that they can do.

⁵ But I will warn you about the one whom you should fear: fear him, who after killing has the power to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear him.

⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Not one of them is forgotten in God's sight.

⁷ But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, you are more valuable than many sparrows.

⁸ I say to you, Everyone who confesses me before men, the Son of Man will also confess him before the angels of God.

⁹ But the one who denies me before people will be denied before the angels of God.

¹⁰ Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him, but to the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit it will not be forgiven.

¹¹ When they bring you before the synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not be anxious about how or what you will answer, or what you will say,

¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you should say."

¹³ Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

¹⁴ But he replied, "Mister, who made me a judge or an arbitrator between you?"

¹⁵ He told them, "Take care, and keep yourselves from all covetousness, for a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses."

¹⁶ Then he told them a parable, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man produced an abundant harvest.

¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What should I do, because I have no where to put my crops?'

¹⁸ Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns, and build bigger ones; and there I will put all my grain and my goods.

¹⁹ Then I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years; take it easy, eat, drink, and be merry.'"

²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you. Then who will get all the things you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹ So it is with the one who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples, "That is why I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or for your body, what you will wear.

²³ For life is more than the food, and the body more than the clothes.

²⁴ Consider the ravens, they do not sow or reap, they have no storerooms or barns; and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than the birds!

²⁵ Which of you by worrying can add one hour to his life?

²⁶ If then you are not able to do such a little thing as that, why are you so worried about the rest?

²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow. They do not toil or spin clothing; yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is here today and tomorrow thrown into the fire; how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith?

²⁹ Do not keep struggling for what you will eat, and what you will drink. Do not keep worrying about such things.

³⁰ For after all these things the nations of the world pursue, but your Father knows that you have need of these things.

³¹ Yet seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you as well.

³² Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³ Sell what you have, and give it to the poor. Make for yourselves purses which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that never fails, where no thief can approach or moth destroy.

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

³⁵ Be dressed, prepared for action and keep your lamps burning.

³⁶ Be like those looking for their master to return from a wedding feast; so that, when he comes and knocks, they may instantly open the door for him.

³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master when he comes will find them watching. Truly I tell you, that he will gird himself, and make them sit down to dinner, and then he will come and serve them.

³⁸ If he comes in the second or third watch of the night, and finds them so prepared, blessed are those servants.

³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not have allowed his house to be broken into.

⁴⁰ Be prepared; for in an hour that you do not expect the Son of man will come."

⁴¹ Then Peter said, "Lord, are you speaking this parable to us, or everyone?"

⁴² The Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their allowance of food at the right time?"

⁴³ Blessed is that servant, whom his master will find so working when he returns.

⁴⁴ Truly I tell to you, that he will put him in charge of all that he has.

- ⁴⁵ But if that servant thinks to himself, 'My master is delaying his return; and begins to beat the other male and female servants, and to eat, drink and get drunk;
- ⁴⁶ the master of that servant will come in a day when he does not expect it, and in an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign his place with the unfaithful.
- ⁴⁷ That servant, who knows his master's will, and does not prepare or do what he wanted, will be beaten severely.
- ⁴⁸ But the one who does not know, and did things worthy of punishment, will be beaten less severely. To whomever much is given, much will be required; and to whom much is committed, more will be asked of them.
- ⁴⁹ I came to set the earth on fire; and how I wish it were already burning?
- ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and I am stressed until it is accomplished!
- ⁵¹ Do you think that I am come to bring peace on the earth? I tell you, no; but rather division.
- ⁵² For from now on there will be in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.
- ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."
- ⁵⁴ Then Jesus also said to the crowd, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'Here comes the rain;' and it does.
- ⁵⁵ When you see a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be scorching hot;' and it is.
- ⁵⁶ You hypocrites, you claim to know how to interpret the face of the earth and the heaven; but how is it that you do not know how to interpret this present time?
- ⁵⁷ Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?
- ⁵⁸ So when you are going with your accuser before the court magistrate, on the way, try to settle it with him; or he may drag you before the judge, and the judge will deliver you to the officer, and the officer will throw you into prison.
- ⁵⁹ I say to you, there is no way you will come out of there, until you have paid every last penny."

DASV: Luke 13

¹ Now there were some present on that occasion who told him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

² Jesus responded, "Do you think that these Galileans were sinners more than all the other Galileans, because they have suffered these things?"

³ I tell you, no, but, except you repent, you will all perish like they did.

⁴ Or what about those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all those who were living in Jerusalem?"

⁵ I tell you, no, but, except you repent, you will all perish like they did."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it, and found none.

⁷ He told the gardener, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit from this fig tree, and have found none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?'

⁸ But the gardener replied, 'Lord, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it, and fertilize it,

⁹ then if it bears fruit next year, great; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath day.

¹¹ There was a woman who had a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and unable to straighten up.

¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your disability."

¹³ Then he laid his hands on her and immediately she was straightened up, and praised God.

¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue, moved with rage because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, told the crowd, "There are six days in which people ought to work. Come on those days to be healed, but not on the Sabbath day."

¹⁵ But the Lord replied, "You hypocrites, does not each one of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall, and lead him out to get water?"

¹⁶ Should not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound these eighteen years, have been set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

¹⁷ When he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, but the whole crowd rejoiced at all the wonderful things he did.

¹⁸ Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it?"

¹⁹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a person took, and planted in his garden; and it grew, and became a tree; and the birds of the heaven nested in its branches."

²⁰ Again he said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God?"

²¹ It is like yeast, which a woman took and mixed in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

²² Then he went on his way through towns and villages, teaching, and traveling on to Jerusalem.

²³ Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He replied,

²⁴ "Try hard to enter in by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter, but will not be able.

²⁵ Once the master of the house gets up, and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open up for us;' but he will reply to you, 'I do not know where you come from.'

²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'

²⁷ Then he will say, 'I tell you, I don't know where you come from; get away from me, all you evildoers.'

²⁸ There will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves will be thrown out.

²⁹ They will come from the east and west, and from the north and south, and will sit at the banquet in the kingdom of God.

³⁰ But truly, some who are last will be first, and those who are first will be last."

³¹ At that hour there came certain Pharisees, warning him, "Get out of here, for Herod Antipas wants to kill you."

³² Then he said to them, "Go tell that fox, I am casting out demons and performing healings today and tomorrow, and the third day I will finish.

³³ Nevertheless I must go on my way today, tomorrow and the next day, for it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.

³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kills the prophets, and stones those who are sent to you! How often I would have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would not!

³⁵ Look, your house is abandoned, and I say to you, you will not see me, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

DASV: Luke 14

¹ Jesus went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat bread. They were watching him closely.

² There was before him a certain man who had dropsy.

³ Jesus spoke to the scribes and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"

⁴ But they remained silent. Jesus took him, healed him and let him go.

⁵ Then he said to them, "Which of you who has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?"

⁶ They had no answer for this either.

⁷ He noticed how those who were invited to dinner chose the places of honor. He told them a parable.

⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit in the place of honor or perhaps someone invited was more honorable than you;

⁹ then he who invited you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your place.' Then disgraced you will take the lowest place.

¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place; that the host may come and say to you, 'Friend, come up to a higher place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who are seated at the dinner with you.

¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

¹² Then Jesus said to the one who had invited him, "When you make a lunch or supper, do not call your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, in case they invite you back to repay you.

¹³ But when you prepare a banquet, invite the poor, maimed, lame and blind.

¹⁴ Then you will be blessed; because they have nothing to repay you with, then you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.

¹⁵ When one of those who sat at dinner with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is the one who will eat bread in the kingdom of God."

¹⁶ But Jesus responded to him, "A certain person made a great banquet and invited many.

¹⁷ He sent his servant out at dinner time to announce to the guests, 'Come, for everything is ready.'

¹⁸ But they all began making excuses. The first said to him, 'I just bought a field, and I need to go out and see it. Please excuse me.'

¹⁹ Another said, 'I just bought five yoke of oxen, and I need to try them out. Please excuse me.'

²⁰ Another said, 'I just got married, and therefore I cannot come.'

²¹ So the servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the master of the house got angry said to his servant, "Go quickly into the streets and lanes of the town, and bring in here the poor, maimed, blind and lame."

²² The servant said, "Lord, what you have ordered is done, and yet there is still room."

²³ The lord said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled."

²⁴ For I tell you, that none of those people who were originally invited will taste of my banquet."

²⁵ Now there were large crowds traveling with him so he turned, and said to them,

²⁶ "If any one comes to me, and does not hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, even his own life too, he cannot be my disciple.

²⁷ Whoever does not carry his cross, and follow me, cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ For which of you, wanting to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has the wherewithal to complete it?

²⁹ Otherwise when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will begin to laugh at him,

³⁰ saying, 'Here's a person who begins to build, but is unable to finish.'

³¹ Or what king, as he goes to make war with another king, will not first sit down and determine whether he is able with ten thousand to engage one who attacks him with twenty thousand?

³² If he cannot, while the other is still a distance away, he will send an ambassador, and ask for conditions of peace.

³³ Similarly, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has, he cannot be my disciple.

³⁴ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its flavor, how is it be made salty again?

³⁵ It is worthless suited neither for the land or for the manure pile but to be thrown out. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear."

DASV: Luke 15

- ¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near him to hear him.
- ² Both the Pharisees and the scribes complained, "This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them."
- ³ Then Jesus spoke this parable to them,
- ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?
- ⁵ When he finds it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
- ⁶ Then when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.'
- ⁷ I say to you, in that same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people, who have no need of repentance.
- ⁸ Or what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, does not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and carefully search until she finds it?
- ⁹ Then when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.'
- ¹⁰ Even so, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
- ¹¹ Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons.
- ¹² The younger said to his father, 'Father, give me the part of the estate that belongs to me.'" So he divided his assets between them.
- ¹³ A few days later, the younger son gathered all his belongings together and left on his journey into a distant country. There he squandered his money on wild living.
- ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country; and he began to suffer need.
- ¹⁵ So he went and worked for one of the citizens of that country who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.
- ¹⁶ He often wanted to eat the pods that the pigs were eating but no one gave him a thing.
- ¹⁷ Finally he came to his senses saying, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!
- ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight.
- ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Let me be as one of your hired servants.'"
- ²⁰ Then he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet some way off, his father saw him, and was filled with compassion, ran, hugged and kissed him.
- ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
- ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Hurry, bring out the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his finger, and sandals on his feet.
- ²³ Bring the fatted calf, butcher it, and let's eat and celebrate.

²⁴ For this my son who was dead is alive again. He was lost and now is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ Now his elder son was in the field and when he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

²⁶ So he called to one of the servants, and asked what was going on.

²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has returned and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he is celebrating his return safe and sound.'

²⁸ But he was angry, and would not go in. His father came out, and urged him.

²⁹ But the elder son answered his father, 'Look, for all these years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your wishes; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might party with my friends.

³⁰ But when this son of yours returned, who has squandered your resources on prostitutes, you kill the fatted calf for him.'

³¹ The father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

³² But it was appropriate to celebrate and be glad, for this brother of yours was dead, and now is alive again; he was lost and now is found.'"

DASV: Luke 16

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man, who had a manager who was accused of wasting his resources.

² He called the manager in, and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship; because you can no longer be my manager.'

³ The manager thought to himself, 'What will I do, seeing my master has terminated me from my position? I do not have strength to dig and I am ashamed to beg.

⁴ I know what I'll do so that when I am terminated from my job people will welcome me into their homes.'

⁵ Calling to him each one of his master's debtors, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶ The debtor replied, 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write four hundred.'

⁷ Then he said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He replied, 'A thousand bushels of wheat.' The manager told him, 'Take your bill, and write eight hundred.'

⁸ Then his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their contemporaries than the children of the light are.

⁹ I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of worldly assets; so that, when they are gone, you may be welcomed into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ He who is faithful in little will also be faithful in much. He who is dishonest in little will also be dishonest in much.

¹¹ If therefore you have not been faithful with worldly assets, who will entrust to you with true riches?

¹² If you have not been faithful with that which belongs to another, who will give you that which will be your own?

¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

¹⁴ When the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, they scoffed at him.

¹⁵ He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men; but God knows your hearts; for that which is greatly prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God.

¹⁶ The law and the prophets were in effect until John; since that time the good news of the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone is pushing to get into it.

¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one pen stroke of the law to fail.

¹⁸ Everyone who divorces his wife, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries one who is divorced commits adultery.

¹⁹ Now there was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen, and feasted sumptuously every day.

²⁰ There was a certain beggar named Lazarus who was laid at his gate, covered with sores,

²¹ and desired to be fed by what fell from the rich man's table. Beyond that even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

²² It came to pass, that the beggar died and was carried away by the angels to be by Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³ In Hades, being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off with Lazarus by his side.

²⁴ The rich man cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus, so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in these flames.'

²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here and you are in anguish.

²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us there is a great chasm, so that those who want to cross from here to you are not able, and no one can cross over from there to where we are.'

²⁷ Then he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send Lazarus to my father's house,

²⁸ for I have five brothers; that he may warn them, so they do not come to this place of torment too.'

²⁹ But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

³⁰ But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if one would go to them from the dead, then they will repent.'

³¹ But Abraham said to him, 'If they will not listen Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded even if one were to rise from the dead.'"

DASV: Luke 17

- ¹ Jesus said to his disciples, "It is inevitable that occasions of stumbling will come; but woe to him, by whom they come!
- ² It were better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.
- ³ Be on guard. If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.
- ⁴ Even if he sins against you seven times a day, and seven times turns again to you, saying, 'I repent,' you should forgive him."
- ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
- ⁶ The Lord said, "If you have faith the size of a grain of mustard seed, you will be able to say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted, and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.
- ⁷ But which of you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, would say to him, when he has just come in from the field, 'Come right away and sit down here and eat.'
- ⁸ Would you not, as master, more likely say to him, 'Make my supper, and change your clothes, and serve me while I eat and drink; then afterward you may eat and drink'?
- ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what he was commanded?
- ¹⁰ Likewise you also, when you have done everything you were commanded, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have just done our duty.'
- ¹¹ As they were on their way to Jerusalem, Jesus was traveling along the border between Samaria and Galilee.
- ¹² As he entered into a village, he met ten men who were lepers, who kept their distance.
- ¹³ They called aloud, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
- ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." As they went, they were cleansed.
- ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, praising God with a loud voice.
- ¹⁶ He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.
- ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were there not ten who were cleansed? Where are the other nine?"
- ¹⁸ Were there none found who returned to give praise to God, except this foreigner?"
- ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up, and go your way. Your faith has made you well."
- ²⁰ Having been asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God is not coming in a way that can be observed.
- ²¹ Neither will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For the kingdom of God is within you."
- ²² He said to the disciples, "The days will come, when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.
- ²³ Then they will say to you, 'Look, there he is!' or 'Look, here he is!' Do not go out in pursuit of them.

²⁴ For as lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other; so will the Son of Man be in his day.

²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also it will be in the days of the Son of Man.

²⁷ They were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed all of them.

²⁸ Likewise in the days of Lot, they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building;

²⁹ but on the day that Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed all of them.

³⁰ It will be the same in the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

³¹ In that day, anyone who is on the housetop while his goods are in the house, he should not go down to take them away. Similarly, anyone who is in the field should not go back home.

³² Remember Lot's wife.

³³ Whoever will seek to gain his life will lose it; but whoever will lose his life will preserve it.

³⁴ I tell you, in that night there will be two people in bed; the one will be taken, and the other left behind.

³⁵ There will be two women grinding grain together; the one will be taken, and the other left behind."

³⁶ [Some manuscripts have: "Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left behind."]

³⁷ They asked him, "Where, Lord?" He replied, "Where the carcass is, there will the vultures gather."

DASV: Luke 18

¹ Then Jesus spoke a parable to show them that they should always pray, and not lose heart.

² He said, "There was in a city a judge, who neither feared God, or respected anyone.

³ There was a widow in that city; and she frequently came to him, saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ But he would not for a while; but afterward he thought to himself, 'Though I do not fear God or respect any person,

⁵ yet because this widow keeps pestering me, I will give her justice, otherwise she will wear me out by her continual coming."

⁶ The Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

⁷ Will God not give his elect justice, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay his response to them?

⁸ I tell you, that he will quickly give them justice. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

⁹ Jesus spoke this parable to certain men who were over confident in themselves that they were righteous, and despised everyone else.

¹⁰ Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people, thieves, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I make.'

¹³ But the tax collector, standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner.'

¹⁴ I say to you, 'This man went down to his house justified rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; but everyone who humbles themselves will be exalted.'

¹⁵ People were bringing their infants to Jesus, so that he might touch them. But when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

¹⁷ Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹ Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? There is no one good, except God alone.

²⁰ You know the commandments, 'Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother.'"

²¹ He said, "All these things I have done from my youth up."

²² When Jesus heard it, he said to him, "You lack one thing: sell all that you have, and give it to the poor, then you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²³ But when he heard these things, he became very sad; for he was very rich.

²⁴ Then Jesus seeing him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

²⁶ Those who heard it responded, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ But he said, "The very things which are impossible for humans are possible for God."

²⁸ Then Peter observed, "Look, we have left our homes and followed you."

²⁹ He replied, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house, wife, brothers, parents, or children for the kingdom of God's sake,

³⁰ who will not receive much more in this time, and in the world to come eternal life."

³¹ Then Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished.

³² For he will be delivered up to the Gentiles, and will be mocked, and shamefully treated, and spit upon.

³³ They will flog and kill him; then on the third day he will rise again."

³⁴ But they did not understand any of these things; for its meaning was hidden from them, and they could not grasp the things that were said.

³⁵ As he drew near Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.

³⁶ Hearing a crowd going by, he asked about what was going on.

³⁷ They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

³⁸ So he shouted out, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me."

³⁹ Those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be quiet. But he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me."

⁴⁰ Then Jesus stood, and ordered that he be brought to him. As he approached, Jesus asked him,

⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" He replied, "Lord, I want to see again."

⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

⁴³ Immediately he received his sight, and followed him, praising God. When all the people saw it, they praised God.

DASV: Luke 19

¹ Jesus entered and was passing through Jericho.

² A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.

³ He was trying to see who Jesus was; but was unable to see over the crowd because he was short.

⁴ So he ran on ahead, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for Jesus was going to pass by that way.

⁵ When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, quickly come down; for today I must stay at your house."

⁶ So he quickly came down, and gladly welcomed him.

⁷ When the crowd saw it, they all grumbled, "He is gone to visit with a man who is a sinner."

⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, half of my possessions I give to the poor; and if I have cheated anyone of anything, I will restore four times as much."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

¹¹ As they were listening to these things, he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.

¹² So he said, "A noble went into a far country, to obtain a kingdom for himself, and then return.

¹³ He called ten of his servants, and gave each of them one mina, and said to them, 'Trade with this until I get back.'

¹⁴ But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

¹⁵ When he came back again, having received the kingdom, he commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might know what they had gained by trading.

¹⁶ The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has produced ten minas more.

¹⁷ He said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were found faithful with a little, you will have authority over ten cities.

¹⁸ The second came, saying, 'Your mina, Lord, has produced five more minas.

¹⁹ So he said to him also, 'Be over five cities.'

²⁰ Then another came, saying, 'Lord, look, here is your mina. I wrapped it up in a cloth,

²¹ for I was of afraid of you, because you are a strict man. You take out what you didn't put in, and reap what you didn't sow.

²² He said to him, "I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant. You knew that I am a strict man, taking out what I didn't put in and reaping what I didn't sow;

²³ then why didn't you put my money into the bank, so that at my coming I should have collected it with interest?

²⁴ He said to those who stood by, 'Take away from him the mina, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.'

²⁵ They said to him, 'Master, he already has ten minas.'

²⁶ I tell you, to everyone who has shall more be given; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

²⁷ But as for my enemies who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here, and execute them in front of me."

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,

³⁰ saying, "Go to the village across from you; as you enter it you will find a donkey colt tied, on which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹ If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' Tell them, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² Those who were sent went away, and found it just like he had told them.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They answered, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus. They threw their cloaks on the colt, and set Jesus on it.

³⁶ As he rode on, they spread their garments on the road.

³⁷ As he drew near, where the road goes down off the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,

³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest."

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."

⁴⁰ But he replied, "I tell you, if these keep silent, then even the stones would cry out."

⁴¹ When he drew near, he saw the city and wept over it,

⁴² saying, "If you, even you, had only known on this day the things that would have produced peace for you! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

⁴³ For the days will come on you, when your enemies will build up a rampart against you, and surround you, and close in on you from every side.

⁴⁴ They will crush you into the ground, and your children within you; and they will not leave within you one stone standing on another; because you did not realize the time of your divine visitation."

⁴⁵ He entered into the temple, and began to cast out those selling things,

⁴⁶ saying to them, "It is written, 'my house will be a house of prayer;' but you have turned it into a den of thieves."

⁴⁷ He was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests, scribes and leaders of the people sought to destroy him,

⁴⁸ but they could not figure out a way to do it; for all the people hung on his words.

DASV: Luke 20

¹ One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple, and preaching the good news, the chief priest, and scribes came to him with the elders,

² and said to him, "Tell us, by what authority you do these things? Who gave you this authority?"

³ He answered, "I also will ask you a question: tell me,

⁴ the baptism of John, was it from heaven or merely human?"

⁵ They reasoned with themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven;' he will ask, 'Why did you not believe him?'

⁶ But if we say, 'Merely human;' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet."

⁷ So they answered that they did not know where it was from.

⁸ Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

⁹ Jesus began to speak to the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, and rented it out to tenant farmers, and went into another country for a long time.

¹⁰ At the harvest he sent a servant to the tenant farmers, in order that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.

¹¹ So he sent another servant. They also beat and insulted him, and sent him away empty-handed.

¹² Then he sent a third, and they also wounded and threw him out.

¹³ The owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; maybe they will reverence him.'

¹⁴ But when the tenant farmers saw him, they reasoned with each other, 'This is the heir; let's kill him, so the inheritance will be ours.'

¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

¹⁶ He will come and destroy these tenant farmers, and will rent the vineyard out to others." When they heard it, they said, "God forbid."

¹⁷ But he looked at them, and said, "What then is the meaning of what is written, 'The stone the builders rejected, the same has become the cornerstone'?"

¹⁸ Everyone that falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, that one will be crushed."

¹⁹ The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him in that same hour; but they feared the people, for they realized that he had spoken this parable against them.

²⁰ They watched him, and sent out spies, who pretended to be honest, that they might trap him in his speech, so they could deliver him up to the rule and authority of the governor.

²¹ So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach correctly, and you do not show favoritism to anyone, but teach the way of God honestly.

²² Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?"

²³ But he perceived their chicanery so he asked them,

²⁴ "Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?" They replied, "Caesar's."

²⁵ Then he said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

²⁶ They were not able to trap him in front of the people. They were amazed by his answer and were silenced.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, who claim that there is no resurrection, came to him,

²⁸ asking him, "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, his brother must take his widow, and raise up children to his brother.

²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died childless.

³⁰ The second,

³¹ and the third married her; and likewise the seven died leaving no children.

³² Finally, the woman died also.

³³ In the resurrection therefore whose wife will the woman be? For all seven had married her."

³⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry, and are given in marriage.

³⁵ But those who are considered worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage.

³⁶ In reality, they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.

³⁷ But concerning the dead being raised, even Moses demonstrated it in the passage of the bush, when he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

³⁸ Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for they are all alive to him."

³⁹ Then some of the scribes replied, "Teacher, you have spoken well."

⁴⁰ For they did not dare ask him anymore questions.

⁴¹ Then he asked them, "How can they say that the Messiah is David's son?

⁴² For David himself in the book of Psalms says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "sit at my right hand,

⁴³ until I make your enemies the footstool for your feet.'"

⁴⁴ If David calls him 'Lord,' then how can he be his son?"

⁴⁵ Then publically in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples,

⁴⁶ "Beware the scribes, who like walking around in long robes, and love respectful greetings in the marketplaces, and the best seats in the synagogues, and honored places at banquets.

⁴⁷ Yet they devour widows' houses, and for appearances make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

DASV: Luke 21

¹ Jesus looked up, and saw some rich people putting their donations into the offering box.

² Then he noticed a poor widow putting in two small copper coins.

³ He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all the rest.

⁴ For all of these contributed gifts from their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in everything she had to live on.

⁵ Now while some were talking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stonework and votive offerings, he said,

⁶ "As for these things you are observing, the days will come when not one stone will be left standing on another, every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will these things happen? What will be the sign that these things are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied, "Be careful that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he.' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them.

⁹ When you hear of wars and insurgencies, do not be terrified, for these things must come to pass first; but the end will not come right after that."

¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

¹¹ and there will be great earthquakes, and in many places famines and plagues and there will be frightening events and great signs from heaven.

¹² But before all these things happen, they will arrest and persecute you, handing you over to the synagogues and prisons, and bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake.

¹³ This will turn out to be a time for you to testify concerning me.

¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to prepare ahead of time how to defend yourself,

¹⁵ for I will give you the words and wisdom, that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or refute.

¹⁶ But you will be delivered up even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends; and some of you will be put to death.

¹⁷ You will be hated by everyone for my name's sake.

¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.

¹⁹ By your endurance you will win your souls.

²⁰ But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that her desolation has come near.

²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let those who are in the city leave; and those who are out in the country should not reenter it.

²² For these are days of vengeance, to fulfill everything that has been written.

²³ Woe to those who are pregnant and nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress on the land, and wrath against this people.

²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars; and on the earth nations will be distressed, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and waves.

²⁶ People will faint from fear and the expectation of the things coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

²⁸ But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads; because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ He spoke to them in a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees.

³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that the summer is now near.

³¹ Even so you also, when you see these things happen, realize that the kingdom of God is near.

³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away, until all things are accomplished.

³³ Heaven and earth will pass away; but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ Watch out or your hearts may be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and worries of this life, and that day will come down on you suddenly like a trap.

³⁵ For it will come on all those who dwell on the face of the entire earth.

³⁶ But be alert at all times, praying that you may be strong enough to escape all these things that will happen, and to stand before the Son of Man."

³⁷ Every day Jesus continued teaching in the temple; and every night he went out, and stayed on the Mount of Olives.

³⁸ All the people came early in the morning to hear him in the temple.

DASV: Luke 22

¹ Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is also called the Passover.

² The chief priests and scribes sought how they might put Jesus to death; but they were afraid of the people.

³ Satan entered into Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve.

⁴ He went and discussed with the chief priests and temple guards, how he might betray him to them.

⁵ They were delighted and promised to pay him.

⁶ He consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when the crowd was not around.

⁷ The day of Unleavened Bread came, on which the Passover lamb must be sacrificed.

⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

⁹ They asked him, "Where do you want us to make the preparations?"

¹⁰ He replied, "When you enter the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you; follow him to the house that he enters.

¹¹ Tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher asks you, "Where is the guestroom, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'"

¹² Then he will show you a large furnished room upstairs. Make the preparations there."

¹³ They went and found everything just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁴ When the hour had come, he sat down with the apostles.

¹⁵ He said to them, "With eagerness I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷ He took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, "Take this, and divide it up among yourselves;

¹⁸ for I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ Then he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ Likewise he took the cup after dinner, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is poured out for you.

²¹ But look, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.

²² For the Son of Man is going, just as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

²³ They began to question each other, which of them would do this thing.

²⁴ Now there arose also a controversy among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

²⁵ Then he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles have rule over them; and they who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.'

²⁶ But not so among you; but the one who is the greatest among you, let him become like the youngest; and the one who is the leader, like one who serves.

²⁷ For who is greater, the one who sits at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at the table? But here I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸ But you have stuck with me in my trials.

²⁹ So I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father has conferred one on me,

³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ Simon, Simon, Satan has asked for all of you that he might sift you like wheat;

³² but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith not fail. When you have turned around, strengthen your brothers."

³³ But Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."

³⁴ Then Jesus replied, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you have denied that you know me three times."

³⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "When I sent you out with no purse, wallet and sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they replied.

³⁶ Then he said to them, "But now, the one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a travel bag. Let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.

³⁷ For I tell you, this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted with transgressors,' for that which was written about me is being fulfilled."

³⁸ But they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

³⁹ Then he went out and proceeded to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom; and the disciples followed him.

⁴⁰ Now when he arrived at the place, he told them, "Pray that you do not enter into temptation."

⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone's throw; knelt down and prayed,

⁴² "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Yet not my will, but yours, be done."

⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him.

⁴⁴ Being in such agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

⁴⁵ When he got up from his prayer, he came to the disciples, and found them sleeping, tired from grief.

⁴⁶ Then he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation."

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, a crowd approached along with one called Judas, one of the twelve, who was leading them. He came up to Jesus to kiss him.

⁴⁸ But Jesus said to him, "Judas, you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹ When those who were around him realized what was about to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we use the sword?"

⁵⁰ Then one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹ But Jesus replied, "Enough of this." Then he touched his ear and healed him.

⁵² Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple guard and elders, who had come for him, "Am I a bandit that you come out with swords and clubs?"

⁵³ When I was daily with you in the temple, you never laid your hands on me to arrest me. But this is your hour, the reign of darkness."

⁵⁴ Then they seized him, led him away, and brought him to the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance.

⁵⁵ When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the court, and sat down together, Peter sat down among them.

⁵⁶ A servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light of the fire, stared at him, saying, "This man was with him too."

⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I don't know him."

⁵⁸ After a little while someone else saw him, and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter claimed, "Man, no I'm not."

⁵⁹ After about an hour another confidently insisted, "Surely this man was with him; for he too is a Galilean."

⁶⁰ But Peter denied, "Man, I don't know what you are saying. " Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

⁶¹ The Lord turned, and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had told him, "Before the rooster crows this day you will deny me three times.

⁶² He went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³ The men holding Jesus in custody began to mock and beat him.

⁶⁴ They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy, who hit you?"

⁶⁵ They spoke many other things against him insulting him.

⁶⁶ At daybreak, the assembly of the elders of the people was gathered together, both chief priests and scribes; and they led him away to their council, saying,

⁶⁷ "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he replied, "If I tell you, you would not believe it.

⁶⁸ If I question you, you too would not answer.

⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

⁷⁰ They all said, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "Yes, it is just like you said I am."

⁷¹ Then they said, "What further need do we have for witnesses? For we have heard it ourselves from his own mouth. "

DASV: Luke 23

- ¹ Then the entire assembly rose up and brought Jesus before Pilate.
- ² They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation, forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."
- ³ So Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "It is just like what you have said."
- ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for a case against this man."
- ⁵ But they were adamant, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning in Galilee and ending up here."
- ⁶ But when Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.
- ⁷ When he discovered that he was from Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also at Jerusalem at that time.
- ⁸ Now when Herod Antipas saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had for a long time wanted to see him, because he had heard about him and hoped to see him perform some miracle.
- ⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus would not answer him.
- ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood, vehemently accusing him.
- ¹¹ Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. He then put a royal robe on him and sent him back to Pilate.
- ¹² Herod and Pilate became friends on that very day, for before they had been enemies.
- ¹³ Pilate called together the chief priests, the leaders and the people,
- ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man, as one who misleads the people; and look, I have examined him before you, and found him not guilty regarding those things of which you were accusing him.
- ¹⁵ Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, he has done nothing worthy of death.
- ¹⁶ I will therefore beat and release him."
- ¹⁷ [Some manuscripts have: Now he was obligated to release to them one prisoner at the feast.]
- ¹⁸ But they shouted out all together, "Away with this man, and release Barabbas for us."
- ¹⁹ (This one had been put in prison because he made insurrection in the city and for murder.)
- ²⁰ Then Pilate spoke to them again, wanting to release Jesus.
- ²¹ But they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him."
- ²² Then he said to them a third time, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found nothing in him worthy of death. Therefore I will beat and release him."
- ²³ But they were insistent with loud shouts, demanding that he be crucified and their shouts prevailed.
- ²⁴ So Pilate rendered the sentence that their demand should be granted.

²⁵ He released the one they requested who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but Jesus he delivered according to their wish.

²⁶ When they led him away, they grabbed Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid the cross on him, to carry it behind Jesus.

²⁷ A great crowd of people followed him, among them women who were mourning and wailing for him.

²⁸ But Jesus turned to them saying, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep for yourselves and for your children.

²⁹ For the days are coming, in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore a child, and the breasts that have never nursed.'

³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us;' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'

³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two other criminals were led away to be put to death with him.

³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they don't know what they are doing." Then they cast lots to split up his clothes among them.

³⁵ The people stood by watching. The leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others, let him save himself, if this is the Messiah of God, his chosen one."

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, offering him sour wine,

³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging there railed on him, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us."

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him saying, "Do you not fear God, seeing you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

⁴¹ We are condemned justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our actions, but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴ Now it was about noon, and a darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,

⁴⁵ because the sun's light failed to shine. The veil of the temple was torn in two.

⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit," and having said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what happened, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this was an innocent man."

⁴⁸ All the crowds that came together for this spectacle, when they saw the things that took place, returned home beating their breasts.

⁴⁹ All his acquaintances, along with the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, who was a council member, a good and righteous man,

⁵¹ who had not consented to their plan and action. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, and he was expectantly looking for the kingdom of God.

⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

⁵³ He took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that was cut in stone, where no one had ever been buried.

⁵⁴ It was the day of the Preparation and the Sabbath was about to begin.

⁵⁵ The women, who had come with Jesus out of Galilee, followed behind, and saw the tomb, and how his body was laid.

⁵⁶ They returned, and prepared spices and perfumes. But on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

DASV: Luke 24

¹ But on the first day of the week, right at dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices that they had prepared.

² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ While they were puzzling over it, two men stood by them in dazzling clothes.

⁵ They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?"

⁶ He is not here, he has risen. Remember how he told you when he was still in Galilee,

⁷ saying that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and the third day rise again."

⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ After returning from the tomb, they told all these things to the eleven and to all the others.

¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles.

¹¹ This story seemed to them like an idle tale and they did not believe them.

¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping and peering in, he saw the linen wrappings by themselves; and he went back to his home wondering about what had happened.

¹³ Two of them were going that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

¹⁴ They discussed with each other about all the things that had happened.

¹⁵ While they were discussing and debating, Jesus himself approached and walked along with them.

¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing who he was.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What were you discussing with each other while you were walking along?" They stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, replied, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know about the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people.

²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one who would rescue Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things have happened.

²² But also some women of our group amazed us, having been to the tomb early this morning

²³ where they did not find his body. They came back saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it exactly as the women had described it, but they didn't see him."

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "O foolish and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things, and to enter into his glory?"

²⁷ Then beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village where they were going, and he acted as if he would keep going further.

²⁹ They urged him, "Stay with us; for it is getting late, and the day is now almost over." So he turned in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he sat down with them at the table, he took the bread, blessed, broke it and gave it to them.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight.

³² They said one to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us, while he spoke to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

³³ They got up that same hour, returned to Jerusalem and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together.

³⁴ They said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon."

³⁵ Then they rehearsed the things that had happened on the road, and how they had recognized him when he broke the bread.

³⁶ As they spoke these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be to you."

³⁷ But they were shocked and terrified, imagining that they had seen a ghost.

³⁸ But he said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts?"

³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet, it is I. Touch me and see for a ghost does not have flesh and bones like you see that I do."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹ Overwhelmed by joy they still could not believe it, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat here?"

⁴² They gave him a piece of a broiled fish.

⁴³ He took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "These are my words that I told you, while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which are written in the law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms about me."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their mind so that they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He said to them, "This is what is written, that the Messiah would suffer, rise again from the dead on the third day;

⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ Look, I am sending the promise of my Father to you, but wait in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ Then he led them as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them, and was carried up into heaven.

⁵² They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

⁵³ and were continually in the temple, praising God.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: 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 by him; and without him nothing was made that had been made.

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

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ A man came, sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ He came as a witness, to testify concerning the light, so that all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not the light, but came to testify concerning the light,

⁹ the true light, which gives light to everyone, coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, yet the world did not know him.

¹¹ He came unto his own things, and even his own people did not receive him.

¹² But as many as received him, to those who believe on his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

¹³ They were born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. We have seen his glory, glory as of the one and only son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John testified about him, shouting, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is greater than I, for he existed before me.'"

¹⁶ For from his fullness we all have received, one gracious benefit after another.

¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only God, who is near to the Father's heart, he has made him known.

¹⁹ This was John's testimony, when the Jews sent priests and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny it, but openly confessed, "I am not the Christ."

²¹ They asked him, "Who are you then? Are you Elijah?" He replied, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No."

²² Then they said to him, "Who are you? So that we can give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³ He said, "I am the voice of one shouting in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

²⁴ Those who were sent were from the Pharisees.

²⁵ Then they asked John, "Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, Elijah, or the prophet?"

²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one whom you do not know,

²⁷ he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

²⁸ These things were done in Bethany on the other side of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ On the next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰ This is the one of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who is greater than I, for he existed before me.'

³¹ I did not know him. This is the reason I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven; and it remained on him.

³³ I did not know him but he who sent me to baptize with water, said to me, 'Upon whomever you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, this one is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

³⁴ I have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵ Again on the next day John was standing with two of his disciples.

³⁶ While looking at Jesus as he walked by, John said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ After his two disciples heard him speak, they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Jesus turned, and saw them following; he asked them, "What do you want?"

They replied, "Rabbi (which is translated Teacher), where are you staying?"

³⁹ He said to them, "Come, and see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Christ).

⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

⁴³ On the next day he wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, and said concerning him, "Look, a true Israelite, in whom there is no deceit!"

⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

⁴⁹ Nathanael responded, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel."

⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Because I said I saw you under the fig tree, you believe? You will see greater things than these."

⁵¹ He said to him, "Surely I tell you the truth, you will see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

DASV: John 2

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

² Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

³ When they had run out of wine, Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine."

⁴ Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My hour is not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Whatever he tells you, do it."

⁶ Now there were six water pots of stone set there according to the Jewish custom of ceremonial washing, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

⁷ Jesus told them, "Fill the water pots with water." So they filled them up to the brim.

⁸ Then he said to them, "Now draw out some, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So they took it.

⁹ When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that had been made into wine, he did not know where it was from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of ceremonies called the bridegroom,

¹⁰ and said to him, "Every one serves first the good wine, then after people have drunk, that which is worse. But you have kept the good wine until now."

¹¹ This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. So he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum, he, his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they were there a few days.

¹³ The Jewish Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ He found in the temple those who sold oxen, sheep and doves, and the money-changers sitting beside their exchange tables.

¹⁵ He made a whip of cords, and drove out of the temple both the sheep and oxen. He poured out the changers' money and overturned their tables.

¹⁶ To those who sold the doves he said, "Get these things out of here. Do not turn my Father's house into a marketplace."

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ The Jews therefore said to him, "What sign do you show us, confirming that you can legitimately do these things?"

¹⁹ Jesus replied, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ Then the Jews said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple and you will raise it up in three days?"

²¹ But he spoke of the temple of his body.

²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture, and the word that Jesus had said.

²³ Now when he arrived in Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, many believed on his name, when they saw the miraculous sign he did.

²⁴ But Jesus did not entrust himself to them, for he knew everyone,

²⁵ and did not need anyone to tell him about human nature since he knew what was in man.

DASV: John 3

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a leader in the Jewish ruling council.

² This man came to Jesus by night, and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these miraculous signs that you do, except that God is with him."

³ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, except one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

⁵ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, except one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God!

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

⁸ The wind blows wherever it wants to, and you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from, or where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus replied, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "You are the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things?"

¹¹ I tell you the truth, we speak about what we know, and bear witness about what we have seen; and you do not receive our testimony.

¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

¹³ No one has ascended into heaven, except he who descended out of heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ Just 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 may have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes on him will not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him.

¹⁸ He who believes on him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed on the name of the one and only Son of God.

¹⁹ This is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

²¹ But the one who does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be clearly seen as having been done in God."

²² After this Jesus and his disciples came into the land of Judea; there he stayed with them, and baptized.

²³ Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was a lot of water there and people were coming and were being baptized.

²⁴ For John had not yet been thrown into prison.

²⁵ There arose a debate between John's disciples and a Jew about ceremonial washing.

²⁶ So they came to John, and asked him, "Rabbi, he who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River, concerning whom you testified, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him."

²⁷ John replied, "No one can receive anything, except it has been given to him from heaven.

²⁸ You yourselves can attest that I said, 'I am not the Messiah,' but 'I have been sent before him.'

²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom that stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore I am filled with joy.

³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.

³¹ The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks from an earthly perspective. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

³² He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but nobody accepts his testimony.

³³ The one who has accepted his testimony has confirmed that God is true.

³⁴ For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives him the Spirit without limits.

³⁵ The Father loves the Son, and has put all things into his hand.

³⁶ The one who believes on the Son has eternal life; but the one who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

DASV: John 4

¹ Now when Jesus knew that the Pharisees had heard that he was making and baptizing more disciples than John

² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but his disciples),

³ he left Judea, and set out to return to Galilee.

⁴ But he had to pass through Samaria.

⁵ He came to a town in Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

⁶ Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being tired from his journey, sat there by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink,"

⁸ for his disciples had gone into town to buy food.

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For the Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then can you get this living water from?"

¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, along with his sons and his cattle?"

¹³ Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks from this water will become thirsty again,

¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst; but the water that I will give will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will not have to come all the way here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

¹⁷ The woman replied, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right when you answered, 'I have no husband,'

¹⁸ for you have had five husbands; and the one whom you are living with now is not your husband. In this you have spoken correctly."

¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

²⁰ Our fathers worshipped on this mountain; but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where people must worship."

²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

²² You people worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father seeks such to be his worshippers.

²⁴ God is a Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (who is called Christ); when he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I, the one talking to you, am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came and they were amazed that he was talking with a woman; yet no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

²⁸ Then the woman left her water jug, and went away into the town. She told the people,

²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. This one can't be the Messiah, can he?"

³⁰ They left the town and were coming to him.

³¹ In the meanwhile the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat."

³² But he replied, "I have food to eat that you don't know about."

³³ The disciples therefore said to each other, "No one has brought him anything to eat, have they?"

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to complete his work.

³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are still four months, and then comes the harvest?' Look, I tell to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, they are white, already ripe for harvest.

³⁶ The one who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for life eternal, so that both the sower and the reaper may rejoice together.

³⁷ For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.'

³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ From that town many of the Samaritans believed on him because of the word of the woman, who testified, 'He told me everything that I ever did.'

⁴⁰ When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them. So he stayed there two days.

⁴¹ Many more believed because of his word.

⁴² Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is in fact the Savior of the world."

⁴³ After the two days he left there for Galilee.

⁴⁴ For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

⁴⁵ So when he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

⁴⁶ Once again he came to Cana of Galilee, where he had made the water into wine. Now there was a certain government official whose son was sick at Capernaum.

⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him, and begged Jesus to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.

⁴⁸ Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will never believe."

⁴⁹ The government official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "Go your way, your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

⁵¹ As he was going back, his servants met him, telling him that his son was alive.

⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to get better. They told him, "Yesterday, at the one in the afternoon the fever left him."

⁵³ Then the father realized that it was at that precise hour that Jesus had told him, "Your son lives." Then he himself believed and his whole house.

⁵⁴ This again was a second miraculous sign that Jesus did after having come out of Judea into Galilee.

DASV: John 5

¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, which has five porticoes.

³ In these there lay a large number of sick, blind, lame and paralyzed.

[Some less significant manuscripts have: "*waiting for the moving of the water.*

⁴ *for an angel of the Lord went down at certain times into the pool, and stirred the water. Whoever first stepped in after the stirring of the waters was cured, of whatever disease he had.*]

⁵ One man who was there had his disability for thirty-eight years.

⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and realized that he had been there for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to be made well?"

⁷ The sick man replied, "Sir, I have no one, when the water stirs, to put me into the pool, but while I am coming, someone else steps down before me."

⁸ Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your mat and walk."

⁹ Immediately the man was healed, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

¹⁰ The Jews said to the one who had been cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat."

¹¹ But he replied, "He who healed me told me to 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

¹² They asked him, "Who told you to 'Pick up your mat and walk'?"

¹³ But he who was healed did not know who it was; for Jesus had slipped away since there was a crowd in that place.

¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "Look, you have been healed, sin no more, lest a worse thing happen to you."

¹⁵ The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had cured him.

¹⁶ Because of this the Jews started harassing Jesus, because he did these things on the Sabbath.

¹⁷ But Jesus defended himself to them, "My Father is working until now, so I am working too."

¹⁸ Because of this the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath, but also claimed that God was his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ So Jesus answered them, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself, but what he sees the Father doing, for whatever things he does, these the Son does too.

²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows him everything that he himself does. Greater works than these the Father will show him, so that you may be astonished.

²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whomever he wants to.

²² For the Father does not judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son,

²³ that everyone may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

²⁴ I tell you the truth, the one who hears my word, and believes him who sent me, has eternal life, and will not be condemned, but has passed from death into life.

²⁵ I tell you the truth, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

²⁶ For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has also given the Son to have life in himself.

²⁷ Also he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ Do not be surprised by this, for the hour is coming in which everyone who is in the tombs will hear his voice

²⁹ and will come out, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

³⁰ By myself I can do nothing. Just as I hear, I judge, and my judgment is fair; because I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

³¹ If I bear witness about myself, my witness is not true.

³² It is another who testifies about me; and I know that the testimony which he gives about me is true.

³³ You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.

³⁴ But I do not accept human testimony, yet I say these things so that you may be saved.

³⁵ He was a lamp that burned and shined; and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

³⁶ But the testimony I have is greater than John's; for the works which the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, testify about me that the Father has sent me.

³⁷ The Father who sent me has testified concerning me. You have never ever heard his voice or seen his form,

³⁸ nor do you have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe the one whom he has sent.

³⁹ Search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; yet it is these that testify about me.

⁴⁰ But you are unwilling to come to me that you may have life.

⁴¹ I do not accept glory from people.

⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God in you.

⁴³ I have come in my Father's name and you have not accepted me. If someone else comes in his own name, you will receive that one.

⁴⁴ How can you believe since you welcome praise from each other, but you don't seek the praise that comes from God alone?

⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you, even Moses, on whom you have set your hope.

⁴⁶ For if you had believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote about me.

⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

DASV: John 6

¹ After this Jesus went across to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.

² A large crowd followed him because they saw the signs he was doing for those who were sick.

³ Jesus went up the mountain and there he sat with his disciples.

⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.

⁵ Jesus, lifting up his eyes, saw a large crowd coming to him, and said to Philip, "Where can we go to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"

⁶ He said this to test him, for he knew what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip replied, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have a little."

⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fishes. But what use is that among so many people?"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a lot of grass in the place. So the people sat down, numbering about five thousand men.

¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and having given thanks, he distributed to those who were seated; and did the same with the fish, providing as much as they wanted.

¹² When they were filled, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the broken fragments which were left over, so that nothing is wasted."

¹³ So they picked them up, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ When therefore the people saw the miraculous sign which he did, they said, "This is truly the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again into the mountain alone.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,

¹⁷ got into a boat, and started to cross the sea to Capernaum. It was already dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

¹⁸ The sea was rough because a great wind was blowing.

¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea, approaching the boat. They were terrified.

²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

²¹ They were desirous to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat arrived at the land where they were going.

²² On the next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there were no other boats there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples had gone out alone.

²³ But some boats came from Tiberias near the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you arrive here?"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you seek me, not because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled.

²⁷ Do not work for food which perishes, but for the food which lasts to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For God the Father has his stamp of approval on him."

²⁸ They asked him, "What must we do that we may do the works God approves of?"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "This is the work of God, that you believe on him whom he has sent."

³⁰ Then they said to him, "What miraculous sign will you do so that we may see it, and believe you? What work can you do?"

³¹ Our forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³² Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; but now my Father is giving you the true bread from heaven.

³³ For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world."

³⁴ They said to him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

³⁵ Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will not hunger, and whoever believes on me will never thirst.

³⁶ But I told you that you have seen me and still you don't believe.

³⁷ Everyone the Father gives me will come to me; and whoever comes to me I will never throw out.

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

³⁹ Now this is the will of him who sent me, that I should not lose one of all those he has given me, but should raise them up on the last day.

⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son, and believes on him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹ Then Jews complained about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

⁴² They said, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he claim, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³ Jesus replied, "Don't complain among yourselves.

⁴⁴ No one can come to me, except the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him up on the last day.

⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father, and learns, comes to me.

⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God, he has seen the Father.

⁴⁷ I tell you the truth, whoever believes has eternal life.

⁴⁸ I am the bread of life.

⁴⁹ Your forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness and they died.

⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, that a person may eat it and not die.

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever. The bread that I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

⁵² The Jews argued with each other, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³ Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in yourselves.

⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life; and I will raise him up on the last day.

⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

⁵⁶ He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood resides in me, and I in him.

⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.

⁵⁸ This is the bread come down from heaven; not like that which your forefathers ate and died; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

⁵⁹ These things he said in the synagogue, while he taught in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ Many of his disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can accept it?"

⁶¹ But Jesus, realizing that his disciples complained about this, said to them, "Does this offend you?"

⁶² Then what if you should see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit, and they are life.

⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray him.

⁶⁵ Then he said, "This is the reason I told you that no one can come to me, except it is granted to him by the Father."

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back, and no longer walked with him.

⁶⁷ Then Jesus asked the twelve, "You also don't want to leave, do you?"

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life.

⁶⁹ We have believed and know that you are the Holy One of God."

⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, "Did not I choose you, the Twelve? But one of you is a devil."

⁷¹ Now he was talking about Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he was the one who was going to betray him, even though he was one of the twelve.

DASV: John 7

¹ After this Jesus traveled in Galilee, for he refused to travel in Judea, because the Jews were trying to kill him.

² Now the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.

³ So his brothers said to him, "Leave here, and go into Judea, so that your disciples may also see the works which you are doing.

⁴ For no one who wants to be famous does anything in secret. If you do in fact do these things, show yourself to the world."

⁵ For even his brothers did not believe in him.

⁶ Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come; but your time is always present.

⁷ The world cannot hate you; but it hates me because I provide evidence against it, that its deeds are evil.

⁸ Go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, because my time has not yet fully come."

⁹ After saying this to them, he stayed in Galilee.

¹⁰ But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he went up also, not publicly but secretly.

¹¹ The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and asked, "Where is he?"

¹² There were many rumors among the crowd about him. Some said, "He is a good man;" others said, "Not, but he deceives the crowds."

¹³ Yet no one spoke openly about him for fear of the Jews.

¹⁴ But during the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach.

¹⁵ The Jews therefore were surprised, saying, "How does this man have such learning having never had any formal training?"

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "My teaching is not mine, but the one who sent me.

¹⁷ If anyone desires to do God's will, he will know my teaching, whether it is from God, or whether I speak only from myself.

¹⁸ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him, the same is true, and there is no dishonesty in him.

¹⁹ Didn't Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you want to kill me?"

²⁰ The crowd answered, "You have a demon. Who wants to kill you?"

²¹ Jesus replied, "I did one work, and all of you are astonished because of it.

²² Moses has given you circumcision (not that it was from Moses, but from the patriarchs); yet you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

²³ If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses is not broken, why are you angry with me because I healed a man on the Sabbath?"

²⁴ Judge not according to mere appearance, but judge with right judgment."

²⁵ Some of those from Jerusalem said, "Is not this the one they are wanting to kill?"

²⁶ But here he is speaking openly, and they say nothing to him. Can it be that the leaders really know that this is the Messiah?

²⁷ But we know where this man is from, but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from."

²⁸ Then Jesus cried out in the temple, while teaching, "You both know me, and know where I am from. I have not come on my own, but he who sent me is true, whom you do not know.

²⁹ I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me."

³⁰ They sought to nab him but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

³¹ But many of the crowd believed in him. They said, "When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than those which this man has done?"

³² The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

³³ Then Jesus said, "I will be with you yet a little longer, then I am returning to him who sent me.

³⁴ You will seek me, but will not find me, and where I am, you cannot come."

³⁵ Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where will this man go that we will not find him? Will he go to the diaspora among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks?"

³⁶ What did he mean by saying, 'You will seek me, but will not find me;' and 'Where I am, you cannot come'?"

³⁷ Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'from within him will flow out rivers of living water.'"

³⁹ But he said this about the Spirit, which they who believed in him were about to receive. For the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

⁴⁰ Then some of the crowd, when they heard these words, said, "This is truly the prophet."

⁴¹ Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some said, "What, will the Messiah come out of Galilee?"

⁴² Hasn't the Scripture said that the Messiah will come from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was from?"

⁴³ So there arose a division among the crowd because of him.

⁴⁴ Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him.

⁴⁵ Then officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they asked them, "Why did you not bring him here?"

⁴⁶ The officers answered, "No one has ever spoken like this."

⁴⁷ Then Pharisees replied, "Are you also deceived?"

⁴⁸ Have any of the religious leaders or Pharisees believed in him?

⁴⁹ But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."

⁵⁰ Nicodemus, who had come to Jesus before, being one of them, said to them,

⁵¹ "Our law doesn't judge a man without first hearing from him and knowing what he does, does it?"

⁵² They replied, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and see, no prophet comes from Galilee."

⁵³ [The earliest manuscripts we currently have do not have John 7:53-8:11:
Then each of them went home.

DASV: John 8

¹ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

² Early in the morning he returned to the temple, and all the people came to him; and he sat down and taught them.

³ The religious scholars and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand in front of them.

⁴ They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught committing adultery.

⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such a woman. Now what do you say?"

⁶ They asked this attempting to trap him, so that they might have something to accuse him of. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground.

⁷ But when they kept on asking him, he stood up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her."

⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

⁹ When they heard this, they left one by one, beginning from the eldest, so Jesus was left alone with the woman still standing in the middle of the crowd.

¹⁰ Jesus stood up, and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹ She replied, "No one, Lord." Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."]

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³ Then Pharisees said to him, "You testify concerning yourself; so your testimony is not true."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Even if I testify concerning myself, my testimony is true; for I know where I came from, and where I am going; but you do not know where I have come from, or where I am going.

¹⁵ You judge by appearances; but I do not judge anyone.

¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me.

¹⁷ In your law it is written that the testimony of two people is true.

¹⁸ I testify concerning myself, and the Father who sent me testifies concerning me."

¹⁹ Then they asked him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus replied, "You don't know me or my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."

²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple. No one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

²¹ Again Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come."

²² The Jews wondered, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he said, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?"

²³ Then Jesus continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

²⁴ So I told you that you will die in your sins; unless you believe that I am he, you will die in your sins."

²⁵ They said therefore to him, "Who are you?" Jesus replied, "Just who I have been telling you from the beginning.

²⁶ I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but he who sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him I declare to the world."

²⁷ They did not realize that he was speaking to them about the Father.

²⁸ Then Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak only the things that the Father has taught me.

²⁹ The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

³⁰ As he spoke these things, many believed in him.

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who had believed him, "If you remain faithful to my word, then you are truly my disciples;

³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

³³ They objected, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone; how can you say, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

³⁵ The slave does not remain as a permanent part of the family; but the son remains forever.

³⁶ If therefore the Son will make you free, you will be truly free.

³⁷ I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet you are trying to kill me, because my word has found no place in you.

³⁸ I am speaking of things that I have seen with my Father; and you also do the things you have heard from your father."

³⁹ They answered him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do what Abraham did.

⁴⁰ But now you are trying to kill me, a man that has told you the truth, which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.

⁴¹ You do the works of your father." They said to him, "We were not born illegitimately; we have one Father, God himself."

⁴² Jesus replied, "If God were your Father, you would love me; for I came from God which is why I am here. For I have not come on my own, but he sent me.

⁴³ Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot really hear my word.

⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father is what you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and stands not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks from his character, for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

⁴⁵ But because I tell you the truth, you do not believe me.

⁴⁶ Which of you can convict me of sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe me?

⁴⁷ He who is of God hears the words of God; this is why you don't hear them, because you do not belong to God."

⁴⁸ The Jews answered, "Aren't we correct in saying you are a Samaritan, and have a demon?"

⁴⁹ Jesus replied, "I do not have a demon; but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me.

⁵⁰ But I seek not my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he also judges.

⁵¹ I tell you the truth, if a man keeps my word, he will never see death."

⁵² The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets; and you claim, 'If a man keeps my word, he will never taste of death'.

⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets are dead too. Who are you claiming to be?"

⁵⁴ Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me; whom you claim is your God.

⁵⁵ You do not know him; but I know him. If I should say, I do not know him, I would be like to you, a liar. But I know him and obey his word.

⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad."

⁵⁷ Then Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and you have seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I am."

⁵⁹ Then they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself, and left the temple.

DASV: John 9

¹ As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.

² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; it happened so that the works of God might be revealed in him.

⁴ We must do the works of him who sent me, while it is day; the night comes, when no one can work.

⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ After having said this, he spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on his eyes.

⁷ He told him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is translated, "Sent"). So he went away, washed and returned seeing.

⁸ Then the neighbors and those who saw him before, when he was a beggar, asked, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?"

⁹ Others said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he looks like him." But he insisted, "I am he."

¹⁰ So they kept asking him, "How then were your eyes opened?"

¹¹ He answered, "The man that is called Jesus made mud, and smeared it on my eyes, and told me, 'Go to Siloam, and wash'. So I went and washed, and I received my sight."

¹² They asked him, "Where is he?" He responded, "I don't know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the one who had formerly been blind.

¹⁴ Now the day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes was the Sabbath.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. He told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he doesn't keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such miraculous signs?" There was division among them.

¹⁷ So they asked the blind man again, "What do you say about him, in that he opened your eyes?" He replied, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jews refused to believe that he had been blind, and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight.

¹⁹ They asked them, "Is this your son, who you allege was born blind? How then is he able to see now?"

²⁰ His parents replied, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind.

²¹ But how he now is able to see, we don't know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age. He can speak for himself."

²² His parents said these things because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be the Messiah, he would be put out of the synagogue.

²³ That is why his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

²⁴ So they called the man who was blind a second time, and told him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."

²⁵ He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I don't know; one thing I do know: that once I was blind, now I see."

²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

²⁷ He replied, "I told you already, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

²⁸ Then they ridiculed him saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses; but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from."

³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is amazing, that you don't know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him.

³² Never since the world began has it ever been heard that someone opened the eyes of a man born blind.

³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

³⁴ They answered, "You were totally born in sins, and you dare teach us?" Then they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. After finding him, he asked, "Do you believe on the Son of Man?"

³⁶ He asked, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

³⁷ Jesus told him, "You have seen him and he is talking with you."

³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him.

³⁹ Then Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see; and those who see may become blind."

⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and said to him, "Certainly we are not blind, are we?"

⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you had been blind, you would have no sin; but now you claim, 'We see,' so your sin remains."

DASV: John 10

¹ "I tell you the truth, whoever enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way is a thief and a robber.

² But the one who enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

³ To him the doorkeeper opens; and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.

⁴ When he has brought out all his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice.

⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but will flee from him because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

⁶ This parable Jesus spoke to them. But they did not understand what he was talking about.

⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, "I tell you the truth, I am the door for the sheep.

⁸ All who came before me were thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not listen to them.

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and go out, and find pasture.

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I came so that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹² The hired hand, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them.

¹³ He runs away because he is a hired hand, and does not really care about the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

¹⁵ even as the Father knows me, and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶ Other sheep I have, which are not from this sheepfold. I must also bring them, and they will listen to my voice; and they will become one flock under one shepherd.

¹⁷ The Father loves me because I lay down my life, so that I may take it up again.

¹⁸ No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down voluntarily. I have the power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. This commandment I have received from my Father."

¹⁹ There was another division among the Jews because of these words.

²⁰ Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is out of his mind. Why do you listen to him?"

²¹ Others said, "These are not the words of one possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

²² It was time for the Feast of the Dedication [Hanukkah] at Jerusalem in the winter.

²³ Jesus was walking in the temple area in Solomon's Portico.

²⁴ The Jews surrounded him, and said to him, "How long will you hold us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus replied, "I told you and you did not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify about me.

²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep.

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me.

²⁸ I give them eternal life; and they will never perish. No one can snatch them out of my hand.

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

³⁰ I and the Father are one."

³¹ The Jews picked up stones again to stone him.

³² Jesus asked them, "I have showed you many good works from the Father; for which of those works are you stoning me?"

³³ The Jews replied, "We are not stoning you for a good work, but for blasphemy; because you who are just a man, claim to be God.

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods'?"

³⁵ If those to whom the word of God came were called 'gods,' and the Scripture cannot be broken,

³⁶ can you say about him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'you are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

³⁷ If I do not do the works of my Father, then don't believe me.

³⁸ But if I do them, though you don't believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

³⁹ They tried again to arrest him but he escaped out of their hand.

⁴⁰ He went away again across the Jordan River into the place where John had been first baptizing, and he stayed there.

⁴¹ Many came to him and said, "John performed no miraculous sign, but everything John spoke concerning this man was true."

⁴² And many believed in Jesus there.

DASV: John 11

¹ Now a certain man, Lazarus of Bethany, from the village of Mary and her sister Martha, was sick.

² It was Mary, who had anointed the Lord with perfume, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is sick."

⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This sickness is not to death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha, her sister and Lazarus.

⁶ When therefore he heard that he was sick, he stayed two days in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let's go to back to Judea."

⁸ But the disciples objected, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you; and you want to go back there again?"

⁹ Jesus replied, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he won't stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

¹⁰ But if someone walks in the night, he will stumble, because the light is not in him."

¹¹ After saying these things he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, that I may wake him up."

¹² Then the disciples responded, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover."

¹³ Now Jesus had spoken about his death; but they thought that he meant just normal sleep.

¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.

¹⁵ But I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let's go to him."

¹⁶ Thomas, called Didymus [meaning Twin], said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go too, so that we may die with him."

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, less than two miles away.

¹⁹ Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them over the loss of their brother.

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him. But Mary remained sitting in the house.

²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²² But even now I know that, whatever you ask from God, God will give it to you."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha replied, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live even if he dies.

²⁶ Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ She replied, "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ After she said this, she went away, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, "The Teacher is here, and is asking for you."

²⁹ When she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

³¹ The Jews then who were with her in the house, and were consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, followed her, assuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

³² Mary therefore, when she came to where Jesus was and saw him, fell down at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and disturbed.

³⁴ He asked, "Where have you laid him?" They replied, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was set across its entrance.

³⁹ Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench because he has been dead for four days."

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you, that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹ So they removed the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes, and prayed, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

⁴² I knew that you always listen to me; but I said it because of the crowd that stands here, that they may believe that you have sent me."

⁴³ After he said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."

⁴⁴ He who was dead came out, bound hand and foot with grave clothes; and his face was wrapped with a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Loose him, and let him go."

⁴⁵ So many of the Jews, who had come to Mary and saw what he did, believed in him.

⁴⁶ But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them what Jesus had done.

⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, "What are we going to do? This man is performing many miraculous signs.

⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him. Then the Romans will come and take away both our holy place and our nation."

⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You don't know anything.

⁵⁰ You don't realize that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, than that the whole nation should be destroyed."

⁵¹ Now he said this not from himself; but, being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation;

⁵² and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God scattered abroad.

⁵³ So from that day on they plotted how they might put him to death.

⁵⁴ As a result Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but departed from there into the country near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim. He stayed there with his disciples.

⁵⁵ Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand. Many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover in order to purify themselves.

⁵⁶ They were looking for Jesus, and spoke to each other, as they stood in the temple area, saying, "What do you think? He won't come to the feast, will he?"

⁵⁷ Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders, that if anyone knew where he was, they should inform them, so that they might arrest him.

DASV: John 12

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

² So they prepared a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

³ Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, who would betray him, complained,

⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor?"

⁶ Now he said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and took care of the disciples' moneybag, and he used to steal some for himself from what was put in it.

⁷ Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone, for she did this for my burial day.

⁸ For you always have the poor with you; but me you do not always have."

⁹ When a crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only for Jesus' sake, but so that they might see Lazarus too, whom he had raised from the dead.

¹⁰ Now the chief priests were planning to put Lazarus to death as well,

¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were deserting and believing in Jesus.

¹² The next day a large crowd had come to the feast when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

¹³ They took the branches from palm trees, and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, blessed is the King of Israel."

¹⁴ Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it, as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion. Look, your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him, and that they had done these things to him.

¹⁷ The crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, told others about it.

¹⁸ Because they heard that Jesus had done this miraculous sign, the crowd went out and met him.

¹⁹ Then Pharisees said among themselves, "Look, you can't do anything for the world has gone after him."

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the feast.

²¹ These approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus."

²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat fall into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

²⁵ Whoever loves his life will lose it; and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for life eternal.

²⁶ If anyone wants to serve me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be as well; if anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ Now is my soul troubled. What should I say? Father, save me from this hour. But this is the very reason I have come to this hour.

²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice out of heaven said, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it, but thought it had thundered. Others said, "An angel spoke to him."

³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your benefit, not mine.

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be thrown out.

³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

³³ He said this, indicating by what manner of death he would die.

³⁴ The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever so how can you claim, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

³⁵ Jesus replied, "Yet a little while the light will be with you. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness does not overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.

³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, then he left and hid from them.

³⁷ Even though he had done so many signs in front of them, still they did not believe in him.

³⁸ This was so the word of Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled when he said, "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹ For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah also said,

⁴⁰ "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts; so that they would not see with their eyes, understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them."

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things, because he saw his glory and spoke about him.

⁴² Nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him; but because of the Pharisees they did not admit it publically, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue.

⁴³ For they loved the praise of men more than praise from God.

⁴⁴ Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me, but in him who sent me.

⁴⁵ and whoever sees me sees him who sent me.

⁴⁶ I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness.

⁴⁷ If anyone hears my sayings, and does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

⁴⁸ The one who rejects me, and does not receive my sayings, has one who judges him; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

⁴⁹ For I did not speak from myself; but the Father who sent me, he has given me a commandment about what I should say and what I should speak.

⁵⁰ I know that his commandment is life eternal. The things therefore which I speak, are just what the Father has told to me to say."

DASV: John 13

¹ Now just before the feast of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to his Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² During supper, the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him.

³ Jesus, realizing that the Father had given all the things into his hands, and that he had come from God, and was going back to God,

⁴ rose from supper and laid aside his outer garments, took a towel and tied it around himself.

⁵ Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them dry with the towel that he had wrapped around him.

⁶ When he came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now; but you will understand it later."

⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "One who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, to be totally clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you."

¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him; which is why he said, "All of you are not clean."

¹² So when he had washed their feet, he put on his clothes, and sat down again. He said to them, "Do you realize what I have done to you?"

¹³ You call me, 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right; for that is what I am.

¹⁴ If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you should do just as I have done to you.

¹⁶ I tell you the truth, a servant is not greater than his master; neither is a messenger sent greater than the one who sent him.

¹⁷ If you understand these things, blessed are you if you do them.

¹⁸ I am not speaking about all of you; I know the ones I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled that says: 'He who eats my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'

¹⁹ I am telling you this before it happens, so that when it comes to pass, you may believe that I am he.

²⁰ I tell you the truth, anyone who receives whomever I send receives me; and he who receives me receives him who sent me."

²¹ After Jesus had said this, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me."

²² The disciples looked at each other, wondering whom he was talking about.

²³ There was at the table reclining next to Jesus, one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus who he was talking about.

²⁵ So he, leaning back next to Jesus, asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

²⁷ After Judas had taken the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly."

²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him.

²⁹ Some thought that because Judas had the moneybag, that Jesus said to him, "Buy whatever we need for the feast", or that he should give something to the poor.

³⁰ So after he had received the piece of bread he went out immediately. Now it was night.

³¹ When therefore he had gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

³² If God is glorified in him, he will glorify him in himself and will glorify him right away.

³³ Children, I will be with you just a little while longer. You will seek me and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I go, you cannot come', so now I am telling you.

³⁴ A new commandment I am giving you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward."

³⁷ Peter said to him, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Will you lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, the rooster will not crow, until you have denied me three times."

DASV: John 14

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me.

² In my Father's house are many dwellings. If it were not so, I would have told you; because I am going to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and get you; that where I am, you may be also.

⁴ And you know the way to where I am going."

⁵ Thomas asked him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus replied, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; from now on you know him, and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

⁹ Jesus replied, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you still don't know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How then can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak to you I speak not from myself, but the Father who lives in me does his works.

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me just because of the miraculous works' themselves.

¹² I tell you the truth, whoever believes on me, the works that I do he will do also; and he will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father.

¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

¹⁵ If you love me, you will obey my commandments.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will be with you forever;

¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive; for it does not see him or know him. You know him; for he lives with you, and will be in you.

¹⁸ I will not abandon you as orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ In a little while, the world will see me no more; but you will see me; because I live, you too will live.

²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I in you.

²¹ The one who has my commandments, and obeys them, that one loves me and the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

²² Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, what has happened that you intend to manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"

²³ Jesus replied, "If someone loves me, he will obey my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our residence with him.

²⁴ The one who does not love me does not obey my words. The word you hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ I have spoken these things to you, while I am still with you.

²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance everything that I told you.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I am not giving it to you as the world gives it. Don't let your heart be troubled or afraid.

²⁸ You heard how I said to you, I am going away, but I will come back to you. If you loved me, you would rejoice, because I go to the Father; because the Father is greater than I.

²⁹ Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it takes place, you may believe.

³⁰ I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of the world is coming. He has no power over me,

³¹ but I am doing what the Father commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Get up, let's get out of here."

DASV: John 15

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

² Every branch in me that bears not fruit, he cuts off; and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, so that it will bear more fruit.

³ Already you are clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

⁴ Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, except it remain in the vine; neither can you, unless you remain in me.

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. The one who remains in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶ If a man does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch, and withers. They gather them up, and throw them into the fire and are burned up.

⁷ If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you.

⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, I also have loved you; remain in my love.

¹⁰ If you obey my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

¹¹ I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² This is my commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.

¹³ No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants; for the servant does not know what his master does. But I have called you friends, for everything that I have heard from my Father, I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and bear fruit. Your fruit will last because whatever you will ask from the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

¹⁸ If the world hates you, you know that it hated me before it hated you.

¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you do not belong to the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

²⁰ Remember the word that I told you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you too. If they have obeyed my word, they will obey yours too.

²¹ But they will do all these things to you for my name's sake, because they do not know the one who sent me.

²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

²³ Whoever hates me, also hates my Father.

²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have both seen and hated both me and my Father.

²⁵ But this happened to fulfill the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.'

²⁶ But when the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who comes from the Father, he will testify about me.

²⁷ You also will testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."

DASV: John 16

- ¹ "I have spoken all these things to you, so that you will not fall away.
- ² They will put you out of the synagogues; yet the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think that he is offering service to God.
- ³ They will do these things, because they have not known the Father or me.
- ⁴ But I am telling you these things, so that when the time comes, you may remember how I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.
- ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; and none of you is asking me, 'Where are you going'?
- ⁶ But because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart.
- ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth, it is beneficial for you that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
- ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment:
- ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in me;
- ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will no longer see me;
- ¹¹ of judgment, because the prince of this world has been condemned.
- ¹² I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot handle them now.
- ¹³ However, when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own authority; but whatever he hears, he will speak; and he will tell you about what is to come.
- ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will receive it from me, and will declare it to you.
- ¹⁵ Everything that the Father has is mine; that is why I said that he will receive it from me, and declare it to you.
- ¹⁶ A little while, and you will no longer see me; and again a little while, and you will see me."
- ¹⁷ Then some of his disciples said to each other, "What does he mean, 'A little while, and you will not see me; and again in a little while, you will see me'; and 'because I am going to the Father'?"
- ¹⁸ Then they said, "What does he mean, 'A little while'? We don't know what he is talking about."
- ¹⁹ Jesus perceived that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you asking each other about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'?"
- ²⁰ I tell you the truth, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy.

²¹ When a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she has given birth to her child, she does not remember the suffering, because of the joy that a baby has been born into the world.

²² But you now have sorrow; but I will see you again, then your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

²³ In that day you will not ask me anything. I tell you the truth, if you will ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

²⁴ So far you have not asked for anything in my name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made complete.

²⁵ I have told you these things in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in abstruse figures, but will tell you plainly about the Father.

²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name. I am not telling you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;

²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came from the Father.

²⁸ I came from the Father, and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

²⁹ His disciples said, "See, now you are speaking plainly and not with abstruse figures.

³⁰ Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone ask you anything. Because of this we believe that you came from God."

³¹ Jesus replied, "Do you now believe?"

³² The hour is coming, indeed has come already, when you will be scattered, everyone to his own place, and I will be left alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

³³ I have told you these things, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble; but take courage, I have overcome the world."

DASV: John 17

¹ After having spoken these things, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour is come; glorify your son, so that the son may glorify you,
² just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him.

³ This is life eternal, that they should know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

⁴ I glorified you on the earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

⁵ Now, Father, glorify me beside you with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

⁶ I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me; and they have kept your word.

⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you,

⁸ for the words which you gave me I have given to them; and they received them, and know for sure that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.

⁹ I pray for them. I pray not for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

¹⁰ Everything that is mine is yours, and yours is mine, and I am glorified by them.

¹¹ I am no longer in the world, yet these are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, by your name watch over those you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

¹² While I was with them, I watched over them by your name which you have given me. I guarded them so that not one of them was lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³ But now I am coming to you; and I am saying these things in the world, that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

¹⁴ I have given them your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

¹⁵ I pray not that you should take them out the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They do not belong to the world even as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁷ Consecrate them by the truth; your word is truth.

¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.

¹⁹ And for their sakes I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated by the truth.

²⁰ I do not pray for these only, but also for those who will believe on me through their word,

²¹ that all of them may be one; just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they may also be in us; that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²² The glory you have given me I have given them; that they may be one, just as we are one.

²³ I in them and you in me that they may be brought into perfect unity; that the world may know that you sent me, and love them, just as you love me.

²⁴ Father, I desire that those you have given me be with me where I am, that they may see my glory, that you have given me; for you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ O righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

²⁶ I have made known your name to them, and will make it known; so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

DASV: John 18

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley. He and his disciples entered the garden there.

² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples.

³ So Judas brought a band of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. They approached with lanterns, torches and weapons.

⁴ Then Jesus, who knew everything that was going to happen to him, went out, and asked them, "Who are you looking for?"

⁵ They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas who betrayed him was also standing with them.

⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they moved back and fell to the ground.

⁷ Again he asked them, "Who are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, let these others go."

⁹ He said this so that the word might be fulfilled which he spoke, "I have not lost a single one of those whom you have given me."

¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. Now the servant's name was Malchus.

¹¹ Then Jesus told Peter, "Put your sword back into the sheath; must I not drink the cup the Father has given to me?"

¹² So the band of soldiers, the commander and the officers of the Jews, seized Jesus and bound him.

¹³ First they led him to Annas; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

¹⁴ Now Caiaphas was the one who gave counsel to the Jews that it was beneficial that one person should die for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the high priest knew that disciple, so he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest.

¹⁶ But Peter was standing outside the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the woman who kept the door, and brought Peter in.

¹⁷ The servant girl who kept the door asked Peter, "You're not one of this man's disciples too, are you? He said, "No, I'm not."

¹⁸ Now the servants and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire; for it was cold; and they were warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing there warming himself.

¹⁹ The high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues, and in the temple, where all the Jews gather. I have said nothing in secret.

²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I spoke to them. They know what I said."

²² When he said this, one of the officers standing by slapped Jesus' face, saying, "Is this how you answer the high priest?"

²³ Jesus replied, "If I have said something wrong, testify proving it wrong. But if I spoke what was right, why did you slap me?"

²⁴ Annas therefore sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing warming himself. Then they asked him, "Are you not one of his disciples?" He denied it, "No, I'm not."

²⁶ One of the high priest's servants, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?"

²⁷ Then Peter denied again, and immediately the rooster crowed.

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's palace. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's palace, so that they would not become ritually defiled but be able to eat the Passover.

²⁹ Then Pilate went out to them, and said, "What accusation are you bringing against this man?"

³⁰ They replied, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

³¹ Then Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." But the Jews replied, "It is not lawful for us to put someone to death."

³² This fulfilled the word Jesus had spoken, indicating what kind of death he would die.

³³ Then Pilate entered again into the governor's palace, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Are you asking this for yourself, or did others tell you about me?"

³⁵ Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from here."

³⁷ Then Pilate asked him, "Are you a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. This is why I was born, and for this reason I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

³⁸ Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" When he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and told them, "I find no criminal charge against him.

³⁹ But you have a custom, that I should release a prisoner to you at the Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

⁴⁰ They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a bandit.

DASV: John 19

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him severely beaten.

² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe.

³ They came to him, and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They repeatedly struck him in the face.

⁴ Then Pilate went out again, and said to them, "Look, I bring him out to you to let you know that I find no criminal charge against him."

⁵ Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. Pilate said to them, "Look, here is the man!"

⁶ When the chief priests and officers saw him, they shouted out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate told them, "Take him yourselves, and crucify him; for I find no criminal case against him."

⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸ When Pilate heard this accusation, he was even more afraid.

⁹ So he entered into the governor's palace again, and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not answer me? Don't you realize that I have power to release you and to crucify you?"

¹¹ Jesus replied, "You would have no power against me, except it were given to you from above. Therefore the one who has handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

¹² After this Pilate sought to release him; but the Jews shouted out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment-seat at a place called The Stone Pavement (in Aramaic, Gabbatha).

¹⁴ Now it was about noon on the day of the preparation for the Passover. And Pilate said to the Jews, "Look, your King!"

¹⁵ Then they shouted out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

¹⁶ Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

¹⁷ So they took Jesus and carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called "The Place of the Skull," or as it is called in Aramaic, Golgotha.

¹⁸ There they crucified him, along with two others, one on each side, with Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

²⁰ This inscription was read by many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city and it was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews complained to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The King of the Jews,' but only that he claimed, 'I am King of the Jews!'"

²² Pilate replied, "What I have written, I have written."

²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier and also the robe. Now the robe was seamless, woven into a single piece.

²⁴ So they said to each other, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for who will get it." This was done that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "They parted my garments among them, and for my clothes they cast lots."

²⁵ So that is what the soldiers did. Now there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother, and standing by her was the disciple whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, look, here is your son!"

²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Look, here is your mother!" From that hour on the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸ After this Jesus knew that all things were now completed, and so that the Scripture might be fulfilled he said, "I thirst."

²⁹ There was a jar of sour wine there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop, and held it up to his mouth.

³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Then, because it was the day of preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies to stay on the cross on the Sabbath, for that Sabbath was a special high day. So they asked Pilate to have their legs broken and the bodies removed.

³² Then soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, then the other that was crucified with him.

³³ When they came to Jesus, they saw that he was dead already, so they did not break his legs.

³⁴ But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and immediately blood and water came out.

³⁵ The one who saw this has testified, and his witness is true and he knows that what he said is true, so that you also may believe.

³⁶ For these things happened, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones will be broken."

³⁷ Again another Scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission so he came and took away his body.

³⁹ Nicodemus also came, who had first come to him at night, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about seventy-five pounds.

⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus, and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, according to the burial customs of the Jews.

⁴¹ Now at the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden there was a new tomb where no one had ever been laid.

⁴² Since it was the Jews' day of preparation, for the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

DASV: John 20

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw the stone taken away from the entrance.

² So she ran and came to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

³ Then Peter and the other disciple went toward the tomb.

⁴ They both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter, and came first to the tomb.

⁵ After stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in.

⁶ Then Simon Peter also arrived, following him, and he entered the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

⁷ and the face cloth, that was on his head, lying there but not with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a separate place by itself.

⁸ Then the other disciple, who came first to the tomb, also went in, and saw and believed.

⁹ For they still did not understand the Scripture, that Jesus must rise from the dead.

¹⁰ So the disciples went away again to their places of residence.

¹¹ But Mary was standing outside at the tomb weeping. As she wept, she stooped down and looked into the tomb.

¹² She saw two angels robed in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She replied, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him."

¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned back, and saw Jesus standing, but she didn't realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" She, assuming he was the gardener, said to him, "Sir, if you have taken him somewhere, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni," which means, "Teacher."

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Don't cling to me; for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers, and tell them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God."

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that he had said these things to her.

¹⁹ When it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, when the doors

were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be to you."

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

²² After he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the nail prints, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood among them, and said, "Peace be to you."

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see my hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into my side. Don't be faithless but believe."

²⁸ Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God."

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believed."

³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of the disciples, that are not written in this book.

³¹ But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in his name.

DASV: John 21

¹ After these things Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Now he revealed himself like this.

² Simon Peter, Thomas called Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples were together.

³ Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." They said to him, "We'll go with you." They went out and got into the boat. That night they caught nothing.

⁴ But at day break, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

⁵ Then Jesus asked them, "Children, you don't have any fish, do you?" They replied, "No."

⁶ He told them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some fish." So they cast the net and were not able to pull it in because of the amount of fish.

⁷ Then that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around him (for he had nothing on under it), and jumped into the sea.

⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat dragging the net full of fish in, for they were not far from land, only one hundred yards out.

⁹ When they got to shore, they saw a charcoal fire there, and fish laid on it along with some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught."

¹¹ Then Simon Peter went up, and pulled the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three. There were so many yet the net did not break.

¹² Jesus said to them, "Come have some breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" knowing that it was the Lord.

¹³ Jesus came and took the bread, and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples, after he had risen from the dead.

¹⁵ So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He replied, "Yes, Lord; you know I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Jesus said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He replied, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

¹⁷ Jesus said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

¹⁸ I tell you the truth, when you were young, you dressed yourself, and walked wherever you wanted to, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you, and carry you where you don't want to go."

¹⁹ Now he said this indicating the kind of death by which Peter was going to glorify God. When he had said this, he told him, "Follow me."

²⁰ Peter, turning around, saw the disciple Jesus loved following; the one who also leaned back on Jesus at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?"

²¹ So Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"

²² Jesus said to him, "If I want him to stay alive until I come back, what is that to you? You need to follow me."

²³ Because of this saying a rumor was spread among the brothers, that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not tell him that he would not die; but, "If I want him to stay alive until I come back, what is that to you?"

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Jesus did many other things which if they were all written down, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Acts 1**

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I wrote about everything Jesus began to do and teach,
² until the day he was taken up to heaven; after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

³ To them he also showed himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them over the space of forty days, and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ Being assembled together with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "which," he said, "you have heard from me.

⁵ For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in just a few days."

⁶ So when they were gathered together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has set by His own authority.

⁸ But you will receive power, when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he had said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud concealed him from their sight.

¹⁰ While they were still gazing up into heaven while he was leaving, two men stood by them in white clothes.

¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing gazing up into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near to Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to an upstairs room where they were staying: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James.

¹⁴ With one mind all these continued in prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with Jesus' brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up in the middle of the believers (there was a group of about 120 people gathered there), and said,

¹⁶ "Brothers, it was necessary to fulfill the Scripture, that the Holy Spirit spoke before through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was a guide to those who took Jesus.

¹⁷ For he was numbered as one of us, and had his part in this ministry."

¹⁸ Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his unjust act; and falling headfirst, he burst open in the middle, and all his insides gushed out.

¹⁹ It became known to all the residents of Jerusalem; so that in their language that field was called Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.

²⁰ Peter continued, "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his house become deserted, and let no one live there,' and, 'His position let another take.'

²¹ Now then we must choose one of the men who has accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and went out among us,

²² beginning from the baptism of John, to the day that he was taken up from us, one of these who must also have been a witness with us of his resurrection."

²³ They proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was known as Justus, and Matthias.

²⁴ They prayed, and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show us which of these two you have chosen

²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned away, that he might go to his own place."

²⁶ They cast lots between them; and the lot fell on Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.

DASV: Acts 2

- ¹ When the day of Pentecost had now come, they were all together in one place.
- ² Suddenly there was a sound like the rushing of a violent wind from heaven, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- ³ Then tongues spreading out like flames of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.
- ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave ability.
- ⁵ Now there were living in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.
- ⁶ When this sound was heard, the crowd came together, and were mystified, because everyone heard them speaking in his own language.
- ⁷ They were all amazed and astonished, saying, "Aren't all these who are speaking Galilaeans?"
- ⁸ How is it that we each hear in our own native language?
- ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
- ¹¹ Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our own languages the mighty works of God."
- ¹² They were all astonished and perplexed, saying to each other, "What does this mean?"
- ¹³ But others, mocking, said, "They are filled with new wine."
- ¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice, and spoke to them, "Men of Judea, and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words.
- ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine o'clock in the morning.
- ¹⁶ Rather this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- ¹⁷ 'In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
and your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.
- ¹⁸ Even on my male and female servants
in those days I will I pour out of my Spirit;
and they will prophesy.
- ¹⁹ I will display wonders in the heaven above,
and miraculous signs on the earth below,
blood, fire and clouds of smoke.
- ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness,
and the moon into blood,
before the day of the Lord comes,

- that great and awesome day.
- ²¹ Whoever calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved."
- ²² You men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested by God to
you by mighty works, wonders and miraculous signs which God did through him among
you, as you yourselves are aware,
- ²³ this one, being delivered up by the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you, by the
hand of lawless men, executed him nailing him to the cross.
- ²⁴ God raised him up, having released him from the pains of death because it was
impossible that he could be held in its grip.
- ²⁵ For David said concerning him,
 'I saw the Lord always before my face;
 for he was at my right hand,
 so that I will not be shaken.
- ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad,
 and my tongue rejoiced;
 yet my body also will live in hope,
- ²⁷ because you will not leave my soul in Hades,
 neither will you allow your Holy One to see corruption.
- ²⁸ You made known to me the ways of life;
 you will make me full of gladness in your presence.'
- ²⁹ Brothers, I tell you confidently concerning the patriarch David, that he both died and
was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
- ³⁰ Therefore since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn with an oath to him
that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,
- ³¹ David foreseeing this spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not left in
Hades, nor did his body see corruption.
- ³² This Jesus God raised up, and we are all witnesses of this.
- ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father
the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this, that you now see and hear.
- ³⁴ For David did not ascend into heaven; but he said,
 'The Lord said to my Lord,
 "Sit on my right hand,
³⁵ until I make your enemies
 a footstool for your feet.'"
- ³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain, that God has made this Jesus
whom you have crucified both Lord and Messiah."
- ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were pierced in their hearts, and asked Peter and the
rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹ For this promise is for you and your children, and to all who are afar off, everyone who the Lord our God will call to himself."

⁴⁰ With many other words he testified and urged them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

⁴¹ They who accepted his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand people were added.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, and to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

⁴⁴ All who believed were together and shared everything in common.

⁴⁵ They sold their possessions and goods, and shared the proceeds with everyone, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶ Each day they met together in the temple, broke bread at home and ate their food with gladness and generosity of heart,

⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to them day by day those who were being saved.

DASV: Acts 3

¹ Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

² A man lame from birth was carried, who they laid daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate, to beg for money from those who entered into the temple.

³ When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for a donation.

⁴ Peter stared directly at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us."

⁵ So he paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

⁶ But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold; but what I have, I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk."

⁷ Then Peter took him by the right hand, and pulled him up. Immediately his feet and his ankles became strong.

⁸ Leaping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered into the temple with them, walking, leaping and praising God.

⁹ All the people saw him walking and praising God.

¹⁰ They recognized him, that he was the one who sat begging for donations at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

¹¹ As he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, absolutely astonished.

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why do you stare at us, as though we, by our own power or godliness, made him walk?"

¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our forefathers, has glorified his servant Jesus; whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One, and asked instead for a murderer to be released to you.

¹⁵ You killed the author of life; whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of it.

¹⁶ By faith in his name, just as his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which is through Jesus has given him this total healing in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ Now, brothers, I know that you did it in ignorance, as your rulers did also.

¹⁸ But the things which God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer, he has fulfilled.

¹⁹ Therefore repent and turn back to God so that your sins may be blotted out. Then times of refreshment may come from the presence of the Lord,

²⁰ and so that he may send the Messiah who has been appointed for you, even Jesus.

²¹ He must remain in heaven until the time of the restoration of all things, which God announced through the mouth of His holy prophets long ago.

²² Moses indeed said, 'A prophet will the Lord God raise up for you from among your brothers, like me. You must listen to everything he tells you.

²³ Anyone who does not listen to that prophet, will be totally destroyed from among the people.'

²⁴ All the prophets from Samuel and those who spoke after him, predicted these days.

²⁵ You are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant God made with your forefathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your descendants all the families of the earth will be blessed.'

²⁶ God raised up his servant and sent him to bless you first, by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

DASV: Acts 4

¹ While they were speaking to the people, the priests, the commander of the temple and the Sadducees came to them,

² greatly disturbed because they taught the people, and proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

³ They arrested them, and took them into custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

⁴ But many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵ On the next day, their rulers, elders and religious scholars were gathered together in Jerusalem.

⁶ Annas the high priest was there with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others who were relatives of the high priest.

⁷ When they had set them in the middle of them, they inquired, "By what power, or in what name, did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,

⁹ if we are on trial this day concerning a good deed done to a sick man, by what means this man is healed,

¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man stands here before you cured.

¹¹ Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, he has become the chief cornerstone.

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven, given among humans, by which we must be saved."

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they were amazed and realized that they had been with Jesus.

¹⁴ Seeing the man who was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

¹⁵ So they ordered them to leave the council. Then they conferred with each other,

¹⁶ saying, "What should we do to these men? For truly they have performed a notable miracle as is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem. We cannot deny it.

¹⁷ But so that it spread no further among the people, let us threaten them not to speak any more to anyone in this name."

¹⁸ So they called them, and ordered them not to speak at all or teach in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you judge;

²⁰ for it is impossible for us not to speak the things which we have seen and heard."

²¹ After they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people; for all of them were praising God for what was done.

²² The man was more than forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

²³ Being released, they went back to their friends and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

²⁴ When they heard it, they lifted up their voice to God together, and said, "O Lord, you who made the heaven, the earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

²⁵ you said by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our forefather David your servant,

'Why do the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples make foolish plots?

²⁶ The kings of the earth took their stand,
and the rulers gathered together,
against the Lord,
and against his Anointed.'

²⁷ For in fact in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed,

²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your council determined beforehand to come to pass.

²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to your servants the ability to speak your word with all boldness,

³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹ After they had prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

³² The community of believers were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed that anything which he possessed was his own; but they shared all things in common.

³³ With great power the apostles testified about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was on them all.

³⁴ For no one among them lacked anything; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds from the things that were sold,

³⁵ and laid them at the apostles' feet. The proceeds were then distributed to each, according to their need.

³⁶ Joseph, a Levite, from Cyprus, who was surnamed Barnabas by the apostles (which means, "son of encouragement"),

³⁷ having a field, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

DASV: Acts 5

¹ Now a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold some property,
² but kept back some of the proceeds. His wife had full knowledge of it, and they brought only a portion of it, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

³ Now Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the proceeds from the sale of the land?"

⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not belong to you? Even after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? How did you ever devise this scam in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God."

⁵ When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. Great fear came on all who heard about it.

⁶ The young men came, wrapped him up, then carried him out and buried him.

⁷ After about three hours, his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in.

⁸ Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you and your husband sell the land for this much?" She replied, "Yes, for that much."

⁹ Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you both agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out too."

¹⁰ Immediately she fell down at his feet, and died. Then the young men came in and found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her by her husband.

¹¹ Great fear came on the whole church, and on all who heard these things.

¹² Now through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were performed among the people. They were all together in Solomon's Portico.

¹³ But none of the rest dared join them, although the people held them in high regard.

¹⁴ Yet more and more believers were added to the Lord, crowds of both men and women.

¹⁵ So much so that they even carried the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and mats, so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.

¹⁶ Crowds also came together from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick, and those who were tormented by unclean spirits; and every one of them was healed.

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all they who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy.

¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said,

²⁰ "Go, stand and proclaim in the temple to the people all the words of this life."

²¹ After hearing this they entered the temple at daybreak and began teaching. Now the high priest came, and those who were with him convened the Sanhedrin, and the full assembly of the people of Israel, and sent to the jail to have them brought out.

²² But the officers who came did not find them in the prison; so they returned, and reported,

²³ "We found the jail locked shut, and the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside."

²⁴ Now when the commander of the temple guard and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed concerning them wondering what was going on.

²⁵ Then someone came and told them, "Look, the men you put in the jail are standing in the temple and teaching the people."

²⁶ Then the commander went with the officers, and brought them in, but without violence; for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷ When they had brought them in, they set them before the council. The high priest asked them,

²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to hold us responsible for this man's blood."

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than men.

³⁰ The God of our forefathers raised up Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.

³¹ God exalted him at his right hand to be a Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

³² We are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ But when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and were determined to kill them.

³⁴ But one in the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, who was respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the apostles to be put outside for a little while.

³⁵ Then he addressed the council, "You men of Israel, be careful what you propose to do to these men.

³⁶ For a while ago Theudas rose up claiming to be somebody important. About 400 men joined him, and he was killed and all who followed him were dispersed and nothing came of it.

³⁷ After him, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away some people to follow him. He also perished, and everyone who followed him was scattered.

³⁸ Now I tell to you, stay away from these men and leave them alone, for if their plotting or this undertaking is from men, then it will be overthrown;

³⁹ but if it is from God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or you may even be found to be fighting against God."

⁴⁰ So he convinced them. Then they called the apostles back to them, they beat them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ So they left the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

⁴² Every day, in the temple and at home, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah.

DASV: Acts 6

¹ Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was increasing, there arose a complaint from the Grecian Jews against the Hebrew oriented Jews, because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food.

² The twelve called the crowd of the disciples to them, and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God, to serve tables.

³ Therefore, brothers, select seven men of good reputation from among you, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this business.

⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

⁵ The suggestion pleased the whole community and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

⁶ They stood them in front of the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ The word of God continued spreading and the number of the disciples greatly increased in Jerusalem, including a great group of priests who became obedient to the faith.

⁸ Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.

⁹ But there arose some from the synagogue which was called the Freedmen, both Cyrenians and Alexandrians along with some from Cilicia and Asia, who argued with Stephen.

¹⁰ But they were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke.

¹¹ Then they secretly incited some men, who claimed, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God."

¹² So they stirred up the people, along with the elders and scribes. Then they accosted Stephen, arrested him, and brought him to the Sanhedrin.

¹³ They set up false witnesses, who claimed, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law.

¹⁴ For we heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the customs that Moses handed down to us."

¹⁵ Everyone sitting in the Sanhedrin stared at Stephen. They saw his face was like the face of an angel.

DASV: Acts 7

¹ Then the high priest asked, "Are these things true?"

² Stephen replied, "Brothers and fathers, listen, the God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran.

³ He told him, 'Leave your country and your relatives, and go to the land that I will show you.'

⁴ Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. From there, after his father died, God had him move into this land where you are now living.

⁵ He did not give him any of it for an inheritance, not even enough to set his foot down on. God promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him, even when he was childless.

⁶ God spoke concerning this, that his descendants would sojourn in a foreign land, and that residents there would enslave and oppress them for four hundred years.

⁷ 'The nation that they will be in bondage to I will judge,' God said, 'and after that they will come out and serve me in this place.'

⁸ Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. So he became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day. Then Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

⁹ The patriarchs, being jealous of Joseph, sold him to Egypt, but God was with him.

¹⁰ He rescued him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt including his whole household.

¹¹ Now there was a famine over all Egypt and Canaan, causing great misery, and our forefathers could find no food.

¹² But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our forefathers the first time.

¹³ On their second trip Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, and Joseph's family background became known to Pharaoh.

¹⁴ Then Joseph sent and called for Jacob his father, and all his relatives, totaling seventy-five people.

¹⁵ So Jacob went down to Egypt, and he died there as did our forefathers.

¹⁶ Later they were carried back to Shechem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham had purchased for some silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

¹⁷ But as the time for the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt.

¹⁸ Then there arose another king over Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph.

¹⁹ He dealt shrewdly with our people, and mistreated our forefathers, forcing them to expose their babies so that they would not live.

²⁰ At that time Moses was born, and was beautiful to God. He was taken care of for three months in his father's house.

²¹ When he was left outside, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him, and cared for him as her own son.

²² So Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and he was mighty in his words and deeds.

²³ But when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his relatives, the children of Israel.

²⁴ After seeing one of them being treated unjustly, he defended him, and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian.

²⁵ Now he assumed that his brothers would have understood that God was rescuing them by his hand, but they did not understand.

²⁶ The next day he came across two of them fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why are you hurting each other?'

²⁷ But he who was harming his neighbor pushed Moses away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?'

²⁸ Are you going to kill me, like you killed the Egyptian yesterday?'

²⁹ Hearing this Moses fled, and became a foreigner in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.

³⁰ After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning bush.

³¹ When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight, and as he approached to take a closer look, there came a voice from the Lord,

³² 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' Moses trembled, and did not dare to look.

³³ Then the Lord said to him, 'Take the sandals off your feet, for the place you are standing is holy ground.

³⁴ I have surely seen the oppression of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I am come down to rescue them. Now come for I will send you into Egypt.'

³⁵ God sent this Moses whom they refused, objecting, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' to be both a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

³⁶ This one led them forth, having performed wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness for forty years.

³⁷ This is that Moses, who said to the people of Israel, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers.'

³⁸ This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, along with our forefathers. He received living oracles to give to us.

³⁹ Our forefathers refused to obey, but pushed him aside, and in their hearts, turned back to Egypt.

⁴⁰ They told Aaron, 'Make us gods that will go before us. As for this Moses, who led us out of the land of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.'

⁴¹ In those days they made a calf, and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and rejoiced in this, the work of their hands.

⁴² But God turned away and gave them up to serve the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'Did you offer me slain animals and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

⁴³ No, you took along the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of the god Rephan, and the idols you made to worship them. So I will deport you beyond Babylon.'

⁴⁴ Our forefathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, just as God, who spoke to Moses, directed him to make it, according to the pattern he had seen.

⁴⁵ Our forefathers in turn, brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before the face of our forefathers. It was there until the days of David.

⁴⁶ He found favor in the sight of God, and asked to build a dwelling for the God of Jacob.

⁴⁷ But Solomon built him a house.

⁴⁸ Yet the Most High does not live in houses made with hands. As the prophet says,

⁴⁹ 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is the footstool for my feet. What kind of house will you build for me?' says the Lord, 'Or what is the place of my rest?

⁵⁰ Didn't my hand make all these things?'

⁵¹ You are stubborn and uncircumcised in heart and ears. You always resist the Holy Spirit, just like your forefathers did.

⁵² Which of the prophets did your forefathers not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One; of whom you have now become betrayers and murderers.

⁵³ You received the law as it was given by angels, but you have not kept it."

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things, they were furious, and they gnashed their teeth at him.

⁵⁵ But Stephen, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadily into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

⁵⁶ He exclaimed, "Look, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God."

⁵⁷ But they, covering their ears and screaming, they rushed at him with one intent.

⁵⁸ They dragged him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ As they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, don't hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

DASV: Acts 8

¹ Now Saul consented to his execution. That day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

² Some devout men buried Stephen, and made great lament over him.

³ But Saul wasted the church, entering into every house, and dragging off both men and women, incarcerating them in prison.

⁴ Those who were scattered went around proclaiming the word.

⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed the Messiah to them.

⁶ The crowds with one accord paid careful attention to the things that were spoken by Philip, when they heard and saw the miraculous signs he did.

⁷ For many of those who had unclean spirits, when they came out, shrieked loudly and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

⁸ So there was great joy in that city.

⁹ But there was a certain man named Simon, who previously used sorcery in that city. He amazed the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great.

¹⁰ Everyone from the least to the greatest paid him respect, saying, "This man is the power of God, rightly called, the Great One."

¹¹ They paid him respect, because for a long time he had amazed them with his sorceries.

¹² But when they believed Philip who was proclaiming the good news concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

¹³ Simon himself believed too, and after being baptized, he stayed by Philip; and as he watched the signs and great miracles being performed, he was amazed.

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 They went down and prayed for them, so that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

¹⁶ For it had not come on any of them because they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁷ Then laid they their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ Now when Simon observed that the Holy Spirit came through the laying on of apostles' hands, he offered them money,

¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power too, that on whomever I lay my hands, they will receive the Holy Spirit."

²⁰ But Peter said to him, "Your silver perish with you, because you have thought you could purchase the gift of God with money.

²¹ You have neither part or portion in this for your heart is not right before God.

²² Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord, that perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

²³ For I see that you are bitterly jealous and chained by your sin."

²⁴ Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you said will happen to me."

²⁵ After they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, and proclaimed the good news to many Samaritan villages.

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza, the desert road.

²⁷ So he got up and went. An Ethiopian eunuch, a court official under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasury, had come to Jerusalem to worship.

²⁸ He was returning and sitting in his chariot reading the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹ The Spirit said to Philip, "Approach, and join up with this chariot."

³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹ He said, "How can I, except someone guides me?" Then he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² Now the passage of the Scripture he was reading was this:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter;
and like a lamb before his shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was denied justice.

His generation who will declare?

For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ Then the eunuch asked Philip, "Please tell me, was the prophet speaking about himself or some else?"

³⁵ Philip opened his mouth, and starting with this Scripture, proclaimed the good news about Jesus to him.

³⁶ As they traveled down the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here's some water; what prevents me from being baptized?"

³⁷ [Some late manuscripts have: Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart you may. He answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

³⁸ He ordered to stop the chariot and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch did not see him anymore, and he went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and while he was passing through he proclaimed the good news to all the towns, until he came to Caesarea.

DASV: Acts 9

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing out threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest.

² He asked him for letters addressed to the Damascus synagogues, that if he found anyone who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³ Now as he traveled, he approached Damascus when suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

⁴ He fell to the ground, and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

⁵ He said, "Who are you, Lord?" The voice replied, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ Now the men traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but not seeing anyone.

⁸ Saul got up from the ground and when his eyes were opened, he could not see a thing. So they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus.

⁹ He had no sight for three days and did not eat or drink.

¹⁰ Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He replied, "Here I am, Lord."

¹¹ Then the Lord said to him, "Get up and go to Straight Street, and ask in the house of Judas for one named Saul, a man of Tarsus. For he is praying.

¹² He has seen a man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight."

¹³ But Ananias objected, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.

¹⁴ Even here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go your way, for he is my chosen instrument to bring my name before the Gentiles and kings, and the people of Israel,

¹⁶ for I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."

¹⁷ Then Ananias left, and entered the house, and laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me, so that you may regain your sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ Immediately something like scales fell off his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized,

¹⁹ and after receiving some food he was strengthened. He stayed there a few days with the disciples who were in Damascus.

²⁰ Immediately in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, claiming, "He is the Son of God."

²¹ All who heard him were amazed, and asked, "Is not this the one who in Jerusalem made havoc of those who called on this name? Didn't he even come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"

²² But Saul became increasingly more effective and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus, proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

²³ After many days passed, the Jews plotted together to kill him.

²⁴ But their plot was exposed to Saul. They were even watching the gates day and night so that they might kill him.

²⁵ But his disciples took him by night, and let him down through a hole in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

²⁶ When he arrived at Jerusalem, he tried to join with the disciples but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was actually a disciple.

²⁷ But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and how he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

²⁸ So he stayed with them going in and out of Jerusalem,

²⁹ speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued against the Grecian Jews; but they were trying to kill him.

³⁰ When the brothers found out, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him away to Tarsus.

³¹ So the church throughout all Judea, Galilee and Samaria had peace, being built up living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, increased in numbers.

³² Now as Peter went through all regions, he came down to the saints who lived at Lydda.

³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been confined to his mat for eight years, for he was paralyzed.

³⁴ Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed." Immediately he got up.

³⁵ All who lived at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

³⁶ Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas; this woman was full of good works and acts of charity.

³⁷ In those days, she fell sick, and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room.

³⁸ As Lydda was near to Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay."

³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upstairs room and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and clothes Dorcas had made, while she was with them.

⁴⁰ But Peter put them all out, kneeled down and prayed. Then turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

⁴¹ He gave her his hand, and helped her up. He then called the saints and widows and presented her alive.

⁴² It became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

⁴³ He stayed many days in Joppa with Simon who was a leather tanner.

DASV: Acts 10

¹ Now in Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion from the Italian Regiment.

² He was a devout man, and one who feared God with his entire household. He gave donations generously to the people, and prayed regularly to God.

³ One afternoon about three o'clock he clearly saw in a vision of an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius."

⁴ He stared at him and was afraid. He asked, "What is it, Lord?" He said to him, "Your prayers and your donations to the poor have gone up as a memorial before God.

⁵ Now send men to Joppa, and get a man named Simon, who is called Peter.

⁶ He is staying with a leather tanner named Simon whose house is by the sea."

⁷ After the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his servants, and a devout soldier from those who waited on him continually.

⁸ Having rehearsed everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹ Now on the next day about noon, as they were on their journey and approached the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.

¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted to eat, but while they were preparing the meal, he fell into a trance.

¹¹ He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet descending, lowered by its four corners to the ground.

¹² On it were all kinds of four-footed animals, reptiles of the earth and birds of the heaven.

¹³ A voice said to him, "Peter, get up, kill and eat."

¹⁴ But Peter said, "No way, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is defiled or unclean."

¹⁵ A voice came to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, do not call defiled."

¹⁶ This was done three times and immediately the object was taken back up into heaven.

¹⁷ Now while Peter was very puzzled over the meaning of the vision which he had seen, the men who were sent by Cornelius had inquired about Simon's house and stood at the gate.

¹⁸ They called and asked whether Simon, known as Peter, was staying there.

¹⁹ While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Three men are looking for you.

²⁰ Get up, get down and go with them without hesitation, for I have sent them."

²¹ Peter went down to the men, and said, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come here?"

²² They replied, "Cornelius a centurion, a righteous and God fearing man, well spoken of by the whole nation of the Jews, was warned of God by a holy angel to send for you to come his house, and to hear what you have to say."

²³ So he invited them in and gave them a place to stay. On the next day he got up and went with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him.

²⁴ On the next day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his relatives and his close friends.

²⁵ When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, fell at his feet and worshipped him.

²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up, for I too am a human being."

²⁷ As he talked with him, he went in, and found many gathered together.

²⁸ He said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate himself or visit one of another nation; but God has shown me that I should never call anyone defiled or unclean.

²⁹ That is why I came without any objection, when I was sent for. May I ask, why you sent for me?"

³⁰ Cornelius said, "Four days ago at this time, I was praying at three o'clock in my house; when a man stood before me in shining clothes.

³¹ He said, 'Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your donations to the poor have been remembered in the sight of God.

³² Now send to Joppa, and call to you Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the house of a leather tanner named Simon by the sea.'

³³ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now we are all present in the sight of God, to hear all things that the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

³⁴ Then Peter opened his mouth and said, "Truly I now understand that God does not show favoritism

³⁵ but in every nation whoever fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶ You know the message which he sent to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all).

³⁷ It was published throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism that John preached,

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ We are witnesses of everything he did both in the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they killed, by hanging him on a tree.

⁴⁰ But God raised him up on the third day, and permitted him to appear,

⁴¹ not to all the people, but to us as witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴² He ordered us to preach to the people, and to testify that it was he who was ordained by God to be the judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³ To him all the prophets bore witness, that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the word.

⁴⁵ Those circumcised who had come with Peter who believed were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles,

⁴⁶ for they heard them speak with tongues, and praising God. Then Peter asked,

⁴⁷ "Can anyone forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit just like we did?"

⁴⁸ So he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay there for a few days.

DASV: Acts 11

¹ Now the apostles and brothers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, they who were circumcised criticized him,

³ saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them."

⁴ But Peter began to explain to them the way it happened, saying,

⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain object descending, it was like a large sheet let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me.

⁶ I stared at it carefully observing four-footed animals of the earth and wild animals and reptiles and birds of the heaven.

⁷ Then I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'

⁸ But I said, 'No way, Lord; for nothing defiled or unclean has ever entered into my mouth.'

⁹ But the voice spoke a second time out of heaven, 'What God has cleansed, you must not call profane.'

¹⁰ This happened three times then everything was drawn back up to heaven.

¹¹ At that moment three men stood in front of the house where we were, having been sent to me from Caesarea.

¹² The Spirit told me to go with them without any discrimination. These six brothers also accompanied me and we entered into the man's house.

¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, saying, 'Send to Joppa, and get Simon, who is called Peter.

¹⁴ He will speak to you words, whereby you will be saved, you and your whole household.'

¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as it had on us at the beginning.

¹⁶ Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John indeed baptized with water; but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

¹⁷ If then God gave to them the same gift he gave to us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I could hinder God?"

¹⁸ When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, "God has also granted repentance that leads to life to the Gentiles."

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered abroad as a result of the trouble that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews.

²⁰ But there were some men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, after coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks too, preaching the good news of the Lord Jesus.

²¹ The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

²² When the report about this came to the ears of the church at Jerusalem, they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged all of them to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast hearts.

²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and many people were brought to the Lord.

²⁵ He went to Tarsus to look for Saul.

²⁶ When he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For that entire year they gathered with the church and taught many people. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.

²⁷ Now in those days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine over all the world. This actually took place in the days of Claudius.

²⁹ The disciples, everyone according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.

³⁰ They did this sending their support to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

DASV: Acts 12

¹ Now about that time King Herod Agrippa laid hands on some of the church to persecute them.

² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

³ When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter too. This happened during the days of the feast of Unleavened Bread.

⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison, and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people.

⁵ So Peter was kept in the prison, but the church prayed earnestly to God for him.

⁶ On the night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter was sleeping bound with two chains between two soldiers. The guards kept watch at the door of the prison.

⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison cell and he tapped Peter on the side, and woke him up, saying, "Get up quickly," and his chains fell off his wrists.

⁸ Then the angel told him, "Get dressed, and put on your sandals." So he did it. Then he told him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me."

⁹ So Peter went out and followed. He did not know whether what was being done by the angel was actually happening but thought he was seeing a vision.

¹⁰ When they were past the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that led into the city. It opened to them on its own and they went out, and passed down one street, and suddenly the angel left him.

¹¹ When Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent his angel and delivered me from the hand of Herod, and from all that the people of the Jews were expecting to happen."

¹² When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, who was called Mark, where many had gathered and were praying.

¹³ When he knocked at the door of the gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer.

¹⁴ When she recognized Peter's voice, she did not even open the gate for joy, but ran in, and announced that Peter was standing at the gate.

¹⁵ They said to her, "Are you crazy?" But she confidently insisted that it was so. They continued saying, "It is his angel."

¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking. When they opened the door, they saw him and were astonished.

¹⁷ But he, motioning to them with his hand to be quiet, told them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. He said, "Tell these things to James, and to the brothers." Then he left and went to another place.

¹⁸ Now at daybreak, there was no small commotion among the soldiers, over what had become of Peter.

¹⁹ When Herod searched for him and did not find him, he interrogated the guards and

commanded that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there.

²⁰ Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they came as a group to him, having won the favor of Blastus the king's personal assistant; they asked for peace, because their country was dependent on the king's country for their food.

²¹ On a set day Herod dressed himself in royal robes, and sat on the throne, and delivered a public speech to them.

²² The people exclaimed, "It's the voice of a god, and not of a man."

²³ Immediately an angel from the Lord smote him down, because he did not give God the glory. He was eaten of worms and died.

²⁴ But the word of God continued growing and multiplying.

²⁵ Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, after they had completed their mission, taking with them John who was also called Mark.

DASV: Acts 13

¹ Now in the church at Antioch, there were prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon also called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen a close friend of Herod Antipas the tetrarch, and Saul.

² As they worshipped the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work that I have called them to."

³ Then, after they had fasted, prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them on their way.

⁴ So Barnabas and Saul being sent out by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. They also had John as their assistant.

⁶ When they had gone across the whole island over to Paphos, they met a sorcerer, a Jewish false prophet, whose name was Bar-Jesus.

⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding. The proconsul summoned Barnabas and Saul, and asked to hear the word of God.

⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for that was the translation of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

⁹ But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, stared straight at him,
¹⁰ and said, "O you who are all full of deceit and an absolute fraud, you are a son of the devil, you are an enemy of all righteousness; will you not stop perverting the straight paths of the Lord?"

¹¹ Now, look, the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." Immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

¹² When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

¹³ Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia. There John left them and returned to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ But they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. There they went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down.

¹⁵ After the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it."

¹⁶ Paul stood up, motioning with his hand, and he said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen.

¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our forefathers, and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm he led them out of there.

¹⁸ For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness.

¹⁹ After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance.

²⁰ After these things he gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet.

²¹ After that they asked for a king, so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled for forty years.

²² After removing Saul, he raised up David to be their king. He testified concerning him and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who will do everything I want him to.'

²³ From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, just as he promised.

²⁴ Before his coming, John first proclaimed the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

²⁵ As John was finishing his mission, he said, "Who do you think I am? I am not he. But look, there is one coming after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.

²⁶ Brothers, descendants of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to us.

²⁷ For those who lived in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him, fulfilled the utterances of the prophets that are read every Sabbath by condemning him.

²⁸ Though they found no reason for a death sentence in him, yet they asked Pilate to have him executed.

²⁹ When they had fulfilled all things that were written about him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb.

³⁰ But God raised him from the dead.

³¹ He was seen for many days by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to the people.

³² We bring you good news of the promise made to the forefathers,

³³ that God has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus; as also it is written in the second Psalm,

'You are my Son,
this day I have become your father.'

³⁴ As concerning the fact that he raised him from the dead, now never to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

'I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.'

³⁵ Because he said also in another psalm,

'You will not allow your Holy One to experience corruption.'

³⁶ For David, after he had in his own generation served the purpose of God, fell asleep and was buried with his forefathers, and did experience corruption.

³⁷ But he whom God raised up did not experience corruption.

³⁸ Therefore let it be known to you, brothers, that through this man the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

³⁹ By him everyone who believes is justified from everything that you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

⁴⁰ Beware therefore, so that what was spoken in the prophets does not come on you.

⁴¹ 'Look, you scoffers,
be amazed and perish;
for I am doing a work in your days,
a work that you will never believe
even if someone tells you."

⁴² As Paul and Barnabas went out, the people urged them to speak about these matters the next Sabbath.

⁴³ Now when the synagogue meeting had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke with them convincing them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of God.

⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things Paul was saying by berating him.

⁴⁶ Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you. But seeing you reject it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, we are turning to the Gentiles.

⁴⁷ For so has the Lord commanded us, saying,
'I have set you for a light of the Gentiles,
so that you might bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of God, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

⁴⁹ The word of the Lord spread throughout all that region.

⁵⁰ But the Jews incited the devout upper-class women and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and threw them out of their territory.

⁵¹ But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and went on to Iconium.

⁵² The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

DASV: Acts 14

¹ Now the same thing happened in Iconium where Paul and Barnabas entered into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a manner that a large number of both Jews and Greeks believed.

² But some of the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and poisoned their minds against the brothers.

³ So they stayed there for quite some time speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the word of his grace by granting miraculous signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

⁴ But the people of the city were divided. Some sided with the Jews, and others sided with the apostles.

⁵ When there was a plot of both the Gentiles and the Jews along with their rulers, to mistreat and stone them,

⁶ they learned about it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region.

⁷ There they continued to preach the good news.

⁸ At Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was cripple from his mother's womb and had never walked.

⁹ This fellow heard Paul speaking. Paul looked straight at him and seeing that he had faith to be made whole,

¹⁰ said loudly, "Stand upright on your feet." He leaped up and began walking.

¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the dialect of the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form."

¹² They called Barnabas, Zeus; and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was located just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and they along with the crowd wanted to sacrifice to them.

¹⁴ But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard about it, they tore their clothes, and rushed out among the crowd, crying out

¹⁵ "Sirs, why are you doing these things? We also are men the same as you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn away from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, earth and the sea, and all that is in them.

¹⁶ In the past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways.

¹⁷ But yet He did not leave himself without witness, in that he did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, providing you with food and filling your hearts with gladness."

¹⁸ Even saying these things they could scarcely restrain the crowd from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹ But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium; and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, assuming that he was dead.

²⁰ But as the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered into the city. Then on the next day he went with Barnabas to Derbe.

²¹ After they had proclaimed the good news to that city, and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch.

²² They strengthened the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, saying, "We must suffer many hardships to enter into the kingdom of God."

²³ After they had appointed elders in every church, with prayer and fasting, they commended them to the Lord, in whom they had believed.

²⁴ They passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia.

²⁵ When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

²⁶ There they sailed to Antioch in Syria, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

²⁷ When they arrived and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all things that God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

²⁸ They stayed there with the disciples a long time.

DASV: Acts 15

¹ Now some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, "Except you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

² When Paul and Barnabas had no small disagreement and debate with them, the brothers decided that Paul and Barnabas, and some of the others, should go up to Jerusalem to consult with the apostles and elders about this issue.

³ So they, being sent on their way by the church, passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, reporting about the conversion of the Gentiles which caused great joy to all the brothers.

⁴ When they had arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church, apostles and elders. They rehearsed all things that God had done through them.

⁵ But there rose up some believers who belonged to a sect of the Pharisees, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to observe the law of Moses."

⁶ The apostles and elders were gathered to consider this issue.

⁷ After there had been much debate, Peter got up, and said to them, "Brothers, you know that a good while ago God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the good news and believe.

⁸ God, who knows the heart, confirmed it by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us.

⁹ He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

¹⁰ Now why are you testing God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?

¹¹ To the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way that they are."

¹² All the crowd kept silent and they listened to Barnabas and Paul narrating what miraculous signs and wonders God had performed among the Gentiles through them.

¹³ After they had held their peace, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me,

¹⁴ Simon has described how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name.

¹⁵ The words of the prophets agree with this, as it is written,

¹⁶ 'After these things I will return,
and I will rebuild the fallen tent of David,
and I will build again its ruins,
and I will restore it.

¹⁷ that the rest of humanity may seek after the Lord,
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,

¹⁸ says the Lord, who accomplishes these things,

¹⁹ making them known from long ago.'

Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those Gentiles who turn to God,

²⁰ but we should write to them, that they abstain from things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality and from eating meat that has been strangled and from consuming blood.

²¹ For in every city, for many generations, Moses has been proclaimed, being read aloud in the synagogues every Sabbath."

²² So it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose delegates from among them, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. So they sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers.

²³ They wrote the following: "From your brothers, the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are Gentiles in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia, greetings.

²⁴ Since we have heard that some who went out from us, although they had no orders from us, have troubled and upset your minds with what they said,

²⁵ it seemed good to us, having come to an agreement, to choose out men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul.

²⁶ These men have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁷ So we have sent Judas and Silas, who themselves also will tell you the same things by word of mouth.

²⁸ For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, not to impose on any a greater burden than these essential things:

²⁹ that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols, from consuming blood, from eating meat from that which has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these things, you will do well. Farewell."

³⁰ So they, after being sent, came down to Antioch; and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter.

³¹ When they had read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement.

³² Judas and Silas, who were also prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words.

³³ After they had spent some time there, they were sent in peace from the brothers back to those who had originally sent them.

³⁴ [Some manuscripts have: But Silas decided to stay there.]

³⁵ But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others also taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord.

³⁶ After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's return now and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing."

³⁷ Now Barnabas also wanted to take with them John, called Mark.

³⁸ But Paul did not think it good to take him with them because he deserted them in Pamphylia, and had not accompanied them in the work.

³⁹ There arose such a sharp disagreement that they split up. Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed away to Cyprus.

⁴⁰ Paul choose Silas, and set out, being commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

⁴¹ He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

DASV: Acts 16

¹ Paul also went to Derbe and Lystra. A disciple named Timothy was there whose mother was a Jewish believer, but his father was a Greek.

² He was recommended by the brothers who were at Lystra and Iconium.

³ Paul wanted Timothy to go with him; so he took and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, because they all knew that his father was a Greek.

⁴ As they went on their way through the towns, they informed them of the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.

⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and daily increased in number.

⁶ They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in the province of Asia.

⁷ When they came to Mysia, they tried to go to Bithynia; but the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them to.

⁸ So they passed by Mysia, and went down to Troas.

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision. There was a man from Macedonia standing, urging him, "Come over to Macedonia, and help us."

¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, immediately we attempted to go over into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ So we sailed from Troas, and set a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis.

¹² From there we went to Philippi, which is a leading city in Macedonia, and a Roman colony. We stayed in this city several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went out through the gate to the river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer. We sat down, and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

¹⁴ Now a woman named Lydia, a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshipped God, heard us, and the Lord had opened her heart to respond to the things which were spoken by Paul.

¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she invited us, saying, "If you judge me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house, and stay there." She convinced us.

¹⁶ One time as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl met us who had a spirit of divination. She brought her masters much gain by her fortune-telling.

¹⁷ She followed behind Paul and us crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."

¹⁸ She did this for many days. But Paul got really annoyed and turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." So it came out that same hour.

¹⁹ But when her masters realized that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

²⁰ After bringing them to the magistrates, they complained, "These men are Jews, who are disturbing our city,

²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us to accept or observe, being Romans."

²² The crowd rose up against them, and the magistrates ordered them stripped and beaten with rods.

²³ When they had given them many lashes, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailor to keep them secure.

²⁴ Having received such orders, he threw them into the inner prison, and locked their feet down in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

²⁶ Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Immediately, all the doors were opened and everyone's chains came loose.

²⁷ The jailor, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, assuming that the prisoners had escaped.

²⁸ But Paul yelled out, "Don't hurt yourself, for we are all here."

²⁹ He called for lights, rushed in trembling with fear, and fell down before Paul and Silas.

³⁰ He brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his house.

³³ He took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds; and was immediately baptized, he and all his family.

³⁴ He brought them up to his house, and set food before them; he and his entire family rejoiced greatly because of having believed in God.

³⁵ The next morning, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go."

³⁶ The jailor reported the words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go; so now come out, and go in peace."

³⁷ But Paul objected, "They have publicly beaten us, uncondemned Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and now they are attempting to send us away secretly? No way. Let them come and bring us out themselves."

³⁸ The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens.

³⁹ So they came and apologized to them. When they brought them out, they asked them to leave the city.

⁴⁰ After they left the prison, they entered the house of Lydia; and when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and then left.

DASV: Acts 17

¹ Now when Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.

² Paul, as was his custom, went in to them and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures.

³ He explained and demonstrated that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise again from the dead. He declared, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Messiah."

⁴ Some of them were persuaded, and joined with Paul and Silas, along with a great number of devout Greeks, including quite a few leading women.

⁵ But the Jews became jealous, recruited some troublemakers and formed a mob, and set the city into an uproar. They attacked Jason's house, seeking to bring Paul and Silas out to the people.

⁶ When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, yelling, "These people who have turned the world upside down have now come here too."

⁷ Jason has welcomed them and all of them are acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, claiming that there is another king named Jesus."

⁸ When they heard these things, the crowd and city authorities were troubled.

⁹ After they had gotten bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

¹⁰ The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away at night to Berea. When they arrived there they went into the Jewish synagogue.

¹¹ Now these people were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they eagerly received the word and examined the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were true.

¹² Many of them therefore believed, along with a number of high ranking Greek women and men.

¹³ But when the Jews of Thessalonica found out that the word of God was being proclaimed by Paul at Berea, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

¹⁴ Then immediately the brothers sent Paul away to the seacoast while Silas and Timothy stayed behind in Berea.

¹⁵ Those who escorted Paul brought him as far as Athens. Then they left with instructions for Silas and Timothy that they should come to him as soon as possible.

¹⁶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was perturbed within him as he saw the city was full of idols.

¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with Jews and devout Gentiles, and daily in the marketplace with whomever happened to be there.

¹⁸ Some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbling man want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods," because he proclaimed the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

¹⁹ They took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we learn about this new teaching that you are presenting?"

²⁰ For you are bringing some strange things to our ears, so we want to know what these things mean."

²¹ (Now all the Athenians and the foreigners staying there spend their time doing nothing else but telling or hearing something new.)

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus, and said, "You men of Athens, I see that you are very religious.

²³ For as I went around and observed your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription, 'To an Unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this is what I proclaim to you.

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by human hands,

²⁵ nor is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives everyone life and breath, and all things.

²⁶ He made from one person every nation of humanity to dwell on the entire face of the earth. He determined their set times and the boundaries of where they would live,

²⁷ so that they would seek for God, if perhaps they might grope around for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

²⁸ For 'in him we live, and move, and have our being,' as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also his offspring.'

²⁹ Since we are God's offspring, we should not think of God like gold, silver or stone fashioned by craftsmen and human imagination.

³⁰ Although God has overlooked the times of ignorance, now he is commanding all people everywhere that they should repent

³¹ because he has set a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has appointed. He has given proof to all men, by raising him from the dead."

³² Now when they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, but others said, "We would like to hear you again about this."

³³ After that Paul left them.

³⁴ But some men joined him and believed. Among them were Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, as well as others with them.

DASV: Acts 18

¹ After these things Paul left Athens and came to Corinth.

² There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus. He and his wife Priscilla had recently come from Italy, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to visit them

³ and, because he had the same trade, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade.

⁴ Every Sabbath Paul would reason in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵ But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul totally focused on proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.

⁶ When they opposed and berated him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads; I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

⁷ So he left there, and went into the house of a man named Titus Justus, one who worshipped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue.

⁸ Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with his whole household. Many of the Corinthians who heard believed and were baptized.

⁹ In a night vision the Lord said to Paul, "Do not be afraid, but speak out and do not be silent;

¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many people in this city."

¹¹ So he stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹² But while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a concerted attack against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat,

¹³ saying, "This man persuades people to worship God contrary to the law."

¹⁴ But just when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of a wrongdoing or serious crime, Jews, I would be justified in hearing your complaint,

¹⁵ but since it is just an issue over questions about words and names and your own law, take care of it yourselves. I am unwilling to be a judge of these types of matters."

¹⁶ So he drove them away from the judgment seat.

¹⁷ Then they all seized Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and beat him right in front of the judgment seat. But Gallio paid no attention to any of these things.

¹⁸ Paul, having stayed for sometime longer, said good-bye and left the brothers, and sailed for Syria, along with Priscilla and Aquila. He shaved his head in Cenchrea because of the vow he had made.

¹⁹ They came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself entered the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

²⁰ When they asked him to stay longer, he declined.

²¹ But as he was saying farewell, he said, "I will come back to you, if God wills." Then he set sail from Ephesus.

²² When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the Jerusalem church, then went down to Antioch.

²³ Having spent some time there, he left, and traveled through the region of Galatia, and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

²⁴ Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, and well-versed in the Scriptures.

²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and spoke with enthusiasm and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, but he knew only about the baptism of John.

²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

²⁷ When Apollos had decided to pass over into Achaia, the brothers encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him. When he arrived there he greatly aided those who had believed by grace,

²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by means of the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.

DASV: Acts 19

¹ While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the interior of the country, came to Ephesus and found some disciples.

² He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They replied, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

³ So he asked, "Into what then were you baptized?" They replied, "Into John's baptism."

⁴ Paul explained, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling people that they should believe in him who would come after him, that is, in Jesus."

⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

⁷ There were about twelve men total.

⁸ He entered into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.

⁹ But when some became obstinate and disobedient, degrading the Way before the congregation, he left them, and took along the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

¹⁰ This continued for about two years; so that all who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

¹¹ God performed special miracles by the hands of Paul,

¹² so that handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were placed on the sick, and they were cured and the evil spirits went out of them.

¹³ But some itinerant Jewish exorcists attempted to invoke name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I warn you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims."

¹⁴ There were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who were doing this.

¹⁵ The evil spirit answered and said to them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?"

¹⁶ The man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered both of them and beat them so badly that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

¹⁷ This became known to everyone, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus. Fear fell on all of them, and the name of the Lord Jesus was praised.

¹⁸ Many also of those who had believed came, confessing and exposing their evil deeds.

¹⁹ A large number of those who practiced magical arts brought their books and burned them in the sight of everyone. They counted the price and found they were worth fifty thousand pieces of silver.

²⁰ So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

²¹ Now after these things were accomplished, Paul determined in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem, after passing through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

²² Having sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, he stayed in the province of Asia for a while.

²³ About that time there arose no small disturbance concerning the Way.

²⁴ A man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines for goddess Artemis, brought a substantial amount of business to the craftsmen.

²⁵ He gathered them together, along with the workers of those in similar trades, and said, "Sirs, you know that we prosper because of this business.

²⁶ You see and hear, that not only at Ephesus, but almost throughout the entire province of Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that hand-made gods are not gods at all.

²⁷ Not only is there danger that this our trade will fall into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be regarded as worthless, and that she, whom all Asia and the world worship, should even be deprived of her magnificence."

²⁸ When they heard this they were filled with rage, and shouted out, saying, "Great is Artemis of Ephesus!"

²⁹ The city was filled with the confusion and united they rushed into the theatre, dragging along the Macedonians, Gaius and Aristarchus, who were Paul's fellow travelers.

³⁰ When Paul wanted to enter the assembly, the disciples would not let him.

³¹ Even some of the provincial governors, who were Paul's friends, sent to him and urged him not to venture into the theatre.

³² Now some were shouting one thing, and some another, for the assembly was in total confusion, and most of them did not even know why they had come together.

³³ The Jews put Alexander out in front of the crowd who assumed it was about him. Alexander motioned with his hand, and wanted to make a defense before the people.

³⁴ But when they realized that he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for two hours, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

³⁵ When the town clerk had finally quieted the crowd, he said, "Men of Ephesus, what person is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis, whose image fell out of heaven?

³⁶ Since these things are irrefutable, you ought to quiet down and not do anything rash.

³⁷ For you have brought these men here, who are neither temple robbers nor blasphemers of our goddess.

³⁸ If therefore Demetrius, and the craftsmen who are with him, have an issue against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them go there to bring charges against one another.

³⁹ But if you want to bring anything about other matters, it must be settled in the regular assembly.

⁴⁰ For we are in danger of being accused regarding today's riot, since there is no justification for this commotion."

⁴¹ After saying these things, he dismissed the assembly.

DASV: Acts 20

¹ After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, encouraged them and said farewell, leaving to go to Macedonia.

² When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece,

³ where he spent three months. The Jews made a plot against him as he was about to set sail for Syria, so he decided to return through Macedonia.

⁴ There he was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea, by Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, by Gaius from Derbe, and by Timothy along with Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia.

⁵ But these had gone on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas.

⁶ We sailed from Philippi after the days of the feast of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul was reasoning with them, intending to leave the next day, and he continued talking until midnight.

⁸ There were many lights in the upstairs room where we had gathered.

⁹ A young man named Eutychus who sat in the window sank into a deep sleep and as Paul kept on talking even longer. Sound asleep he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead.

¹⁰ Paul went down and bent over him, and put his arms around him, and said, "Don't get upset; for he is still alive."

¹¹ When he had gone up and had broken the bread and eaten, he continued talking with them for a long time, even until day break, then he left.

¹² They took the boy away alive, and were greatly comforted.

¹³ But we going before by ship set sail for Assos, there intending to take Paul aboard, as he had arranged. Paul himself intended to go by land.

¹⁴ When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard, and went to Mitylene.

¹⁵ Sailing from there, on the next day we arrived off Chios. The next day we reached Samos; and the day after that we came to Miletus.

¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in the province of Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to meet with the elders of the church.

¹⁸ When they arrived, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in the province of Asia, how I lived with you that whole time,

¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility of mind and with tears, and with trials that happened to me by the plots of the Jews.

²⁰ I did not shrink back from declaring to you anything beneficial to you, and taught you publicly as well as from house to house.

²¹ I testified both to Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

²² And now, I am compelled by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

²³ except that the Holy Spirit keeps warning me in every city that chains and persecutions await me.

²⁴ But I do not consider my life of any value to me, if only I may accomplish my mission and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify about the good news of the grace of God.

²⁵ Now, I realize that none of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will see my face again.

²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all of you.

²⁷ For I did not shrink back from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

²⁸ Guard yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of the Lord that he purchased with his own blood.

²⁹ I know that after I'm gone vicious wolves will come among you, not sparing the flock.

³⁰ Even from some of your own group men will arise, speaking perverted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

³¹ Therefore watch out for yourselves, remembering that for three years I never stopped warning every one of you day and night with tears.

³² Now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, that is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

³³ I coveted no one's silver, gold or clothes.

³⁴ You yourselves know that with these hands of mine I provided for my own personal needs and also for those who were with me.

³⁵ In all things I gave you an example, that by working like this you ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

³⁶ When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed.

³⁷ They all cried aloud, hugged Paul and kissed him.

³⁸ They were saddened the most because of what he had said, that they would never see him again. Then they escorted him to the ship.

DASV: Acts 21

¹ After parting from them we set sail and sailed a straight course to Cos. The next day we came to Rhodes, and from there on to Patara.

² We found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, so we got aboard and set sail.

³ When we came within sight of Cyprus, leaving it on our left, we sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre; for the ship was to unload her cargo there.

⁴ After finding the disciples, we stayed there seven days, and these told Paul through the Spirit that he should not set foot in Jerusalem.

⁵ When we had finished our days there, we left and continued our journey; and all of them with their wives and children escorted us on our way out of the city. Kneeling down on the beach, we prayed.

⁶ We said farewell to each other and then we boarded the ship, but they returned home.

⁷ We continued our voyage from Tyre, arriving at Ptolemais; and we greeted the brothers, and stayed with them for one day.

⁸ On the next day we left and came to Caesarea. There we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven. We stayed with him.

⁹ Now this man had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied.

¹⁰ After staying there for several days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

¹¹ He approached us and took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man that owns this belt, and will deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

¹² When we heard these things, both we and the people of that place pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.

¹³ Then Paul replied, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

¹⁴ When it was clear he would not be persuaded, we stopped, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

¹⁵ After these days we got ready and went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁶ Now some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us. They brought us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to stay.

¹⁷ When we had arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us gladly.

¹⁸ The next day Paul went in with us to James; and all the elders were present.

¹⁹ When he had greeted them, he rehearsed one by one the things God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

²⁰ When they heard it, they praised God. They said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands of believers there are among the Jews; and they are all zealous for the law.

²¹ They have been informed about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or to walk according to our customs.

²² What should we do? They will certainly hear that you have come.

²³ So do what we tell you. We have four men who have made a vow.

²⁴ Take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay for them to shave their heads. Then everyone will know that there is no truth in the rumors that they have been told concerning you, but that you yourself walk in conformity with observing the law.

²⁵ But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, giving judgment that they should keep themselves from food sacrificed to idols, from consuming blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality."

²⁶ Then Paul took the men, and the next day purified himself along with them. He entered the temple, declaring the completion of the days of purification, at which time the offering would be offered for each one of them.

²⁷ When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from the province of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, incited all the crowd and they seized him.

²⁸ They yelled out, "Men of Israel, help! This man teaches everyone everywhere against our people, the law, and this place. Furthermore he even brought Greeks into the temple, and has defiled this holy place."

²⁹ For they previously had seen him in the city with Trophimus the Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.

³⁰ All the city was moved, and the people rushed together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut.

³¹ While they were attempting to kill him, news reached the chief officer of the Roman soldiers, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

³² He quickly called out the soldiers and centurions, and ran down on the crowd. When they saw the chief officer and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

³³ Then the chief officer approached and arrested him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains. The officer inquired who he was, and what he had done.

³⁴ Some of the crowd shouted one thing, some another. When he could not determine for certain the cause of the uproar, he commanded Paul to be brought into the barracks.

³⁵ When Paul came to the stairs, because of the violence of the mob, he had to be carried by the soldiers.

³⁶ The mob that followed them kept shouting, "Away with him."

³⁷ As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the chief commander, "May I speak with you?" He asked, "Do you know Greek?"

³⁸ Aren't you the Egyptian, who started a revolt and led 4,000 of these 'Assassins' out into the wilderness?"

³⁹ But Paul replied, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of a significant city. Please allow me to speak to the people."

⁴⁰ When he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs, motioning with his hand to the people. When there was a great silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying,

DASV: Acts 22

¹ "Brothers and fathers, listen to the defense which I now give you."

² When they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. Paul said,

³ "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, at the feet of Gamaliel, educated in a strict manner in the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, even as you all are today.

⁴ I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and putting them into prisons, both men and women,

⁵ as the high priest and whole council of the elders can confirm. I even received letters from them to the Jewish brothers in Damascus. I was on my way there in order to bring them back to Jerusalem in bonds to be punished.

⁶ As I was on my way, and drew near to Damascus about noon, suddenly a great light shone from heaven around me.

⁷ I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'

⁸ I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' He replied, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'

⁹ Those who were with me saw the light, but they did not hear the voice of the one who spoke to me.

¹⁰ Then I asked, 'What should I do, Lord?' And the Lord replied, 'Get up, and go into Damascus, there you will be told all the things that are appointed for you to do.'

¹¹ Since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand of those who were with me and came to Damascus.

¹² Someone named Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,

¹³ came to me and stood next to me and said, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' At that precise moment I looked up at him.

¹⁴ He said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth,

¹⁵ for you will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

¹⁶ Now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

¹⁷ After returning to Jerusalem and while praying in the temple, I fell into a trance,

¹⁸ I saw the Lord saying to me, 'Hurry up and quickly get out of Jerusalem; because they will not accept your testimony concerning me.'

¹⁹ I replied, 'Lord, they themselves know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue those who believed in you.

²⁰ When the blood of Stephen your witness was shed, I also was standing by, approving and keeping the clothes of those who killed him.

²¹ Then he told me, 'Go, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles.'

²² The crowd had listened up to this point, then they lifted up their voices shouting, "Remove such a fellow from the earth. For he is not fit to live."

²³ As they cried out, and threw off their cloaks and tossed dust into the air.

²⁴ The chief officer commanded Paul be brought into the barracks, ordering that he should be interrogated by beating him with whips, so that he might find out why they shouted against him this way.

²⁵ When they had tied him up with the thongs, Paul said to the centurion that stood by, "Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?"

²⁶ When the centurion heard that, he went to the chief officer and told him, 'What are you going to do? This man is a Roman citizen.'

²⁷ The chief commander came and asked Paul, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" He replied, "Yes."

²⁸ Then the chief officer answered, "I acquired this citizenship for a large amount of money." Paul replied, "But I was born a Roman citizen."

²⁹ Then those who were about to interrogate him immediately withdrew from him. The chief officer also was afraid when he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had had him bound.

³⁰ But on the next day, desiring to know for certain why Paul was accused by the Jews, the commanding officer released him, and commanded the chief priests and all the council to assemble. He brought Paul down and set him before them.

DASV: Acts 23

¹ Paul, looking directly at the council, said, "Brothers, I have lived before God with a clear conscience until this day."

² Then the high priest Ananias ordered those who stood by Paul to strike him on the mouth.

³ Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall. Do you sit judging me according to the law, and yet you order me to be struck contrary to the law?"

⁴ Then those who stood by asked, "How dare you insult God's high priest?"

⁵ Paul said, "I didn't realize, brothers, that he was high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"

⁶ But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he shouted out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am being put on trial because of the hope and resurrection of the dead."

⁷ When he had said this, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees; and the assembly was split.

⁸ For the Sadducees claim that there is no resurrection, angels, or spirits; but the Pharisees acknowledge all of them.

⁹ There arose a great uproar with some of the legal scholars on the Pharisees' side standing and arguing, "We find nothing wrong with this man. What if a spirit or angel actually has spoken to him?"

¹⁰ When the dissension grew violent, the chief commander, fearing that Paul would be torn in pieces by them, ordered the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the barracks.

¹¹ That night the Lord stood by him, and said, "Take courage for as you have testified concerning me in Jerusalem, so must you bear witness also in Rome."

¹² At day break, the Jews banded together, and bound themselves with a curse, saying that they would neither eat or drink until they had killed Paul.

¹³ There were more than forty who joined in this conspiracy.

¹⁴ They came to the chief priests and the elders, and announced, "We have bound ourselves with a great curse, to taste no food until we have killed Paul.

¹⁵ Now therefore the council should request the chief commander that he bring Paul down to you, under the pretext that you would like to examine his case more thoroughly. Then before he gets near here, we will kill him."

¹⁶ But Paul's sister's son heard of their ambush, and he came, entered the barracks and told Paul.

¹⁷ Paul then called to one of the centurions, and requested, "Bring this young man to the chief commander for he has something to tell him."

¹⁸ So he took him and brought him to the chief commander, and said, "The prisoner Paul called me, and asked me to bring this young man to you. He has something to tell you."

¹⁹ So the chief commander took him by the hand, and drew him aside and asked him privately, "What is it you have to tell me?"

²⁰ He said, "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down tomorrow to the council, as though they would inquire more thoroughly concerning him.

²¹ Do not be persuaded by them, for they have set an ambush for him with more than forty men, who have bound themselves by a curse, neither to eat or to drink until they have killed him. They are ready now, expecting you will grant their request."

²² So the chief commander let the young man go, charging him, "Don't tell anyone that you have informed me of these things."

²³ He summoned two centurions, and said, "Get 200 soldiers ready to go as far as Caesarea, along with 70 horsemen, and 200 spearmen, at nine o'clock tonight."

²⁴ Also provide mounts for Paul to ride, and bring him safely to Felix the governor."

²⁵ He wrote a letter like this:

²⁶ "Claudius Lysias, to his Excellency Governor Felix, greeting.

²⁷ This man was seized by the Jews, and was about to be killed by them, when I arrived with my troops and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman citizen.

²⁸ Because I wanted to know the charge they were accusing him with, I brought him down to their council.

²⁹ I found out that he was accused regarding questions about their law, but he was charged with nothing worthy of death or imprisonment.

³⁰ When I was informed that there was a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, directing his accusers also to make their accusations against him before you."

³¹ So the soldiers, according to their orders, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris.

³² But the next day they let the horsemen go on with him, while they returned to the barracks.

³³ After they came to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul to him.

³⁴ When he had read it, he asked what province he was from. When he discovered that he was of Cilicia,

³⁵ he said, "I will hear you when your accusers arrive." He ordered him to be kept in Herod's palace.

DASV: Acts 24

¹ Five days later the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and an attorney named Tertullus. They presented their case to the governor against Paul.

² When Paul was called in, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, "Because of your rule we have enjoyed much peace, and reforms have been made for this nation as a result of your foresight.

³ We, in every place and in every way acknowledge this, most excellent Felix, with much gratitude.

⁴ But, so that I will not weary you further, I beg you give us a brief hearing with your customary graciousness.

⁵ For we have found this man to be a troublemaker, one who incites insurrections among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

⁶ He even attempted to desecrate the temple, so we arrested him.

⁷ [Some manuscripts have: and wanted to judge him according to our law. But the chief commander Lysias came, and with great violence took him out of our hands and ordered his accusers to come before you.]

⁸ By examining him yourself you will become aware of all these things that we are accusing him of."

⁹ The Jews also joined in the attack, alleging that these things were so.

¹⁰ When the governor had motioned for him to speak, Paul replied, "Realizing that you have been a judge over this nation for many years, I am happy to make my defense.

¹¹ As you can verify for yourself, it has not been more than twelve days since I went up to worship at Jerusalem.

¹² They did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd in the temple, or in the synagogues, or in the city.

¹³ Neither can they prove to you the things they are accusing me of.

¹⁴ But this I do confess to you: I do serve the God of our fathers according to the Way, which they label a sect, believing everything according to the law and that is written in the prophets.

¹⁵ I have hope in God, a hope which they themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and unrighteous.

¹⁶ This is why I do my best always to maintain a clear conscience before God and people.

¹⁷ Now after several years I have come to bring alms to my nation and present offerings,

¹⁸ which is what I was doing when they found me ritually purified in the temple. There was no crowd or disturbance.

¹⁹ But there were some Jews from the province of Asia who really should be here before you to make the accusation, if they have anything against me.

²⁰ Let these men themselves tell you what crime they discovered in me when I stood before the council,

²¹ except it is for this one thing, that I cried out while standing among them, 'I am on trial before you today concerning the resurrection of the dead.'"

²² But Felix, who was well informed concerning the Way, adjourned the hearings, saying, "When Lysias the chief commander comes down, I will decide your case."

²³ He gave orders to the centurion that Paul should be kept in custody, and should have some liberty and not restrict any of his friends from taking care of his needs.

²⁴ A few days later, Felix came with Drusilla, his wife, who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and listened to him speak concerning faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁵ While Paul was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was frightened, and said, "Go your way for now; and when there is an opportunity, I will send for you."

²⁶ At the same time Felix was hoping Paul would give him money. This was the reason he sent for him so often and talked with him.

²⁷ But after two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and desiring to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul in prison.

DASV: Acts 25

¹ Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea.

² The chief priests and the leaders of the Jews presented formal charges against Paul. They urged Festus,

³ asking for a favor against Paul, that he would send and bring him to Jerusalem. They were planning to ambush and kill him on the way.

⁴ Festus replied that Paul was being held in custody at Caesarea, and that he himself was about to go there shortly.

⁵ "Let them," he said, "who are leaders among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong with the man, they can bring their charges against him there."

⁶ When he had stayed with them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. The next day he sat on the judgment seat, and commanded Paul to be brought in.

⁷ When he arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many serious charges against him that they could not prove,

⁸ while Paul argued in his defense, "I have not committed any crime against the law of the Jews, or against the temple, or against Caesar."

⁹ But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, asked Paul, "Will you go up to Jerusalem, and be tried there before me on these charges?"

¹⁰ But Paul objected, "I am standing before Caesar's judgment seat, which is where I ought to be tried. I have done nothing wrong to the Jews, as you know very well.

¹¹ If then I am in the wrong and have committed anything worthy of death, I am not refusing to die; but if none of their charges that they accuse me of is true, no one can turn me over to them. I appeal to Caesar."

¹² Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, replied, "You have appealed to Caesar; to Caesar you will go."

¹³ Now after a few days, King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and paid their respects to Festus.

¹⁴ As they stayed there several days, Festus presented Paul's case to the King, saying, "There is a man here who was left in prison by Felix.

¹⁵ When I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me about him, asking for a sentence condemning him.

¹⁶ I told them that it is not the custom of the Romans to hand any one over before the accused had met his accusers face to face, and had been given an opportunity to make his defense concerning the charges brought against him.

¹⁷ So when they traveled back here, I did not delay, but the next day sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought in.

¹⁸ When his accusers stood up, they brought no charge of the wrong doing of the kind that I had expected.

¹⁹ Rather they had certain objections against him concerning their own religion, and about someone named Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul alleged to be alive.

²⁰ Since I was perplexed about how to investigate these matters, I asked whether he would go to Jerusalem and be tried there on these charges.

²¹ But when Paul appealed to be kept in custody requesting a decision from the emperor, I ordered him to be kept until I could send him to Caesar."

²² Agrippa said to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he said, "you will hear him."

²³ So the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had arrived with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the chief commanders and leading men of the city, then Festus ordered that Paul be brought in.

²⁴ Festus said, "King Agrippa and all who are here present with us, you see this man, about whom the entire Jewish people have petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer.

²⁵ But I found that he has committed nothing worthy of death; and as he himself appealed to His Majesty the Emperor I have decided to send him there.

²⁶ But I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore I have brought him before all of you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, that after this interrogation I may have something to write.

²⁷ For it seems unreasonable to me to send a prisoner to the Emperor without indicating the charges against him."

DASV: Acts 26

¹ Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense:

² "I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, that I am able to make my defense before you today against all the accusations I am accused of by the Jews,

³ especially because you are expert in all customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg your patience as you listen to me.

⁴ All the Jews know my way of life from my youth up, which was from the beginning among my own nation and at Jerusalem.

⁵ They have known me for a long time, if they are willing to admit it, that I lived according to the strictest sect of our religion as a Pharisee.

⁶ Now I stand here to be judged for my hope in the promise made by God to our forefathers,

⁷ to the promise our twelve tribes hope to attain as they earnestly worship God day and night. It is concerning this hope that I am accused by the Jews, O king!

⁸ Why is it considered incredible to any of you, that God raises the dead?

⁹ Truly I myself thought that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

¹⁰ And that is exactly what I did in Jerusalem. I both locked up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests. I cast my vote against them when they were being sentenced to death.

¹¹ I often punished them in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being in a furious rage against them, I persecuted them even in foreign cities.

¹² It was for that reason I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests;

¹³ at midday, O king, I saw on the road a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my traveling companions.

¹⁴ When we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

¹⁵ I replied, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'

¹⁶ But get up and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this reason, to appoint you both as a minister and a witness of the things you have seen of me and what I will show you.

¹⁷ I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you

¹⁸ to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

¹⁹ Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

²⁰ but declared first to those of Damascus and then at Jerusalem, and throughout all Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing works worthy of repentance.

²¹ For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple, and tried to kill me.

²² Therefore having obtained help from God, I stand here today testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses predicted was going to happen:

²³ how that the Messiah must suffer, and that he would be the first to rise from the dead to proclaim light to both the Jewish people and the Gentiles."

²⁴ As he was making his defense, Festus shouted, "Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you crazy."

²⁵ But Paul said, "I am not insane, most excellent Festus; but speak words of truth and soberness.

²⁶ For the king knows about these things, so I am able to speak freely with him. For I am persuaded that none of these things has been hidden from him; for this has not been done in a corner.

²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do."

²⁸ Agrippa said to Paul, "In such a short time are you able to persuade me to become a Christian?"

²⁹ Paul replied, "I would to God, that whether with little or with much, not only you, but also all that hear me today, might become like I am, except for these chains."

³⁰ Then the king got up, along with the governor and Bernice, and those who were sitting with them.

³¹ When they had withdrawn, they spoke to each other, saying, "This man is not doing anything worthy of death or imprisonment."

³² Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free, if he had not appealed to Caesar."

DASV: Acts 27

¹ When it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they transferred Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion named Julius of the Augustan military cohort.

² Embarking in a ship from Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the places on the coast of the province of Asia, we put out to sea with Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica with us.

³ The next day we put in at Sidon; and Julius treated Paul kindly, allowing him to go to his friends who took care of him.

⁴ Putting out to sea from there, we sailed on the sheltered north side of Cyprus, because the winds were against us.

⁵ After we had sailed across the open sea which is off the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia.

⁶ There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy; and he put us on board.

⁷ We sailed slowly for many days, and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus; as the wind would not permit us to proceed, we sailed under the sheltered southern side of Crete, off Salmone.

⁸ Sailing past it with difficulty we came to a place called Fair Havens; that was near the city of Lasea.

⁹ Since substantial time had been lost, and the voyage was now dangerous, because it was now after the Day of Atonement fast, Paul warned them,

¹⁰ "Men, I can see that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives."

¹¹ But the centurion was more convinced by the master and the owner of the ship, than by what Paul said.

¹² Because the harbor was not a suitable place to winter, the majority decided to put out by sea from there. They were hoping they could reach Phoenix, and winter there. It is a harbor of Crete which faces northwest and southwest.

¹³ When a gentle south wind blew, they thought they could reach their objective, so they weighed anchor and sailed along close to the southern shore of Crete.

¹⁴ But not long after, a hurricane force wind called a 'northeaster' blew off the island.

¹⁵ When the ship was caught in it and could not head into the gale, we gave way to it, and were driven along.

¹⁶ Running under the sheltered side of a small island called Cauda, we were able, with difficulty, to secure the trailing lifeboat.

¹⁷ When they had hoisted it up, they used ropes to hold the whole ship together; fearing they would be run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the anchor, and so were driven along.

¹⁸ The next day we were battered by the gale; they began to throw the cargo overboard.

¹⁹ The third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands.

²⁰ When neither sun or stars had appeared for many days and the intense storm raged unabated, we at last abandoned all hope of being saved.

²¹ When they had been a long time without food, Paul stood up among them, and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have set sail from Crete, and avoided this damage and loss.

²² Now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only the ship.

²³ For last night an angel from God to whom I belong and whom I serve, stood by me,

²⁴ saying, 'Don't be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar, indeed God has granted safety to you and all those who are sailing with you.'

²⁵ Therefore, men, keep up your courage, for I trust God, that it will turn out just as I have been told.

²⁶ But we must run aground on some island."

²⁷ But when the fourteenth night had come, as we were driven to and fro in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were drawing near to land.

²⁸ They took soundings, and found it 120 feet deep; and after going a little farther, they sounded again, and found it 90 feet deep.

²⁹ Fearing that we might run aground on a rocky coast, they let down four anchors from the stern, and prayed for daybreak.

³⁰ Then as the sailors were attempting to abandon ship, having lowered the lifeboat into the sea, pretending they were going to put out anchors from the bow of the ship,

³¹ Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved."

³² So the soldiers cut the ropes to the lifeboat, and let it drift off.

³³ Just as the day was dawning, Paul urged them all to eat some food, saying, "This day is the fourteenth day you have been in suspense and have gone without food, having eaten nothing.

³⁴ Therefore I urge you to eat some food for this is for your survival, for none of you will lose a hair of your head."

³⁵ After he said this he took bread, gave thanks to God in the presence of all of them, and broke it and began to eat.

³⁶ Then they were all encouraged and took food themselves.

³⁷ There were 276 of us in all on the ship.

³⁸ When they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea.

³⁹ When dawn broke, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach. They decided to see if they could drive the ship ashore there.

⁴⁰ So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosed the ropes of the rudders, and hoisted the mainsail to the wind, as they made for the beach.

⁴¹ But they hit a reef where the crosscurrents met. They ran the vessel aground and the bow stuck and remained unmovable, but the stern began to break up from the force of the waves.

⁴² The soldiers' advice was to kill the prisoners, so that none of them would swim away and escape.

⁴³ But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, stopped them from executing their plan; and commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land.

⁴⁴ The rest were to follow on planks, and other pieces of the ship. This is how they all escaped safely to the land.

DASV: Acts 28

¹ When we reached safety, then we learned that the island was called Malta.

² The inhabitants showed us unusual kindness; for they kindled a fire because it was rainy and cold and welcomed us all.

³ But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and was putting them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened itself on his hand.

⁴ When the inhabitants saw the serpent hanging from his hand, they said each other, "No doubt this man is a murderer, even though he escaped from the sea, yet justice has not permitted him to live."

⁵ However he shook off the snake into the fire and suffered no harm.

⁶ But they expected that he would swell up, or drop dead. But after they had waited a long time with nothing happening to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

⁷ Now in the vicinity of that place were lands belonging to the chief official of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us three days hospitably.

⁸ The father of Publius lay in bed sick from fever and dysentery. Paul entered and prayed for him, and laying his hands on him healed him.

⁹ After this had happened, the rest of the people who had diseases on the island came and were cured.

¹⁰ They bestowed many honors on us, and when we sailed, they put on board whatever provisions we needed.

¹¹ After three months we set sail in a ship from Alexandria which had wintered in the island, whose figurehead was the Twin Brothers.

¹² We landed at Syracuse, and spent three days there.

¹³ From there we cast off and arrived at Rhegium. After one day the south wind blew and on the second day we came to Puteoli.

¹⁴ There we found some brothers, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we came to Rome.

¹⁵ From there the brothers, when they heard about us, came out to meet us as far as the Market of Appius and the Three Taverns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

¹⁶ When we entered into Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself with a soldier who guarded him.

¹⁷ After three days he called together those who were the leaders of the Jews. When they had come together, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people, or the customs of our fathers, yet I was handed over in Jerusalem as a prisoner to the Romans.

¹⁸ After they had interrogated me, they desired to release me, because there was no crime worthy of death in me.

¹⁹ But when the Jews objected, I was forced to appeal to Caesar; although it was not my intention to bring any accusation against my nation.

²⁰ For this reason I asked to see and to speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

²¹ They replied, "We have not received letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers here have reported or spoken anything bad about you.

²² But we want to hear from you what you think; for as concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere."

²³ When they scheduled a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodging in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God, and persuading them concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets.

²⁴ Some were convinced by what he said, but others refused to believe.

²⁵ When they could find no consensus among themselves, as they began to leave Paul made one final statement, "Well spoke the Holy Spirit through Isaiah the prophet to your forefathers,

²⁶ saying,

'Go to this people, and say,

"You will hear but not understand;

you will see but not perceive.

²⁷ For this people's heart has become hard,

and their ears are dull of hearing,

and they have closed their eyes;

so that they might not see with their eyes,

and hear with their ears,

and understand with their heart,

and should turn again,

and I should heal them."

²⁸ Therefore let it be known to you, that this salvation from God is sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen to it."

²⁹ [Some manuscripts have: After he said these words, the Jews left, arguing among themselves.]

³⁰ He stayed two whole years in his own rented dwelling, and welcomed all who came to visit him,

³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness without any restriction.

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¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,
³ concerning his Son, who was born a descendant of David according to the flesh,
⁴ who was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness,
by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

⁵ Through him we have received grace and apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for his name's sake.

⁶ You also are among those who are called to be Jesus Christ's.

⁷ To all those in Rome, loved by God, called to be holy:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world.

⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit by announcing the good news of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you in my prayers,

¹⁰ requesting if there is any way now at last, by the will of God, I may be successful in coming to you.

¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be strengthened,

¹² that is, so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that often I intended to come to you (but was prevented until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the rest of the Gentiles.

¹⁴ I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

¹⁵ So, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it a righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "The righteous will live by faith."

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth by their unrighteousness,

¹⁹ because what can be known about God is clear to them; for God has shown it to them.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes are clearly seen, even his everlasting power and divinity, being seen through the things that are made. So they are without excuse.

²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not glorify him as God, or give thanks to him; but became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for images resembling corruptible man, birds, four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to dishonor their own bodies among themselves.

²⁵ They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to shameful passions. For even their women exchanged the natural sexual relations for that which unnatural.

²⁷ Similarly, the men also leaving the natural relations with women, burned in their lust toward each other, men with men committing shameless acts, and receiving in themselves the appropriate penalty for their error.

²⁸ Since they refused to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind, to do those things that should never be done.

²⁹ They are filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

³¹ foolish, untrustworthy, heartless, having no mercy.

³² Although they know the righteous decree of God, that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but also give approval to those who practice them.

DASV: Romans 2

¹ Therefore you are without excuse, whoever you are who judges others. For in your judgment of someone else, you condemn yourself; for you who judge do the very same things.

² Now we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

³ Do you think, whoever you are, who judges those who practice such things, and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?

⁴ Or do you despise the riches of his goodness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that the goodness of God is meant to lead you to repentance?

⁵ But because of your hard and unrepentant heart you are storing up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

⁶ He will render to everyone according to their works:

⁷ eternal life on those who by patience in doing good seek for glory, honor and immortality,

⁸ but wrath and fury on those who are selfishly self-serving, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness.

⁹ There will be tribulation and anguish on everyone who does evil, for the Jew first, and also for the Greek,

¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace on everyone who does good, for the Jew first, and also for the Greek.

¹¹ For there is no favoritism with God.

¹² For as many as have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and as many as have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.

¹³ For it is not the hearers of the law who are just before God, but the doers of the law will be justified.

¹⁴ For when the Gentiles who do not have the law do by nature the requirements of the law, these who do not have the law, are a law to themselves.

¹⁵ They show the work of the law is written in their hearts, for their conscience bears witness to this, and their conflicting thoughts accusing or else excusing them,

¹⁶ on the day when God will judge the secrets of everyone, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.

¹⁷ But if you call yourself a Jew, and rely on the law, and boast of a special relationship to God,

¹⁸ and know his will, and know the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law,

¹⁹ and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light for those who are in darkness,

²⁰ a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth,

²¹ you who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preaches against stealing, do you steal?

²² You who say it is wrong to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

²³ You who boast in the law, do you through your breaking the law dishonor God?

²⁴ Just as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

²⁵ For circumcision is beneficial, if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

²⁶ If therefore one who is uncircumcised keeps the requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

²⁷ Will not those who are physically uncircumcised if they keep the law, judge you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law?

²⁸ For a person is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is circumcision only that which is merely external in the flesh.

²⁹ But someone is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, in the spirit not in the written code. Such a person does not receive praise from humans, but from God.

DASV: Romans 3

¹ What advantage then has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

² Much, in every way. First of all, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God.

³ What if some of them did not believe? Does their lack of faith nullify the faithfulness of God?

⁴ Certainly not! Let God be proven true and every human a liar. As it is written,
 "so that you might be justified in your words,
 and prevail when you are judged."

⁵ But if our unrighteousness proves the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous when he inflicts punishment on us? (I am speaking from a human perspective.)

⁶ Certainly not! For how then could God judge the world?

⁷ But if by my lie the truth of God emphasizes his glory, why am I also still condemned as a sinner?

⁸ Why not say, as some slanderously claim that we are saying, "Let us do evil, that good may result?" Their condemnation is deserved.

⁹ What then? Are we better than they are? Not at all, for we have before demonstrated that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin,

¹⁰ just as it is written,

 "There is none righteous, not even one."

¹¹ "There is no one who understands,
 there is no one who seeks after God.

¹² All have turned away,
 together they have become worthless.

 There is no one who does good,
 not even one.

¹³ Their throat is an open grave,
 they use their tongues to deceive.

 The poison of asps is under their lips."

¹⁴ "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood,
¹⁶ ruin and misery are in their paths,
¹⁷ the way of peace they have not known."

¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and all the world may be accountable before God.

²⁰ For by the works of the law no one will be justified in his sight, for through the law comes the awareness of sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been revealed, which is attested by the law and the prophets,

²² the righteousness from God through faith in Jesus Christ to all those who believe. For there is no distinction.

²³ For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

²⁵ whom God set forth as an atoning sacrifice by his blood, through faith. He did this to show his righteousness because in the forbearance of God he passed over the sins previously committed,

²⁶ demonstrating his righteousness at this present time, so that he might himself be just and the justifier of the one that has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By works? No, but by the law of faith.

²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too.

³⁰ Since God is one, and he will justify those circumcised by faith, as well as those uncircumcised through faith,

³¹ do we then nullify the law through faith? Not a chance. Rather, we uphold the law.

DASV: Romans 4

¹ What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found regarding this?

² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness."

⁴ Now to the one who works, the reward is not counted as a gift, but as something owed.

⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes on him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

⁶ Just as David also describes the blessing on the one, to whom God credits with righteousness apart from works:

⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered.

⁸ Blessed is the man to whom
the Lord will not count his sin."

⁹ Is this blessing then pronounced only on the circumcision, or on the uncircumcision as well? For we say, "Faith was counted to Abraham for righteousness."

¹⁰ How then was it credited to him? When he was circumcised, or not? It was not when he was circumcised, but uncircumcised.

¹¹ He received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while he was still uncircumcised; so that he might become the father of all those who believe, even though they had not been circumcised, so that righteousness might be counted to them as well.

¹² And he is also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised, but who also walk in the steps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and to his descendants that he would inherit the world did not come through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴ For if they became heirs by means of the law, then faith is worthless, and the promise negated.

¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, there is no violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it is based on faith, that it may be according to grace, resulting in the promise being guaranteed to all his descendants; not only to those who are under the law, but also to those who have the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.

¹⁷ As it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the presence of God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead, and calls things into existence that were not, as though they existed.

¹⁸ He believed hoping against hope that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what had been promised, "So will your descendants be."

¹⁹ Without weakening in faith, even when he considered his own body as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb,

²⁰ yet he did not waver in unbelief concerning the promise of God, but grew strong through faith, giving glory to God.

²¹ He was fully convinced that what God had promised, he was able to do.

²² Therefore it was counted to him as righteousness.

²³ Now the statement that "it was counted to him" was not written for his sake alone,

²⁴ but also for our sake, to whom it will be counted, who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

²⁵ He was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

DASV: Romans 5

¹ Therefore since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

² through whom we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

³ Not only that, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance;

⁴ and endurance, character; and character, hope,

⁵ and hope does not disappoint; because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at exactly the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ For rarely would anyone die for a righteous person, although someone might even die for a good person.

⁸ But God showed his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ How much more then, being now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

¹⁰ For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, being reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

¹¹ Even more than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death spread to everyone, because all sinned--

¹³ for before the law was given sin was in the world; but sin is not counted as sin when there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the same way Adam transgressed, who is a paradigm of him who was to come.

¹⁵ But the gracious gift is not like the trespass. For if many died by the trespass of the one person, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, multiply to many.

¹⁶ The gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For the judgment resulting from one sin brought condemnation, but the free gift after many trespasses resulted in justification.

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one person, death reigned through that one; how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ So then just as one trespass resulted in the condemnation of all, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for everyone.

¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of the one man many will be made righteous.

²⁰ Now the law came in so that the trespass might increase; but where sin increased, grace multiplied even more,

²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DASV: Romans 6

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, so that grace may abound?

² Certainly not! Since we have died to sin, how can we still live in it?

³ Or do you not know that as many of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ Therefore we were buried with him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will also be united in the likeness of his resurrection.

⁶ We know this, that our old self was crucified with him, so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin.

⁷ For the one who has died is freed from sin.

⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

⁹ We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, never to die again, death has no more mastery over him.

¹⁰ For the death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ So you too consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Therefore do not let sin to reign in your mortal body, so that you obey its lusts,

¹³ and do not present the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God, as those alive from the dead, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

¹⁴ For sin will not have mastery over you; since you are not under law, but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace? Certainly not!

¹⁶ Do you not realize that if you present yourselves to someone as slaves to obey, you are slaves to whomever you obey, either as a slave of sin to death, or as a slave of obedience which results in righteousness?

¹⁷ But thank God, that although you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were entrusted.

¹⁸ Then being set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

¹⁹ I speak in human terms because of the limits of your flesh. For just as you presented your body members as slaves to impurity and to increasing lawlessness, even so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

²¹ So what benefit did you get from those things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

²² But now you are free from sin and have become slaves of God, you have the benefit of holiness and the end result is eternal life.

²³ For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

DASV: Romans 7

¹ Or do you not realize, brothers (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person for as long as he lives?

² For a married woman who has a husband is bound by law to her husband as long as he lives; but if the husband dies, she is released from the law with respect to her husband.

³ So then, if she is joined to another man while the husband lives, she will be called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is not an adulteress even though she is joined to another man.

⁴ Therefore, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may be joined to another, to him who was raised from the dead, so that we might produce fruit to God.

⁵ For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the law, worked in our members to produce fruit to death.

⁶ But now we have been released from the law, having died to what held us captive, so that we may serve in new life of the spirit, and not in oldness of the written code.

⁷ What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not. Yet if it had not been for the law I would not have known what it is to covet, except the law had said, "You shall not covet."

⁸ But sin, taking the opportunity, produced in me through the commandment all kinds of coveting. For apart from the law sin is dead.

⁹ And I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came to life, and I died.

¹⁰ So I found that the commandment, which was to bring life, in fact brought death.

¹¹ For sin, taking opportunity through the commandment deceived me, and through it killed me,

¹² so that the law is holy, and the commandment holy, righteous, and good.

¹³ Did that which is good then become death to me? Certainly not. But sin, so that it might be exposed to be sin, worked death in me through that which was good, so that through the commandment sin might become absolutely sinful.

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery to sin.

¹⁵ For I do not really know what I am doing. For what I want to do, is what I do not do; but what I hate, is the very thing that I do.

¹⁶ But if what I do not want to do, is what I do, then I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷ So now it is no more I who do it, but sin that lives in me.

¹⁸ For I know that in me lives no good thing, that is, in my flesh, for the desire to do what is good is in me, but I cannot actually do it.

¹⁹ For the good that I want to do I do not do; but the evil that I do not want to do, is what I actually practice.

²⁰ But if what I do not want to do is what I do, it is no more I who do it, but sin that lives in me.

²¹ I find then this principle: that when I want to do good, evil is present with me.

²² For I delight in the law of God in my inner being.

²³ But I see a different law in my body members, making war against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin that is in my members.

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with my mind, I myself serve the law of God; but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

DASV: Romans 8

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh on account of sin; he condemned sin in the flesh,

⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh fix their minds on the things of the flesh; but those who live according to the Spirit fix their minds on the things of the Spirit.

⁶ For to fix one's mind on the flesh is death; but to fix one's mind on the Spirit is life and peace,

⁷ because the mind fixed on the flesh is enmity against God; for it does not submit to the law of God, nor indeed is it able to.

⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God lives in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him.

¹⁰ If Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin; the spirit is life because of righteousness.

¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead lives in you, he who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit that lives in you.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the children of God.

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery resulting again in fear; but you received the spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba, Father."

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God.

¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if indeed we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the creation eagerly awaits the revealing of the children of God.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of him who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²² For we know that the whole creation groans with labor pains until now.

²³ Not only this, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, also groan within ourselves, eagerly awaiting our adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved, but hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he already sees?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, then we patiently wait for it.

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should; but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings which are ineffable.

²⁷ The one who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For those he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; and those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³² He who did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how will he not also, along with him, freely give us all things?

³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died, yes and beyond that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁶ Just as it is written,

"For your sake we are killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep for the slaughter."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

DASV: Romans 9

¹ I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit,

² that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for the sake of my people, my kindred according to the flesh,

⁴ who are Israelites. To them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the temple worship, and the promises.

⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from whom Christ came according to the flesh, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all descended from Israel truly belong to Israel,

⁷ and not all of Abraham's descendants are his true descendants. Rather "in Isaac your descendants will be called."

⁸ That means that it is not the children of the flesh that are children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

⁹ For this is the word of promise, "In about a year I will return and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁰ And not only that, but Rebecca also having conceived by one man, our forefather Isaac

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¹¹ for even before they were born and had done anything good or bad, so that the purpose of God in election might stand, not by works, but by him who calls,

¹² it was said to her, "The elder will serve the younger."

¹³ Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice with God? Certainly not.

¹⁵ For he said to Moses,

"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,

and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶ So then it does not depend on human will or exertion, but on God who has mercy.

¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he wants to, and he hardens whomever he wants to.

¹⁹ You will say then to me, "Why does he still find fault? For who is able to resist his will?"

²⁰ But who do you think you are, O man, who talks back to God? Does the thing that is molded say to him who shaped it, "Why did you make me like this?"

²¹ Or does the potter not have a right over the clay, from the same lump to make one object for a special use, and another for dishonorable use?

²² What if God, wanting to show his wrath, and to make his power known, has endured with much patience objects of wrath made for destruction?

²³ What if he did it to make known the riches of his glory on the objects of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory--

²⁴ even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews, but also from the Gentiles?

²⁵ As he also says in Hosea,

"I will call those who were not my people, 'my people,'
and her who was not loved, 'beloved.'"

²⁶ "And in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,'
there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"

²⁷ Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel,

"If the number of the children of Israel are as the sand of the sea,
only a remnant will be saved,

²⁸ for the Lord will execute his sentence upon the earth,
totally and quickly."

²⁹ Just as Isaiah predicted,

"Unless the Lord of hosts had left us descendants,
we would have become like Sodom,
and been made like Gomorrah."

³⁰ What shall we say then? Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained it, that is,
the righteousness that comes by faith.

³¹ but Israel, pursuing a righteousness based on law, did not achieve it.

³² Why not? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works.
They stumbled over the stumbling stone,

³³ just as it is written,

"See, I lay in Zion a stone that will make people stumble
and a rock that makes them fall,
and the one who believes in him will not be put to shame."

DASV: Romans 10

¹ Brothers, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

² For I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but not according to true knowledge.

³ For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God.

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the law, "the one who does these things will live by them."

⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)

⁷ or, "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.)

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth, and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith, that we proclaim),

⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and will believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and so has righteousness; and with the mouth one confesses and so is saved.

¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, and generously blesses all who call on him.

¹³ For, "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how will they believe in him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without someone preaching to them?

¹⁵ And how will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who proclaim the good news!"

¹⁶ But not all have obeyed the good news. For Isaiah asked, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

¹⁷ So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the word of Christ.

¹⁸ But I ask, did they not hear? Yes, of course,
"Their voice has gone out into all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world."

¹⁹ But I ask, did Israel not know? First, Moses says,
"I will provoke you to jealousy with those who are not a nation,
with a nation lacking understanding I will make you angry."

²⁰ And Isaiah is very bold, and says,
"I was found by those who did not seek me;
I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."

²¹ But about Israel he says,
"All the day long I spread out my hands
to a disobedient and rebellious people."

DASV: Romans 11

¹ I ask then, has God rejected his people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

² God did not reject his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says concerning Elijah, how he pleaded with God against Israel?

³ "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have torn down your altars; and I am the only one left, and they are seeking my life."

⁴ But what was God's response to him? "I have preserved for myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

⁵ So in that same way, at this present time, there is a remnant chosen by grace.

⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no more by works; otherwise grace would no more longer be grace.

⁷ What then? What Israel was seeking it failed to obtain. The elect obtained it but the rest were hardened,

⁸ just as it is written,

"God gave them a spirit of deep sleep,
eyes that they should not see,
and ears that they should not hear,
down to this very day."

⁹ And David said,

"Let their table be made a snare and a trap,
and a stumbling block, giving them what they deserve.

¹⁰ Let their eyes be darkened, so that they may not see,
and their backs be bent over forever."

¹¹ I ask then, Did they stumble into an unrecoverable fall? Certainly not. But by their fall salvation has come to the Gentiles, to provoke Israel to jealousy.

¹² Now if their transgression results in riches for the world, and their loss results in riches for the Gentiles; what more will their restoration result in?

¹³ But I speak to you who are Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to Gentiles, I glorify my ministry

¹⁴ if there is any way by which I may provoke to jealousy my own people, and so save some of them.

¹⁵ For if their rejection results in the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

¹⁶ If the first piece of dough offered is holy, then the whole batch is also holy, and if the root is holy, then so are the branches.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them, and now share with them the rich root of the olive tree,

¹⁸ do not brag as being better than the branches. But if you do brag, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root supports you.

¹⁹ You will claim then, "The branches were broken off, so that I might be grafted in."

²⁰ Well said. But they were broken off because of their unbelief, and you stand by faith. So do not be arrogant, but fear.

²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

²² Take note of the kindness and severity of God: severity toward those who fell, but God's kindness toward you, if you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

²³ And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted back in, for God is able to graft them in again.

²⁴ For if you were cut from what was by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree?

²⁵ For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you become conceited: a partial hardening has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, just as it is written,
"There will come out of Zion the Deliverer;
he will remove ungodliness from Jacob.

²⁷ And this is my covenant with them,
when I take away their sins."

²⁸ In regard to the gospel, they are enemies for your sake, but in regard to election, they are beloved for the forefathers' sake.

²⁹ For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

³⁰ For just as you were once disobedient to God, but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

³¹ so they also are now disobedient, in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.

³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, in order that he might have mercy on all.

³³ O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments,
and how unfathomable are his ways!

³⁴ For who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?

³⁵ Or who has first given to God,

so that he is obligated to repay him?

³⁶ For from him, and through him, and to him, are all things.

To him be the glory forever. Amen.

DASV: Romans 12

¹ Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the good and pleasing and perfect will of God.

³ For by the grace that was given me, I tell everyone among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but so to think with sound judgment, each one as God has assigned a measure of faith.

⁴ For just as we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function,

⁵ so we who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

⁶ And we have different gifts according to the grace that was given to us, if prophecy, then use it in proportion to faith.

⁷ If it is service, then use it to serve; if it is teaching, then teach;

⁸ if it is exhortation, then exhort; if it is giving, do so generously; if it is ruling, then do it with diligence; if doing acts of mercy, do it with cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil, cling to what is good.

¹⁰ Love each other with mutual devotion, showing honor to one another.

¹¹ Do not be lazy in zeal; be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in suffering; be persistent in prayer.

¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly.

Do not be wise in your own estimation.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be concerned about things honorable in the sight of all.

¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as it depends on you, be at peace with all.

¹⁹ Never take revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God. For it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord."

²⁰ But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in doing this you will heap coals of fire on his head.

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

DASV: Romans 13

¹ Let everyone submit to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God; and those that exist have been instituted by God.

² Therefore whoever resists authority, resists what God has arranged and those who resist will incur judgment on themselves.

³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to the bad. Do you want not to be afraid of authority? Do what is good, and you will receive its approval,

⁴ for it is God's servant to you for good. But if you do what is wrong, be afraid, for it does not bear the sword for nothing. It is a servant of God, an avenger who executes God's wrath on the one who does wrong.

⁵ Therefore you need to submit, not only because of the authority's ability to punish, but also for conscience' sake.

⁶ For this same reason pay your taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busily attentive to their governing.

⁷ Pay everyone what you owe: taxes to whom taxes are due; revenue to whom revenue is due; respect to whom respect is due; and honor to whom honor is due.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for one who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ Do this, realizing what time it is that it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep. For our salvation is now nearer than when we first believed.

¹² The night is almost over and the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.

¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the daytime; not in partying and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not make provision for the flesh, to satisfy its desires.

DASV: Romans 14

- ¹ Accept those who are weak in faith, without arguing over questionable opinions.
- ² One person has faith to eat everything, but the weak eats only vegetables.
- ³ The one who eats everything should not despise the one who does not eat; and the one who does not eat should not judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.
- ⁴ Who are you who judges the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls, and will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.
- ⁵ One man regards one day above another, while another regards every day the same. Each person should be fully convinced in his own mind.
- ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and the one who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and the one who does not eat, does not eat to the Lord, and gives God thanks.
- ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none dies to himself.
- ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
- ⁹ For this reason Christ died and came to life again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
- ¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.
- ¹¹ For it is written,
 "As I live, says the Lord,
 every knee will bow to me,
 and every tongue will give praise to God."
- ¹² So then each one of us will give account of himself to God.
- ¹³ Therefore we must not pass judgment on each other anymore, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in a brother's way.
- ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but to one who thinks it is unclean, then for that person it is unclean.
- ¹⁵ If your brother is upset by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy by your food one for whom Christ died.
- ¹⁶ So do not let your good be spoken of as evil.
- ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- ¹⁸ One who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by people.
- ¹⁹ So then let us pursue things which make for peace and for building each other up.
- ²⁰ Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. For all things are clean, but it is wrong to make someone stumble because of what you eat.
- ²¹ It is good not to eat meat, or to drink wine, or to do anything that causes your brother to stumble.
- ²² The faith convictions you have, keep to yourself before God. Blessed is he who does not condemn himself by what he approves.

²³ But whoever doubts is condemned if he eats, because he is not eating from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

DASV: Romans 15

¹ Now we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not please ourselves.

² Let each one of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

³ For even Christ did not please himself; but, just as it is written, "The insults of those who insulted you fell on me."

⁴ For whatever things were written in former times were written for our instruction, so that through the endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

⁵ Now the God of endurance and encouragement grant you unity with each other in accordance with Christ Jesus,

⁶ so that with one mind you may with a single voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received you, to the glory of God.

⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might confirm the promises given to the forefathers,

⁹ in order that the Gentiles might praise God for his mercy; as it is written,

"Therefore will I confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name."

¹⁰ And again it says,

"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹ And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
and let all the peoples praise him."

¹² And again, Isaiah says,

"There will be the root of Jesse,
and he who rises to rule over the Gentiles,
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁴ But I myself am convinced concerning you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and well able to correct one another.

¹⁵ But I have written boldly to you on some matters, so as to remind you, because of the grace that was given me by God,

¹⁶ that I should be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles may be an acceptable offering, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

¹⁷ I have, therefore, reason for being proud in Christ Jesus because of the things done for God.

¹⁸ For I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, to lead the Gentiles to obedience, by word and deed,

¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

²⁰ I have made it my aim to preach the gospel where Christ has not already been named, so that I might not build on someone else's foundation,

²¹ but, as it is written,

"Those who were never told about him will see him,
and those who have never heard will understand."

²² This is why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.

²³ But now, I have nothing more to keep me in these regions. For many years I have desired to come to you,

²⁴ when I go to Spain. For I hope to see you on my journey and to be sent on my way there by you, after first enjoying your company for a while.

²⁵ But now, I am going to Jerusalem, to minister to the saints.

²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor saints who are in Jerusalem.

²⁷ They were pleased to do it because they realize they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they owe it to them to minister to them in material things.

²⁸ So when I have accomplished this, and have delivered this contribution to them, I will head to Spain by way of you.

²⁹ I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

³⁰ Now I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that you join in my struggle by your prayers to God on my behalf,

³¹ that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my ministry in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

³² so that I may come to you with joy by God's will, and be refreshed in your company.

³³ Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

DASV: Romans 16

- ¹ I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church at Cenchreae,
² so that you may welcome her in the Lord, in a way worthy of the saints, and that you may assist her in whatever she needs from you, for she has been a benefactor of many, including me too.
- ³ Greet Prisca and Aquila my co-workers in Christ Jesus,
⁴ who risked their own necks for my life, for whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.
- ⁵ Greet the church that is in their house. Greet my good friend Epaenetus, who is the first convert to Christ in the province in Asia.
- ⁶ Greet Mary, who worked hard for you.
- ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junias, my Jewish compatriots and fellow prisoners, who are respected among the apostles, who also were in Christ before I was.
- ⁸ Greet Ampliatus my good friend in the Lord.
- ⁹ Greet Urbanus our co-worker in Christ, and good friend Stachys.
- ¹⁰ Greet Apelles who is approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.
- ¹¹ Greet Herodion my Jewish compatriot. Greet those of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.
- ¹² Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet beloved Persis, who labored hard in the Lord.
- ¹³ Greet Rufus the chosen in the Lord, and his mother who was also a mother to me.
- ¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them.
- ¹⁵ Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.
- ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.
- ¹⁷ Now I urge you, brothers, watch out for those who are causing the divisions and create obstacles for stumbling contrary to the teaching which you learned; avoid them.
- ¹⁸ For these are the type who do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the naive.
- ¹⁹ For your obedience is known to everyone which is why I rejoice over you. But I want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent about what is evil.
- ²⁰ The God of peace will shortly crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- ²¹ Timothy my co-worker greets you; along with Lucius, Jason and Sosipater, my Jewish compatriot.
- ²² I Tertius, who write this letter, greet you in the Lord.
- ²³ Gaius who is my host and the whole church, greets you. Erastus the treasurer of the city greets you, along with our brother Quartus.

²⁴ [Some manuscripts have: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.]

²⁵ Now to him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that has been kept secret for long ages,

²⁶ but now is disclosed, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith--

²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever. Amen.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: 1 Corinthians 1**

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, along with Sosthenes, our brother,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, along with all those in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.

⁵ For in everything you were enriched in him, in every kind of speech and all knowledge--

⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been confirmed among you--

⁷ so that you are lacking in no spiritual gift, as you expectantly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ He will also establish you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁰ Now I urge you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you be in agreement with each other and that there be no divisions among you; and that you be perfectly united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

¹¹ For it has been reported to me by those who are members of Chloe's household, concerning you, my brothers, that there are quarrels among you.

¹² Now what I mean is this, that each of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," or "I am a follower of Apollos," or "I am a follower of Cephas," or "I am a follower of Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you, except Crispus and Gaius,

¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

¹⁶ I also baptized the household of Stephanas; besides those, I do not think I baptized anyone else.

¹⁷ For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in clever words, so that the cross of Christ would be emptied of its impact.

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who perish; but to us who are saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the shrewdness of the intelligent I will negate."

²⁰ Where is the wise? Where is the religious scholar? Where is the insightful debater of this age? Has God not made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through its wisdom did not know God, he was pleased through the foolishness of the preaching to save those who believe.

²² For the Jews demand a sign, and Greeks pursue wisdom,

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness;

²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom; and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own calling, brothers, that not many of you were wise when evaluated by human standards, not many mighty, and not many of noble birth.

²⁷ But God chose what the world considers foolish to put to shame the wise; and God chose what the world considers weak, to put to shame the things that are strong.

²⁸ God chose the things considered low and despised by the world, even the things regarded as nothing, that he might bring to nothing the things considered to be something,

²⁹ so that no one would be able to boast before God.

³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who was made for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

³¹ so that, just as it is written,

"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

DASV: 1 Corinthians 2

¹ When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with brilliant oratory or esoteric wisdom, when proclaiming to you the mystery of God.

² For I determined not to know anything among you, except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

³ I was with you in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling.

⁴ My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

⁵ so that your faith should not be based on human wisdom but in the power of God.

⁶ We speak wisdom among those who are mature, but not a wisdom of this age, or of the rulers of this age, who are amounting to nothing.

⁷ But we speak God's wisdom in a secret mystery, that God predetermined before the ages for our glory.

⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹ But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen,
and no ear heard,
and no mind has imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him."

¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

¹¹ For what human being knows a person's thoughts, except the spirit of the person which is in him? So too, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

¹² Now we did not receive the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God; so that we may know the gifts God has freely given us.

¹³ And we speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but those which the Spirit teaches; explaining spiritual matters to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Now the natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are discerned spiritually.

¹⁵ But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, yet he himself is judged by no one.

¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord,
that he should instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 3

¹ And I, brothers, could not speak to you as spiritual, but as fleshly people, as infants in Christ.

² I fed you with milk, not with solid food; for you were not yet ready for it, and even now are still not ready,

³ for you are still under the influence of the flesh. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not under the influence of the flesh, and are you not walking in a manner typical of humans?

⁴ For when someone says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another, "I am a follower of Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵ Really, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? Servants through whom you believed; just as the Lord assigned to each of us.

⁶ I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the growth.

⁷ So then the one who plants is nothing special, nor does the one who waters really matter; but God who gives the growth.

⁸ Now the one who plants and the one who waters are one, but each will receive his own wages according to the work he has done.

⁹ For we are God's coworkers, you are God's garden, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation; and someone else built on it. But each one must be careful how he builds on it.

¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² But if anyone builds on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw,

¹³ each builder's work will be revealed, for the Day will clarify it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test the kind of work each person has done.

¹⁴ If anyone's work survives, he will receive a reward.

¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, yet he himself will be saved; but only as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

¹⁷ If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy that one; for the temple of God is holy, which is what you all are.

¹⁸ Do not be self-deceived. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a "fool," so that he may become wise.

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own cleverness,"

²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise that they are futile."

²¹ So let no one boast about men. For all things are yours,

²² whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or the present, or the future; everything is yours,

²³ and you are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 4

¹ This is how you should think about us, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

² Here is what is required of stewards: that they be found faithful.

³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

⁴ For I am not conscious of anything against myself; yet just because of that I am not necessarily acquitted. But it is the Lord who judges me.

⁵ So judge nothing before the time, wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light the things hidden in darkness, and will expose the motives of the heart. Then each one will have the appropriate commendation from God.

⁶ Now these things, brothers, I have applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes; so that through us you might learn not to go beyond what is written; so that none of you will be puffed up by comparisons one against another.

⁷ For what makes you so special? What do you have that you did not receive? But if you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

⁸ Already you are satisfied, already you are rich, you have become kings without us. I wish that you had in fact become kings, so that we also might reign with you.

⁹ For, I think, God has exhibited us the apostles last of all, as men condemned to death, for we have become a spectacle to the world, both to humans and angels.

¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are so wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are so strong. You are held up to such honor, but we are dishonored.

¹¹ Even to this present hour we are hungry and thirsty, clothed in rags, beaten up and homeless.

¹² We labor working with our own hands. When insulted, we bless; when persecuted, we endure it;

¹³ when slandered, we answer affably, we are made the trash of the earth, the refuse of all things, even until now.

¹⁴ I do not write these things to shame you, but to correct you as my beloved children.

¹⁵ For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers. For in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

¹⁶ So I urge you, be imitators of me.

¹⁷ This is why I sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord. He will put you in remembrance of my ways in Christ, even as I teach them everywhere in every church.

¹⁸ Now some of you have become arrogant, assuming that I was not coming to you.

¹⁹ But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills; and I will find out not about their arrogant talk, but their power.

²⁰ For the kingdom of God is not just talk, but power.

²¹ What do you want? Shall I come to you with a disciplinary rod, or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

DASV: 1 Corinthians 5

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such immorality that is not even practiced among the Gentiles, that someone has sex with his father's wife.

² And yet you are arrogant about it. Should you not have grieved instead, so that he who did this might be removed from among you?

³ For though I am absent in body, I am present in spirit; I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did this.

⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are gathered together, and I am with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

⁵ deliver this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Aren't you aware that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?

⁷ Clean out the old yeast, so that you may be a new batch of dough, as you already are without yeast. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

⁸ Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old yeast, with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

⁹ I wrote to you in my epistle not to associate with people who are sexually immoral--

¹⁰ not at all meaning with the immoral people of this world, or greedy and swindlers or idolaters, otherwise you would have to depart from this world.

¹¹ But now I am writing to you not to associate, if anyone who is a brother is sexually immoral, or greedy, or an idolater, a slanderer, a drunkard, or a swindler. Don't even eat with someone like that.

¹² For what do I have to do with judging those who are outside? Yet isn't it your responsibility to judge those who are inside?

¹³ But those who are outside God will judge. Remove the wicked person from among you.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 6

¹ When any of you has a legal grievance against someone, does he take it to court before the unrighteous rather than before the saints?

² Don't you realize that the saints will judge the world? Since you will judge the world, are you incompetent to judge trivial cases?

³ Don't you realize that we will judge angels? How much more, then, issues dealing with this life.

⁴ If then you have to judge ordinary lawsuits, should you appoint judges from those who have no standing in the church?

⁵ I say this to shame you. Can there not be found among you one wise person who is able to settle disputes between his brothers?

⁶ Does one brother go to court with another brother, and even do it before unbelievers?

⁷ The fact that you have lawsuits with one another demonstrates that you are already defeated. Why not just suffer the wrong? Why not rather be cheated?

⁸ But beyond that, you yourselves wrong and cheat, even your own brothers.

⁹ Don't you realize that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, or practicing homosexuals,

¹⁰ thieves, greedy, drunkards, slanderers, or swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ And this is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

¹² "All things are lawful for me," but all things are not beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be brought under the control of anything.

¹³ "Food for the stomach, and the stomach for food," but God will do away with both of them. But the body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

¹⁴ God both raised the Lord and will raise up us by his power.

¹⁵ Don't you realize that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I then take the members of Christ, and make them members of a prostitute? Certainly not.

¹⁶ Or don't you know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one body with her? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."

¹⁷ But whoever is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a person does is outside the body; but the one who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

¹⁹ Don't you realize that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

²⁰ For you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 7

¹ Now concerning the matters you wrote about: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman."

² But, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

³ The husband should fulfill his sexual duties to his wife, and likewise the wife to the husband.

⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does, and likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

⁵ Do not deprive one another, except it be by mutual consent for a set time, so that you may give yourselves to prayer. Then come together again, so that Satan not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

⁶ But I say this by way of concession, not as a command.

⁷ Yet I wish that everyone was just as I am. However each person has their own gift from God, one after this kind, and another after that.

⁸ But I say to the unmarried and to widows: it is good for them to remain even as I am.

⁹ But if they do not have self-control, then let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with lust.

¹⁰ But to the married I give this directive--not I, but the Lord--that the wife should not separate from her husband

¹¹ (but if she does separate, let her stay unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband); and the husband should not divorce his wife.

¹² But to the rest I say--I, not the Lord--if any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she is willing to live with him, he should not divorce her.

¹³ And if a woman has an unbelieving husband, and he is willing to live with her, she should not divorce him.

¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; otherwise your children would be unclean; but now they are holy.

¹⁵ Yet if the unbeliever leaves, let him leave; the believing brother or sister is not bound in such situations for God has called us to live in peace.

¹⁶ For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

¹⁷ Only let each person walk as the Lord has assigned them, as God has called each one. I give this guidance in all the churches.

¹⁸ Was anyone called being circumcised? He should not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while being uncircumcised? He should not be circumcised.

¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but the keeping of the commandments of God is what matters.

²⁰ Let each person remain in that circumstance in which he was called.

²¹ Were you a slave when you were called? Do not worry about it. But if you can gain your freedom, do it.

²² For the one who was called in the Lord being a slave, is the Lord's freedman; likewise the one who was called being free, is Christ's slave.

²³ You were bought with a price. Do not become slaves of men.

²⁴ Brothers, let each person, in whatever situation he was called, remain there with God.

²⁵ Now concerning virgins I have no commandment from the Lord, but I give my own opinion, as one who has received mercy from the Lord to be trustworthy.

²⁶ I think that because of the present crisis, that it is good for a man to stay as he is.

²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife?

Do not seek a wife.

²⁸ But if you decide to marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin decides to marry, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have trouble in this current situation and I want to spare you from that.

²⁹ But I tell you this, brothers, the time is short. From now on both those who have wives will be as though they had none;

³⁰ those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess it;

³¹ and those who use the world, as though not using it to the full. For the present pattern of this world is passing away.

³² But I want you to be free from such cares. He who is unmarried is concerned for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.

³³ But he who is married is concerned for the things of the world, how he may please his wife,

³⁴ and his allegiances are divided. So also a woman who is unmarried or a virgin is concerned for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married is concerned for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

³⁵ I am saying this for your own benefit; not to impose a restriction on you, but to promote order and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.

³⁶ But if anyone thinks that he behaves improperly toward his fiancé, if she is passing the marriageable age, and if necessity requires it, let him do what he wants; he has not sinned. Let them marry.

³⁷ But he who stands firm to the resolve in his heart, and there is no necessity, but has control of his own passion and has decided to keep her as a virgin, he will do well.

³⁸ So then both he who marries his fiancé does well; and he who does not marry her does even better.

³⁹ A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whomever she wants; only to someone in the Lord.

⁴⁰ But she is happier if she stays as she is, in my opinion--and I also think that I have the Spirit of God.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 8

¹ Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "we all have knowledge."

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

² If anyone thinks that he knows something, he does not yet know what he ought to know.

³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by him.

⁴ Now concerning the eating of food sacrificed to idols, we know that "an idol doesn't exist in the real world," and that "there is no God but one."

⁵ For though there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many so-called gods, and many lords),

⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we live for him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through him we live.

⁷ However not everyone has this knowledge. But some, even now are so accustomed to the idol, that they still eat food as something sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak, is defiled.

⁸ But food will not bring us closer to God. We are no worse if we do not eat it, and no better off if we do eat it.

⁹ But be careful so that this freedom of yours does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰ For if someone who has knowledge sees you eating food in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of the one who is weak be encouraged to eat things sacrificed to idols?

¹¹ So by your knowledge the one who is weak is destroyed, a brother for whose sake Christ died.

¹² So when you sin against the brothers, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you are actually sinning against Christ.

¹³ Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 9

¹ Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

² If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the guaranteeing seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

³ This is my defense to those who examine me.

⁴ Do we not have the right to eat and to drink?

⁵ Do we not have the right to bring a believing wife along like the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

⁶ Or do only Barnabas and I not have the right to stop working for a living?

⁷ What soldier ever served paying his own expenses? Who plants a vineyard, and does not eat its fruit? Or who tends a flock, and does not consume any of its milk?

⁸ Am I speaking these things from merely a human perspective? Does the law not say the same thing?

⁹ For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle the ox when it treads out the grain." Is God concerned only about oxen?

¹⁰ Or is he actually saying it for our sake? Certainly it was written for our sake, because the one who plows ought to plow in hope, and the one who threshes, ought to thresh with hope of getting part of the crop.

¹¹ If we sowed among you spiritual seed, is it too big a deal if we reap material benefits from you?

¹² If others have the right of support from you, do not we have even more? But we have not used this right; rather we bear everything that we may not cause any hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

¹³ Don't you realize that those who serve in the temple eat food from the temple, and they who serve at the altar have their share from the sacrifices offered on the altar?

¹⁴ In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

¹⁵ But I have never used any of these rights. I am not writing these things so that it may be done so now in my case. I would rather die than that anyone should deprive me of my grounds for boasting.

¹⁶ Yet if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of; for an obligation has been laid on me to do this. Woe to me, if I do not preach the gospel.

¹⁷ For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if not willingly, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

¹⁸ What then is my reward? That when I preach the gospel, I offer the gospel free of charge, so as not to use my full rights in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might gain the more people.

²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, that I might gain the Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like one under the law, though I am not actually under the law, that I might gain those who are under the law.

²¹ To those who are without law, I became like one without law, although I am not free of God's law, but under law of Christ, that I might gain those who are without law.

²² To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I may by all means save some.

²³ I do everything for the gospel's sake, that I may share in its benefits.

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? So run to win the prize.

²⁵ Every athlete in the games exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable crown; but we for an imperishable one.

²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly, or box like one merely beating the air,

²⁷ but I discipline my body, bringing it under control, so that after I have preached to others, I myself might not be disqualified.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 10

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

² and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

³ All ate the same spiritual food

⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

⁵ But God was not pleased with most of them, for their bodies were strewn about in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things were examples for us, so that we would not crave after evil things, as they did.

⁷ Do not become idolaters, as some of them were, as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."

⁸ Let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell.

⁹ Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by snakes.

¹⁰ Do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroying angel.

¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our warning, on whom the end of the ages has come.

¹² So let the one who thinks that he stands secure, beware that he does not fall.

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to everyone, but God is faithful, who will not let you to be tempted beyond what you are able to handle; but will with the temptation also provide a way of escape, so that you may be able to endure it.

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

¹⁵ I speak to you as wise people; judge for yourselves what I say.

¹⁶ Is not the cup of blessing we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, though we are many, we are one body, for we are all partake of the one bread.

¹⁸ Look at Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar?

¹⁹ What am I saying? Am I implying that something sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

²⁰ No, what I mean is that what the pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become partners with demons.

²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

²² Or are we attempting to provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he is?

²³ "All things are lawful," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up.

²⁴ Let no one seek their own advantage, but the benefit of others.

²⁵ Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, without asking questions for the sake of conscience,

²⁶ for "the earth is the Lord's and its fullness."

²⁷ If an unbeliever invites you to dinner, and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no questions for the sake of conscience.

²⁸ But if anyone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice to idols," do not eat it, for the sake of the one who told you, and for the sake of conscience.

²⁹ I did not mean your conscience but the other person's. For why should my freedom be criticized by the conscience of someone else?

³⁰ If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be criticized for what I give thanks for?

³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.

³² Do not give offense to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God,

³³ just as I try to please everyone in all things, not seeking my own advantage, but the benefit of many, so that they may be saved.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 11

¹ Be imitators of me, just as I am of Christ.

² Now I praise you that you remember me in everything, and keep the traditions, just as I handed them down to you.

³ But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

⁴ Every man praying or prophesying with his head covered disgraces his head.

⁵ But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered disgraces her head; for it is one and the same as if she had her head shaved.

⁶ For if a woman does not cover her head, let her hair be cut off. But if it is a shame to a woman to have her hair cut off or shaved, then she should cover her head.

⁷ For a man should not have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

⁸ For the man did not come from the woman, but the woman from the man.

⁹ And the man was not created for the woman, but the woman for the man.

¹⁰ For this reason the woman should have a sign of authority on her head, because of the angels.

¹¹ Nevertheless, in the Lord the woman is not independent of the man, nor is the man independent of the woman.

¹² For just as the woman came from the man, so man also comes through the woman; but all things come from God.

¹³ Judge for yourselves: is it right for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?

¹⁴ Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair it is a disgrace to him?

¹⁵ But if a woman has long hair it is her glory, for her hair is given to her for a covering.

¹⁶ But if anyone wants to be contentious over this, we have no other custom, nor do the churches of God.

¹⁷ But in giving you this instruction, I cannot praise you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse.

¹⁸ First of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and in part I believe it,

¹⁹ for there must be factions among you, so that those who are genuine may be recognized among you.

²⁰ When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper.

²¹ For when you eat, each one goes right ahead with his own supper. One is hungry and another gets drunk.

²² Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What can I say to you? Should I praise you? On this I will certainly not praise you.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread,

²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵ In the same way, he also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But let a person examine himself, and then let him eat the bread and drink the cup.

²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment on himself, if he does not carefully consider Christ's body.

³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and some have even died.

³¹ But if we would scrutinize ourselves, we would not be judged.

³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

³³ Therefore, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other.

³⁴ If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that when you come together it will not result in judgment. I will give you instructions about other issues when I come.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 12

- ¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I would not have you be uninformed.
- ² You know that when you were pagans you were led away and drawn to speechless idols.
- ³ Therefore I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Let Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.
- ⁴ Now there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- ⁵ There are a different kinds of ministries, but the same Lord.
- ⁶ And there are various results, but the same God, who works all things in everyone.
- ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to the benefit of all.
- ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit,
- ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings by the one Spirit,
- ¹⁰ and to another the performing of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another discernment of spirits; to another different kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues.
- ¹¹ All of these are energized by the one and the same Spirit, distributing to each person as he decides.
- ¹² For just as the body is one, yet has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
- ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free; we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
- ¹⁴ For the body is not composed of only one part, but many.
- ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not the hand, I am not part of the body," it would not make it any less a part of the body.
- ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not the eye, I am not part of the body," it would not make it any less a part of the body.
- ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing come from? If the whole body were just hearing, where would smelling come from?
- ¹⁸ But as it is, God has put each part in the body just the way he wanted it.
- ¹⁹ And if they were all one part, where would the body be?
- ²⁰ As it is there are many parts, but one body.
- ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you." Nor again can the head say to the feet, "I don't need you."
- ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body which seem to be weaker are absolutely necessary.
- ²³ Those parts of the body that we consider to be less honorable we clothe with greater honor. Our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety,
- ²⁴ whereas our presentable parts get no special treatment. But God has so constructed the body giving greater honor to that part that lacked it,

²⁵ that there should be no division in the body; but that the parts should have the same concern for one another.

²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it. If one part is honored, all the parts rejoice with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it.

²⁸ God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then those who do miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administration, and various kinds of tongues.

²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all performers of miracles?

³⁰ Do all have the gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

³¹ But earnestly desire the greater gifts. But beyond that I will show you the most excellent way.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 13

¹ If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² If I have prophetic gifts, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

³ If I give away all my possessions to the poor, and if I even sacrifice my body, so that I could boast, yet do not have love, it benefits me nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind, love is not jealous. Love does not brag and is not arrogant.

⁵ It is not rude, does not demand its own way, is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs.

⁶ It does not rejoice at injustice, but rejoices in the truth.

⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails. But if there are prophecies, they will be done away with; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will pass away.

⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part,

¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, that which is partial will pass away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. But when I became a man, I put away childish things.

¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly; but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of these is love.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 14

¹ Pursue love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

² For the one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to humans, but to God; for no one understands, since he is speaking mysteries by the Spirit.

³ But one who prophesies speaks to people to strengthen, encourage, and console them.

⁴ The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself; but the one who prophesies builds up the church.

⁵ Now I wish all of you spoke in tongues, but even more that you might prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

⁶ But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I help you, unless I speak to you either some revelation, knowledge, prophecy or teaching?

⁷ Even lifeless instruments that produce a sound like a flute or harp, if they do not play clear notes, how will the song on the flute or harp be recognized?

⁸ For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?

⁹ So it is for you, unless you speak clear, intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what is being said? You will just be talking into the air.

¹⁰ There are undoubtedly many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without meaning.

¹¹ If then I do not know the meaning of a language, I am a foreigner to the one speaking, and the one speaking is a foreigner to me.

¹² It is the same for you too; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, seek to have an abundance of those that build up the church.

¹³ So let the one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret it.

¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

¹⁵ What should I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind too. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with my mind too.

¹⁶ Otherwise if you bless in the spirit, how can an outsider say the "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying?

¹⁷ For you are certainly giving thanks, but the other people are not built up.

¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

¹⁹ However in the church I would rather speak five words with my mind that I might instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰ Brothers, do not be children in the way you think, but in evil be infants, but in thinking be mature.

²¹ In the law it is written,

"By people of strange tongues
and by the lips of foreigners

I will speak to this people;

yet even then they will not listen to me," says the Lord.

²² Therefore tongues are a sign, not for those who believe, but for unbelievers. But prophecy is a sign for not unbelievers, but for those who believe.

²³ If, therefore, the whole church is assembled and everyone speaks in tongues, and someone uninformed or unbelieving comes in, will they not say that you are out of your minds?

²⁴ But if everyone is prophesying, and someone uninformed or unbelieving comes in, he will be convicted by all and called to account by all.

²⁵ After the secrets of his heart are exposed, and so falling on his face he will worship God, declaring, "God is really among you."

²⁶ What should be done then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a psalm, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Let all things be done to build up.

²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, each in their turn; and someone should interpret.

²⁸ But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the church; and let him speak only to himself and to God.

²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, then let the others evaluate it.

³⁰ But if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the person who is speaking should stop talking first.

³¹ For you all can prophesy one at a time, so that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

³² The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets' control.

³³ For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

³⁴ women should keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak. But they should be in submission, just as the law says.

³⁵ And if they want to learn about something, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in the church.

³⁶ Did the word of God originate with you? Or did it come to you alone?

³⁷ If anyone claims to be a prophet or spiritual, he should acknowledge the things that I am writing to you are the commands of the Lord.

³⁸ But if anyone does not acknowledge this, he should not be acknowledged.

³⁹ Therefore, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

⁴⁰ But everything should be done decently and in order.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 15

- ¹ Now I make known to you, brothers, the gospel which I preached to you, that you received and on which you also stand,
- ² by which you are also saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- ³ For I delivered to you what was of primary importance that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;
- ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
- ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas; then to the Twelve.
- ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep.
- ⁷ Then he appeared to James, and after that to all the apostles.
- ⁸ Last of all, as to one born at the wrong time, he appeared to me too.
- ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy even to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been in vain. But I worked harder than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.
- ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, this is what we proclaim, and it is what you believed.
- ¹² Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you claim that there is no resurrection of the dead?
- ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised.
- ¹⁴ If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is worthless, and your faith is worthless too.
- ¹⁵ Beyond that, we are found to be false witnesses of God; because we testified that God raised Christ from the dead when in fact he did not raise him up, if in fact the dead are not raised.
- ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.
- ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is worthless and you are still in your sins.
- ¹⁸ Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.
- ¹⁹ For if we only have hope in Christ in this life, we are of all people most to be pitied.
- ²⁰ But now has Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- ²¹ For since death came through a man, so though a man came the resurrection of the dead.
- ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.
- ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
- ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, when he has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

²⁷ For, "He has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection," it is obvious that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection to him.

²⁸ When all things have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subjected to the one who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

²⁹ Otherwise what will those who are baptized for the dead do? If the dead are not raised at all, then why are they baptized for them?

³⁰ Why also would we put ourselves in danger every hour?

³¹ Every day I face death. This is as certain as my boasting in you, brothers, which I make in Christ Jesus our Lord.

³² If I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, from a human perspective, how did it benefit me? If the dead are not raised, then "let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

³⁴ Get sober as is right and stop sinning. For some have no knowledge of God--I speak this to your shame.

³⁵ But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come back?"

³⁶ How foolish! What you sow must die before it comes to life.

³⁷ What you sow is not the body that will be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or some other seed.

³⁸ But God gives it a body just as he wants it, and to each kind of seed its own body.

³⁹ All flesh is not the same. There is one kind that is human flesh, and another flesh for animals, another flesh for birds, and another for fish.

⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies as well as earthly bodies. The glory of the heavenly body is of one type, and that of the earthly quite another.

⁴¹ There is one type of glory from the sun, and another glory from the moon, and another glory from the stars; for one star differs from another star in its glory.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, is raised imperishable.

⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

⁴⁵ So it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶ However the spiritual does not come first, but that which is physical; and then the spiritual.

⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, made of dust, the second man is from heaven.

⁴⁸ As the one is made from the dust, so too are those who are also made from the dust, and as is the heavenly one, so too are those who are heavenly.

⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, so we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ Now this is what I am saying, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

⁵¹ Now I am telling you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

⁵² in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trump. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ But when this perishable puts on imperishability, and this mortal puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will come to pass, "Death is swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thank God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not vain.

DASV: 1 Corinthians 16

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints, you should follow the procedure I outlined for the churches of Galatia.

² On the first day of the week let each one of you put aside and save it, as each has prospered, so that no collections will need to be made when I come.

³ When I arrive, I will send whomever you approve with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem.

⁴ If it seems appropriate for me to go too, they can accompany me.

⁵ Now I will come to you, when I have passed through Macedonia, for I intend to travel through Macedonia.

⁶ But I may stay with you, or even winter there, so that you may send me on my journey wherever I go.

⁷ For I do not want to see you just in passing; for I hope to stay with you for a while, if the Lord permits.

⁸ But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost,

⁹ for a great door of opportunity has opened to me, but there are many adversaries.

¹⁰ Now if Timothy comes, see that he has nothing to fear among you; for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am doing too.

¹¹ So let no one despise him. But send him on his journey in peace, so that he may come to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.

¹² But regarding our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the brothers. He did not want to come now, but he will come as soon as he gets an opportunity.

¹³ Be on guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.

¹⁴ Let everything that you do be done in love.

¹⁵ Now I urge you, brothers--you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts of Achaia, and that they devoted themselves to the service of the saints--

¹⁶ that you submit to people like them and to everyone who works and labors with them.

¹⁷ I was glad when Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived for they supplied what was lacking on your part.

¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours. So acknowledge such people.

¹⁹ The churches of the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, along with the church that is in their house, send many greetings to you in the Lord.

²⁰ All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.

²² If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

²⁴ My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: 2 Corinthians 1**

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints that are throughout Achaia:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow into us, so too our comfort overflows through Christ.

⁶ Even if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we also suffer.

⁷ Our hope for you is steadfast; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so too you will share in our comfort.

⁸ For we do not want you unaware, brothers, concerning the affliction that happened to us in the province of Asia. For we were under tremendous pressure, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life.

⁹ In fact we felt like we had received the sentence of death against us, so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead.

¹⁰ He delivered us out of so great a danger of death, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that yet again he will deliver us.

¹¹ You also help us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the grace given to us through the prayers of so many.

¹² For this is our boast, even the testimony of our conscience: we have conducted ourselves in the world with holiness and godly sincerity, not by human wisdom but by the grace of God, and especially toward you.

¹³ For we do not write you anything other than what you can read and understand, and I hope that you will understand it totally,

¹⁴ just as you partially understood us, that you will be proud of us even as we are proud of you, in the day of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁵ Because of this confidence I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double benefit,

¹⁶ by visiting you on the way to Macedonia, and then again coming back from Macedonia to you, then from you to be sent on my journey to Judea.

¹⁷ When I was planning what to do, was I vacillating? Or do I make my plans according to human plans, so that I would say "Yes, yes" and then turn around and say "No, no"?

¹⁸ But as God is faithful, our word to you has not been "Yes" and "No".

¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, that is, by me, Silvanus and Timothy, was not "Yes" and "No", but it has always been "Yes" in him.

²⁰ For however many promises of God are in him, they are all "Yes." Therefore through him we say "Amen", to the glory to God expressed through us.

²¹ Now God established us with you in Christ, and anointed us;

²² he also sealed us, and gave us the Spirit as a down payment in our hearts.

²³ But I call God for a witness, that I did not come back to Corinth to spare you.

²⁴ Not that we have sovereign control over your faith; rather we are co-workers for your joy, for by faith you stand firm.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 2

¹ But I decided that I would not pay you another painful visit.

² For if I make you grieve, who then will there be to make me glad, but the one who I made to grieve?

³ And I wrote to you about this very thing, so that when I come, I might not grieve over those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident in all of you that you would share my joy.

⁴ For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not to make you grieve, but that you might know the abundant love that I have for you.

⁵ But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but to some extent, not to exaggerate, all of you.

⁶ This punishment inflicted on such a person by the majority is enough.

⁷ So now on the contrary you should forgive and comfort him, so that he may not be overwhelmed with his excessive grief.

⁸ Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.

⁹ For this is the reason I wrote to you, to prove whether you would be obedient in all things.

¹⁰ But if you forgive anyone, I forgive them too. For what I have forgiven, if I have really forgiven anything, I did for your sakes in the presence of Christ,

¹¹ so that Satan might not outsmart us; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

¹² Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ, and found a door opened to me in the Lord,

¹³ I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find my brother Titus. So I said good-bye to them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ, and through us spreads the fragrance of his knowledge everywhere.

¹⁵ For we are a sweet aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing,

¹⁶ to the one a stench from death to death; to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

¹⁷ For we are not like so many, peddling the word of God for profit, but we speak in Christ before God as people of sincerity, as people sent from God.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 3

¹ Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we really need, as do some, letters of recommendation to you or from you?

² You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all.

³ You show that you are a letter from Christ, delivered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts.

⁴ And we have such confidence through Christ before God.

⁵ Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything as having come from us; but our competence is from God.

⁶ He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷ But if the ministry of death, etched in letters on stone tablets, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadfastly on the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, a glory which faded away;

⁸ how much more glorious will the ministry of the Spirit be?

⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, how much more does the ministry of righteousness excel in glory.

¹⁰ For indeed what had been glorious has no glory, when compared to the glory that surpasses it.

¹¹ For if that which was fading away came with glory, how much more has the permanent come with glory.

¹² Therefore having such a hope, we behave with great boldness.

¹³ We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites would not stare at the end of that which was fading away.

¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For until this very day when the old covenant is read the same veil remains, because only through Christ is it taken away.

¹⁵ But to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts.

¹⁶ But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled faces reflecting as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, which comes from the Lord, who is Spirit.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 4

¹ Therefore seeing we have this ministry, by God's mercy, we do not lose heart.

² We have renounced the hidden shameful deeds and underhanded practices, and handling God's word deceitfully, but by the open declaration of the truth we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing.

⁴ In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

⁶ For it is God who said, "Let there be light shining out of darkness," who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, that the extraordinary power may be from God, and not from us.

⁸ We are afflicted on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not to the point of despair;

⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; knocked down, but not destroyed;

¹⁰ always carrying in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.

¹¹ For we who live are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹² So then death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³ But since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe and so we also speak.

¹⁴ We know that he who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

¹⁵ For all this is for your sakes, so that the grace, reaching more and more people, may result in thanksgiving being increased to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward body is wasting away, yet our inward being is renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For our momentary and light suffering produces for us an eternal weight of glory beyond comparison,

¹⁸ because we look not at things that can be seen, but at what cannot be seen. For the things that can be seen are temporary; but what cannot be seen is eternal.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 5

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

² For in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,

³ if by being so clothed we will not be found naked.

⁴ For while we are still in this tent we groan, being burdened; because we do not want to be unclothed, but clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

⁵ Now he who prepared us for this very thing is God, who gave us the Spirit as a down payment.

⁶ So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.

⁸ We are absolutely confident, and we would rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord.

⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, that whether at home in the body or away, to be pleasing to him.

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be repaid for what was done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

¹¹ Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are well known to God; and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

¹² We are not trying to again commend ourselves to you, but giving you opportunity for boasting about us, that you may be able to answer those who boast in external appearance, rather than about what is in the heart.

¹³ For if we are out of our minds, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded that one died for all, therefore all died.

¹⁵ He died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died and rose again for their sakes.

¹⁶ From now on, then, we regard no one according to a human perspective; even though we have known Christ according to a human perspective, yet now we do not regard him like that anymore.

¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has passed away; look, the new has come.

¹⁸ But all this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us.

²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God was making his appeal through us. We urge you on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God.

²¹ God made him who knew no sin to be sin for our sake; so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 6

¹ Now as God's co-workers we urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain

² For he says,

"At an acceptable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I helped you."

Look, now is the acceptable time. Look, now is the day of salvation.

³ We are not giving anyone an occasion of stumbling in anything, so that our ministry might not be criticized.

⁴ But as God's servants we commend ourselves in everything, with much endurance, in persecutions, in hardships, in distresses,

⁵ in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in grueling labors, in sleepless nights, in hunger;

⁶ by purity, by knowledge, by patience, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by genuine love,

⁷ by the word of truth, by the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left,

⁸ through honor and shame, through berating and good report; treated as impostors and yet true;

⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and look, we are still alive; as punished, and yet not killed;

¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken candidly to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open.

¹² You were not restricted in your access to our affection, but you were the ones who restricted your own affections.

¹³ Now for a fair exchange, I speak as to children: open your hearts to us also.

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership do righteousness and iniquity have? Or what camaraderie does light have with darkness?

¹⁵ What agreement does Christ share with Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are a temple of the living God; just as God said,

"I will live in them,
and walk among them;
and I will be their God,
and they will be my people."

¹⁷ "Therefore come out from among them,
and be separate, says the Lord;
do not touch anything unclean,
and I will receive you."

¹⁸ "I will be a Father to you,
and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

DASV: 2 Corinthians 7

¹ Therefore since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

² Make room in your hearts for us; we have wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one.

³ I say it not to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and live together.

⁴ I have great confidence in you, I take great pride on your behalf, I am filled with comfort, I overflow with joy in all our affliction.

⁵ For even when we entered into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted from every side. There were conflicts outside and fears within.

⁶ But God, who comforts the downcast, has comforted us by the coming of Titus,

⁷ and not by his coming only, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted that he got from you. When he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, I rejoiced even more.

⁸ For even if I made you sorry with my epistle, I do not regret it, though I did regret it, for I see that that epistle made you sorry, though just briefly.

⁹ I now rejoice, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led to repentance. For you were sorry with a godly sorrow, so that you were not harmed by us in anyway.

¹⁰ For godly sorrow produces repentance that leads to salvation, which results in no regret, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

¹¹ Just look at what this godly sorrow produced in you. What eagerness, what a desire to defend yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what concern for justice! In every way you proved yourselves innocent in this matter.

¹² So although I wrote to you, I wrote not on account of the one who did the wrong, or for the one who suffered the wrong, but that your eager care for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God.

¹³ Therefore we have been comforted. And in addition to our comfort, we rejoiced even more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.

¹⁴ For if I have boasted about anything to him on your behalf, I was not put to shame. All the things we spoke about you were true, so our boasting to Titus has proven true.

¹⁵ And his affection for you is even greater, when he remembers the obedience of all of you, how you received him with fear and trembling.

¹⁶ I rejoice because I have absolute confidence in you.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 8

¹ Now, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God that has been given to the churches of Macedonia,

² how that in a great trial of affliction their abundant joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the riches of their generosity.

³ For I can testify that they gave according to their ability, and beyond their ability of their own free will,

⁴ begging us, insisting for the privilege of sharing in the support of the saints.

⁵ They did this, not just as we had hoped, but first they gave themselves to the Lord, and to us by the will of God.

⁶ So we urged Titus, that as he already had begun before, that he should also complete this grace among you as well.

⁷ But as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in love from us in you--be sure that you excel in this grace of generosity also.

⁸ I am not ordering it as a command, but as a test of the genuineness of your love in comparison to the eagerness of others.

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you by his poverty might become rich.

¹⁰ So here I offer my advice on this matter: for this is to your advantage, who were the first to begin a year ago not only to do it, but also to desire to give.

¹¹ So now finish it, so that your eagerness may be matched by the finishing it out of what you have.

¹² For if the eagerness is there, then the gift is acceptable according what one has, not according what one does not have.

¹³ For I do not say this that there should be relief for others and you be burdened, but as a matter of equality.

¹⁴ Right now your abundance meets their need, that sometime their abundance may in turn meet your need; that there may be equality.

¹⁵ As it is written,

"The one who gathered much
had nothing left over;
and the one who gathered little
did not have too little."

¹⁶ But thanks be to God, who put the same concern I have for your care into the heart of Titus.

¹⁷ For he not only accepted our appeal, but he himself being very eager is coming to you of his own accord.

¹⁸ Now we are sending with him the brother who is praised in all the church for proclaiming the gospel.

¹⁹ Not only that, but he was also appointed by the churches to travel with us in this act of grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord, and to demonstrate our readiness to help.

²⁰ We take this precaution so that no one will blame us in the matter of administering this generous gift.

²¹ For we are careful to do what is right, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

²² We are also sending with them our brother, whom we have many times tested in many things and found him eager, but now much more eager, because of his great confidence in you.

²³ As for Titus, he is my partner and my co-worker for you; as for our brothers, they are the messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.

²⁴ Therefore show them openly before the churches the proof of your love and of our boasting about you.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 9

¹ I do not need to write to you about the ministry to the saints,

² for I know about your readiness, which I boast about you to those in Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been prepared since last year; and your zeal has stirred up many of them.

³ But I have sent the brothers, that our boasting on your behalf may not prove empty in this case; so that you may be prepared just as I said you would be.

⁴ Otherwise if any of those from Macedonia who come with me find you unprepared, we (to say nothing about you) would be put to shame by this confidence.

⁵ Therefore I thought it necessary to urge the brothers, that they would go ahead to you, and arrange ahead of time for the generous gift you have promised, so that it might be ready as a generous gift and not a grudging obligation.

⁶ This is my point: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows generously will also reap generously.

⁷ Each person should give as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to provide all grace abundantly to you; so that you, always having everything you need, may abound in every good work.

⁹ As it is written,

"He has scattered abroad,
he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹ You are being enriched in everything to be generous in every way, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

¹² For the service of this ministry not only provides for the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanks to God.

¹³ Through the evidence of this service you glorify God because of your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with everyone.

¹⁴ And in their prayers for you they themselves also long after you because of the outstanding grace of God in you.

¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 10

¹ Now I, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I who allegedly in your presence is meek when among you, but when away I am bold toward you.

² Now I beg you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with the confidence that I count on using against some who imagine that we are walking according to the flesh.

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh.

⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but God's mighty weapons for tearing down strongholds.

⁵ We tear down ideas and every arrogant pretense that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to render it obedient to Christ.

⁶ We are ready to punish all disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

⁷ You are only looking at the things staring you in the face. If anyone trusts that he belongs to Christ, he should remind himself of this: just as he belongs to Christ, so do we too.

⁸ For even though I boast too much concerning our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up, and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it.

⁹ I do not want it to seem like I am frightening you through my letters.

¹⁰ For they say, "His letters are heavy and forceful; but his physical presence is weak, and his speech repugnant."

¹¹ Let such a person realize this: what we say by letters when we are absent, we will also do when we are present.

¹² For we do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with those who recommend themselves. But when they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

¹³ But we will not boast beyond our limits, but only in the domain which God has appointed, to reach out even to you.

¹⁴ For we are not overextending ourselves as though we did not reach you; for we came even as far as you with the gospel of Christ.

¹⁵ We do not boast beyond our limits, that is, about the work done by others. Our hope is that, as your faith grows, the sphere of our work among you might also grow,

¹⁶ so that we may preach the gospel even in areas beyond you, and not boasting of work done in another's area of influence.

¹⁷ But "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

¹⁸ For it is not the one who recommends himself that is approved, but those whom the Lord recommends.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 11

¹ I want you to bear with me in a little foolishness, but do bear with me.

² For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy, for I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

³ But I am afraid that somehow just as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, your minds may be corrupted from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

⁴ For if anyone comes preaching another Jesus than the one whom we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one which you received, you put up with it well enough.

⁵ For I do not consider myself in the least inferior to these "super-apostles."

⁶ But though I am untrained in oratory, yet I am not untrained in knowledge. Indeed we have made this absolutely clear to you in every way possible.

⁷ Or did I commit a sin by humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached to you the gospel of God for free?

⁸ I robbed other churches, taking wages from them so that I might serve you.

⁹ And when I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden on anyone; for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed. I kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and I will continue to do so.

¹⁰ As the truth of Christ is in me, no one will stop me boasting of this in the regions of Achaia.

¹¹ Why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do.

¹² But what I am doing, I will continue to do, so that I may cut off any opportunity of those who desire a chance to boast that their work is just like ours.

¹³ For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

¹⁴ And no wonder; for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

¹⁵ It is no big deal then if his servants also disguise themselves as ministers of righteousness. Their end will match what their deeds deserve.

¹⁶ I say again: let no one think that I am a fool. But if you do, then receive me as you would a fool, that I also may boast a little.

¹⁷ What I am claiming in this boastful rant is not according to the Lord, but like a fool.

¹⁸ Since many are boasting according to the flesh, I will boast too.

¹⁹ For you gladly put up with the fools, since you are so wise.

²⁰ For you put up with it even when someone enslaves you, or if he devours you, or if he takes advantage of you, or if he promotes himself, or if he slaps you on the face.

²¹ To my shame, I must say that we were too weak for that. But wherever anyone else boasts (I am talking like a fool), I also dare to boast about it.

²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.

²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am talking like someone out of their mind) I am more; working harder, in prisons more frequently, with countless beatings, facing death again and again.

²⁴ Five times I have received forty lashes minus one from the Jews.

²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once was I stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a day and a night adrift in the open sea.

²⁶ I have been on many journeys often in danger of rivers, in danger from robbers, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from the Gentiles, in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger in the sea, in danger among false brothers;

²⁷ in toil and labor, with frequent sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold without proper clothing.

²⁸ Besides those things, there is the daily pressure of my anxiety for all the churches.

²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?

³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie.

³² In Damascus, the governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of Damascus in order to arrest me,

³³ and I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 12

¹ I need to boast, though nothing will be gained from it; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

² I know a man in Christ, who fourteen years ago--whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know, God knows--was caught up to the third heaven.

³ And I know that this man--whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know, God knows--

⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard unspeakable things, which that no human is allowed to speak.

⁵ On behalf of such a person I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except about my weaknesses.

⁶ For if I wanted to boast, I would not be a fool; for I would be telling the truth, but I refrain, lest anyone should think better of me than what he sees in me or hears from me,

⁷ because of the phenomenal nature of these revelations. So that I would not become conceited, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, so that I would not become conceited.

⁸ I pleaded with the Lord three times about it, that it might be taken away from me.

⁹ But he told me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, with insults, with hardships, with persecutions, with troubles for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then am I strong.

¹¹ I have acted like a fool but you forced me to do it. For I ought to have been commended by you. For I am not inferior to these "super-apostles," even though I am nothing.

¹² Truly the signs of an apostle were performed among you with great perseverance, by signs, wonders and mighty works.

¹³ For how were you treated worse than other churches, except I did not make myself a financial burden to you? Forgive me for this wrong.

¹⁴ Look, I am ready to come to you this third time, and I will not be a burden to you. For I do not want your things, but you. For the children should not have to save up for their parents, but the parents for the children.

¹⁵ And I will be happy to spend and be spent for you. If I love you more, am I to be loved less?

¹⁶ Be that as it may, I did not burden you; but I assume you think that I was crafty, so I took you in by deceit.

¹⁷ Did I take advantage of you by any of those whom I sent to you?

¹⁸ I urged Titus to go and I sent the brother with him. Did Titus take any advantage of you? Did we not walk not in the same spirit? Did we not follow those same footprints?

¹⁹ Were you thinking all this time that we were defending ourselves to you? We speak in the sight of God in Christ, and everything we do, beloved, is to build you up.

²⁰ For I fear that when I come, I may not find you as I want, and you may not find me as you want. I fear there may be strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, arrogance and chaos.

²¹ I am afraid when I come again my God will humble me before you, and I will grieve for many of those who have previously sinned, and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality and sensuality which they have committed.

DASV: 2 Corinthians 13

¹ This is the third time I am visiting you. "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every charge must be established."

² I have already warned you before when I was present the second time, so now, being absent, to those who have previously sinned, and to all the rest, that if I come again, I will not spare them;

³ since you are seeking a proof that Christ is speaking in me; who is not weak toward you, but is powerful in you.

⁴ For he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we will live with him through the power of God toward you.

⁵ Examine yourselves, whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this concerning yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless, in fact, you fail the test.

⁶ But I hope that you will acknowledge that we have not failed the test.

⁷ Now we pray to God that you will not get anything wrong; not so that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may get it right, even though we appear to have failed the test.

⁸ For we cannot do anything against the truth, but for the truth.

⁹ For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for: that you will pass totally qualified.

¹⁰ For this reason I write these things while absent, so that when present I may not have to act harshly when present, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down.

¹¹ Finally, brothers, rejoice, restore, encourage, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Greet each other with a holy kiss.

¹³ All the saints greet you.

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Galatians 1**

¹ From Paul, an apostle, sent not by a human source, neither by means of human agency, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead;

² and all the brothers who are with me. To the Churches of Galatia:

³ Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁴ who gave himself for our sins, in order to deliver us from this evil world, according to the will of our God and Father,

⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever, Amen.

⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting him who called you by grace, and are turning to a different gospel,

⁷ which is really not another gospel at all, but a perversion of the gospel of Christ, by those who want to deceive you.

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a different gospel than the one which we first preached to you, let him be accursed.

⁹ As we said before, so I say again, if any one preaches a gospel to you different than what you have already received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰ For am I looking for human approval or for God's? Am I hoping to please people? If I was still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

¹¹ For I want you to know brothers, that the gospel which I preached was not man-made.

¹² For I did not get it from any human source, and I was not taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³ You have heard how I used to live in Judaism, how I violently persecuted God's church, and tried to destroy it.

¹⁴ I was advanced in Judaism beyond those of my same age, because I was so zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

¹⁵ But when He, who set me apart before I was born and called me by his grace,

¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his son to me, so that I could preach about him to the Gentiles, I did not consult with anyone else,

¹⁷ or go to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, but instead I went away to Arabia, and then returned to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then, after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and I stayed with him for fifteen days.

¹⁹ But I did not see any of the other apostles except James, the brother of Jesus.

²⁰ What I am writing to you before God, I am not lying.

²¹ Afterwards, I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia,

²² and was still unknown personally by the churches of Judea, which were in Christ,

²³ but they received word saying "The one who used to persecute us is now preaching the same faith he once tried to destroy."

²⁴ And they praised God because of me.

DASV: Galatians 2

¹ Then, after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me.

² I went up in response to a revelation and placed before them the gospel which I proclaim among the Gentiles. But I met privately with those who were recognized leaders, lest by any means I should be running, or had run, in vain.

³ But not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was forced to be circumcised.

⁴ This problem arose because some false brothers secretly infiltrated us, to spy on our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage.

⁵ But we did not surrender to them even for an instant, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

⁶ But from those who were reputed to be influential, whoever they were does not matter to me as God shows no favoritism. Those influential ones added nothing to me.

⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcision, just as Peter was to the circumcision,

⁸ for he who worked in Peter making him an apostle to the circumcision also worked in me to the Gentiles.

⁹ When James, Cephas and John, who were accepted to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.

¹⁰ They asked only that we should remember the poor, which was exactly what I had wanted to do anyway.

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he should have been corrected.

¹² For before certain men came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he drew back and separated himself, fearing those who belonged to the circumcision.

¹³ The rest of the Jews joined in his hypocrisy as well, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

¹⁴ But when I saw that they did not walk in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles, and not as a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

¹⁵ We who are Jews by birth, and not Gentile sinners,

¹⁶ know that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. We believe on Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found to be sinners, is Christ causing us to sin? Absolutely not!

¹⁸ For if I rebuild those things which I once destroyed, I prove that I myself am a violator.

¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, that I might live to God.

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ living in me. So the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, because if righteousness could come by means of the law, then Christ died for nothing!

DASV: Galatians 3

¹ You foolish Galatians! Who bewitched you? Was it not before your eyes that Jesus Christ was openly crucified?

² There is only one thing I want to ask you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by believing what you heard?

³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect in the flesh?

⁴ Have you suffered all these things for nothing? --if it really was for nothing.

⁵ Does He, who gives you the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by your doing works of the law or by believing what you heard?

⁶ Just as Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness,

⁷ know that those who believe are the sons of Abraham.

⁸ The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, when it proclaimed the gospel to Abraham saying "All nations will be blessed in you."

⁹ So those who believe are blessed along with Abraham, who believed.

¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not keep doing everything written in the book of the law."

¹¹ Now obviously no one is justified before God by the law, because "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

¹² But the law is not based on faith; but the one who does works will live by them.

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, by becoming a curse for us; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree,"

¹⁴ so that the blessing of Abraham by Christ Jesus might come to the Gentiles and so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit by faith.

¹⁵ Brothers, here is a human example: Once a contract is ratified, no one can nullify it or add to it.

¹⁶ Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say "And to your descendents," as of many; but as of one, "and to your descendent," who is Christ.

¹⁷ This is my point: The law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not cancel a covenant ratified beforehand by God, so as to nullify the promise.

¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on the law, it is no more just a promise, but God has granted it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹ Why then was the law given? It was added because of transgressions, until the descendent should come to whom the promise had been made. It was implemented through angels by the hand of a mediator.

²⁰ Now a mediator is not for only one party; but God is one.

²¹ Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given which could give life, then righteousness would have been by the law.

²² But the Scriptures imprisoned everything under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ But before faith came, we were locked up under the law, imprisoned until faith could be revealed.

²⁴ So that the law became our tutor until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

²⁶ For you are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus.

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, bond or free, male or female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

²⁹ If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise.

DASV: Galatians 4

¹ But I say that the heir as long as he is a child is no different than if he were a slave, though he is still owner of everything.

² He lives under guardians and managers until the time set by his father.

³ We also, when children, were in slavery under the elementary principles of the world.

⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his son, born of a woman, born under the law,

⁵ to redeem those enslaved under the law, so that we might be adopted as his children.

⁶ Because we are sons, God sent out the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the spirit that calls out, "Abba, Father."

⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then God has made you an heir.

⁸ Previously, when you did not know God, you were slaves to things that are not gods.

⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather are known by God, how can you ever turn back to weak and worthless elementary principles of the world? Do you want to be slaves again?

¹⁰ You observe days, months, seasons, and years.

¹¹ I am afraid for you, that maybe my efforts for you have been for nothing.

¹² I beg you, brothers, be like me, because I also am becoming like you. You did me no wrong.

¹³ As you know it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you,

¹⁴ and even though my illness was a trial for you, you did not despise or reject me. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, or even Jesus himself.

¹⁵ What happened to your joy now? For I witnessed that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me.

¹⁶ Have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?

¹⁷ They eagerly want your favor, but for no good. They want to shut you off from us, so you can be zealous for them.

¹⁸ But it is good if someone is eager to do good things for you, let them do it all the time, and not just when I am with you.

¹⁹ My dear children, I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.

²⁰ I wish I could be there with you now, and could change the tone of my voice; because I am perplexed about you.

²¹ Tell me, you who want to be under the law, do you know what the law actually says?

²² It is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and one by the free woman.

²³ The son of the slave woman was born by the flesh, but the son of the free woman was born by the promise.

²⁴ These things are an allegory; for these women represent the two covenants; one from Mount Sinai, bearing children into slavery, which is Hagar.

²⁵ Now Hagar, represents Mount Sinai in Arabia, corresponding to the current Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

²⁶ But the Jerusalem that is above is free and she is our mother.

²⁷ For it is written, "Rejoice, O childless woman, cry out you who have had no birth-pains; because the children of the desolate mother are more numerous than those of the woman with a husband."

²⁸ Now brothers, you are like Isaac, children of promise.

²⁹ Just as back then, the one who was born of the flesh persecuted the one who was born of the Spirit, and that is how it is now also.

³⁰ What then does the Scripture say? "Throw out the servant and her son, because the son of your servant will not inherit the share with the son of the free woman."

³¹ Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman but of the free woman.

DASV: Galatians 5

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free, so stand firm, and do not be again tied into a yoke of slavery.

² Listen, I Paul tell you, that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you.

³ Yes, I say it again, to every man that let's himself be circumcised, he is obligated to keep the whole law.

⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law are cut off from Christ, you have fallen away from grace.

⁵ For by faith, through the Spirit, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; but only faith working through love.

⁷ You were running so well, who hindered you from obeying the truth?

⁸ This false teaching does not come from him who called you.

⁹ A little yeast leavens the whole batch.

¹⁰ I have confidence in the Lord that you will not be persuaded otherwise. But the one who troubles you will pay the penalty, whoever he is.

¹¹ But I, brothers, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross would have been removed.

¹² I wish that those troublemakers would go ahead and castrate themselves.

¹³ For you, brothers, were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom for an opportunity to indulge the flesh, but through love serve one another.

¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single command: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the evil desires of the flesh.

¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another; that you cannot do the things that you want to.

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarrels, jealousies, fits of anger, rivalries, divisions, dissensions,

²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and such things; of which I forewarn you, even as I warned you before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk guided by the Spirit.

²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoke one another, or become jealous of one another.

DASV: Galatians 6

¹ Brothers, if someone is overcome by some sin, you who are spiritual, restore him in a spirit of gentleness, guarding yourself that you are not also tempted.

² Carry one another's burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ.

³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

⁴ Let each person examine his own work. Then he can take pride in himself alone, without comparing himself to anyone else.

⁵ For each must bear his own burden.

⁶ But let the one who is taught in the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

⁷ Be not deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever a person sows, that will he also reap.

⁸ For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

⁹ Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due time we will reap if we do not give up.

¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good toward all, and especially toward those who are of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I write to you with my own hand.

¹² Those who want to impress in the flesh, are trying to compel you to be circumcised; so that they may avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

¹³ For not even those who are circumcised keep the law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh.

¹⁴ But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but the new creation is all that matters.

¹⁶ All who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I bear branded on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Ephesians 1**

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
to the saints that are at Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus.
- ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ³ Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.
- ⁴ For he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love.
- ⁵ He decided ahead of time to adopt us as his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- ⁶ to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely granted to us in the Beloved.
- ⁷ In him we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
- ⁸ that he lavished on us along with all wisdom and prudence.
- ⁹ He did this when he made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he set forth in Christ,
- ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of the time, to unite all things in Christ, everything in heaven and on earth.
- ¹¹ In him also we obtained an inheritance, being chosen beforehand according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.
- ¹² To the end that we who had before hoped in Christ, should live for the praise of his glory.
- ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, also believed. You were marked with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,
- ¹⁴ who is the down payment of our inheritance, until our redemption, as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.
- ¹⁵ For this reason, I also, having heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,
- ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, praying for you continually.
- ¹⁷ I ask that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.
- ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, that you may know the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
- ¹⁹ and what is the incomparable greatness of his power toward us who believe. This working of his tremendous strength

²⁰ which he exercised in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places,

²¹ far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in the one to come.

²² He put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church,

²³ which is his body, the fullness of him that fills all in all.

DASV: Ephesians 2

- ¹ You were dead through your transgressions and sins,
² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience,
³ among whom we also all once lived in the passion of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and mind, and were by nature children under God's wrath, just like the rest.
⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love by which he loved us,
⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved.
⁶ He raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus,
⁷ that in the ages to come he might display the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God,
⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.
¹⁰ For we are his work of art, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance that we should walk in them.
- ¹¹ For that reason remember, that once you Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcised" by those who are called "Circumcision," in the flesh, made by human hands,
¹² were at that time without Christ, alienated from the citizenship of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off are brought near by the blood of Christ.
¹⁴ For he is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the dividing wall of hostility,
¹⁵ having abolished in his flesh, the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself from the two one new man, thus making peace,
¹⁶ to reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, having thereby slain the hostility.
¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near,
¹⁸ for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.
¹⁹ So then you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of the household of God.
²⁰ You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone.

²¹ In whom the whole building is joined together becoming a holy temple in the Lord.

²² In whom also you are built together into a dwelling of God by the Spirit.

DASV: Ephesians 3

¹ For this reason I, Paul, am a prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you Gentiles, --
² assuming that you have heard of the special commission of God's grace that was given to me for you;

³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote before briefly.

⁴ When you read this, you will gain understanding into the mystery of Christ.

⁵ It was not made known in other generations to human beings, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit.

⁶ This mystery, is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ I was made a minister of this gospel, according to the gift of God's grace which was given me according to the working of his power.

⁸ To me, who is less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

⁹ and to make everyone see the plan of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things.

¹⁰ The intent was that now it might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God to rulers and powers in the heavenly places.

¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

¹² in whom we have boldness and confident access through our faith in him.

¹³ Therefore I ask that you may not lose heart at my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

¹⁴ For this cause I kneel before the Father,

¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

¹⁶ I pray he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that you may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man,

¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, so that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸ may be strong to comprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth is,

¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now unto him that is able to do vastly more than all we can ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

²¹ to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

DASV: Ephesians 4

¹ I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, implore you to walk worthily of the calling you have received,

² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.

³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling,

⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.

⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

⁸ This is why it says, "When he ascended on high, he led a crowd of captives, and gave gifts to men."

⁹ Note how it said this: "He ascended." What does it mean except he also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰ He who descended is the same also who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.

¹¹ He gave some to be apostles, and some to be prophets, and some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,

¹² for the equipping of the saints, for the work of service, to build up the body of Christ,

¹³ until we all attain the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a mature person measuring up to the stature of the fullness of Christ,

¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the human trickery, in craftiness, after their deceitful scams.

¹⁵ But speaking truth in love, we will grow up in all things into him, who is the head, even Christ.

¹⁶ From him all the body, perfectly joined and held together by every joint with each one doing its part, making the body grow as it builds itself up in love.

¹⁷ So I say this, and insist in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the Gentiles, in the futility of their mind.

¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart.

¹⁹ They are callous giving themselves up to sensuality, to do every kind of uncleanness with greediness.

²⁰ This is not the way you learned about Christ,

²¹ assuming that you heard about him, and were taught in him, just as truth is in Jesus.

²² Put away, your former manner of life, the old self, which grew in corruption and deception by its lusts.

²³ Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

²⁴ Put on the new self, which was created in God's image in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, putting away falsehood, tell the truth to your neighbor, for we are members one of another.

²⁶ Be angry yet do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your wrath.

²⁷ Do not give an opportunity to the devil.

²⁸ Let those who stole steal no more, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands so that he may have something to give to the one who has need.

²⁹ Let no corrupt speech come out of your mouth, but only what is good for building up the one in need, that it may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, quarreling, and slander, be put away from you, along with all malice.

³² Instead be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God also forgave you in Christ.

DASV: Ephesians 5

- ¹ Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children,
² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.
³ But let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you, as these are not appropriate for saints.
⁴ Neither should there be any foolish talk or crude jesting, which are not proper but rather giving thanks.
⁵ Be sure of this, that no one who is sexually immoral, or impure, or greedy--who is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
⁷ Therefore do not participate with them.
⁸ For you were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord. Walk as children of light--
⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all goodness, righteousness and truth.
¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.
¹¹ Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.
¹² For the things which they do in secret are shameful even to speak of.
¹³ But all things when they are exposed by the light, are made visible.
¹⁴ Therefore it is said, "Awake, you who are sleeping, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."
¹⁵ Look, be careful how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise.
¹⁶ Make the most of the time, because the days are evil.
¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your heart to the Lord,
²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
²¹ submitting yourselves to each other out of reverence for Christ.
- ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is also the head of the church. He himself is the savior of the body.
²⁴ As the church submits to Christ, so let wives also submit to their husbands in everything.
²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave himself up for it,
²⁶ that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water by the word,

²⁷ that he might present the church to himself as glorious, not having a stain, wrinkle or any blemish, but that it should be holy and without blame.

²⁸ Even so husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself.

²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but feeds and takes care of it, even as Christ also does for the church,

³⁰ because we are members of his body.

³¹ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother, and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.

³² This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church.

³³ Nevertheless, each one of you should love his wife as himself, and let the wife respect her husband.

DASV: Ephesians 6

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

² “Honor your father and mother”--which is the first commandment with promise--

³ “that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.”

⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

⁵ Servants, obey your human masters, with fear and trembling, with sincerity of heart, as you would serve Christ.

⁶ Not just when they are looking, as people pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

⁷ Do your service enthusiastically, as to the Lord, and not just to humans.

⁸ You know that whatever good each one does, he will receive in return the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

⁹ Masters, do the same for your servants. Stop threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in his mighty strength.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹² For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against powers, against rulers of this darkness, against spiritual powers of wickedness in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand your ground in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having the belt of truth around your waist, putting on the breastplate of righteousness,

¹⁵ and having shoes on your feet with the preparation of the good news of peace.

¹⁶ In addition, pick up the shield of faith, by which you will be able to extinguish all the fiery arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷ Take also the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ With every prayer and supplication, pray at all times in the Spirit, and be alert with all perseverance and requests for all the saints.

¹⁹ Pray on my behalf, that a message may be given to me when I open my mouth, that I may make known with confidence the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

²¹ Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will tell you everything so that you may know how I am doing.

²² I sent him to you for this very reason, that you may know our situation, and that he may encourage your hearts.

²³ Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with undying love.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Philippians 1**

¹ From Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus that are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons.

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you.

⁴ When I pray for you, I pray with joy in my heart

⁵ because of your sharing in the furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now.

⁶ I am certain of this, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you, because I have you in my heart; for whether I am chained in prison or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.

⁸ For God is my witness, how I long after you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹ I pray this, that your love may grow more and more in knowledge and all discernment;

¹⁰ so that you may be able to determine what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,

¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness that come through Jesus Christ – to bring glory and praise to God.

¹² Now I would have you know, brothers, that what has happened to me has only furthered the spread of the Good News;

¹³ so that it was known throughout the whole palace guard, and to everyone else, that I am in chains for Christ.

¹⁴ Most of the brothers in the Lord, being encouraged by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word of God without fear.

¹⁵ Some preach about Christ out of jealousy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

¹⁶ The latter do so in love, knowing that I am here for the defense of the gospel;

¹⁷ but the others proclaim Christ for selfish ambition, not sincerely, trying to stir up trouble for me in prison.

¹⁸ But it doesn't matter. The important thing is that in every way, whether with right or wrong intentions, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice – yes, and will rejoice.

¹⁹ For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, this will turn out for my deliverance.

²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but that I will have the courage now, as always, that Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

²² But if I am to live in the flesh, this means more fruit from my work. What I shall choose? I do not know.

²³ I am torn between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for it is far better,

²⁴ but you need me here in my body.

²⁵ Realizing this, I know that I will stay and will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,

²⁶ that you may be proud in Christ Jesus because of me when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then whether I come and visit you or am away from you, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving for the faith of the gospel,

²⁸ without being frightened by those who oppose you, which is a sign that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved by God.

²⁹ For the privilege has been granted to you not only to believe on Christ, but also to suffer on his behalf,

³⁰ having the same conflict which you saw me struggle with, and now hear that I still have.

DASV: Philippians 2

- ¹ If there is, therefore, any encouragement in Christ, any consolation of love, any fellowship of the Spirit, any affection and compassions,
² make my joy full and be of the same mind, by having the same love, being of one purpose and one mind.
³ Do nothing based on selfishness or a desire to impress, but in humbleness of mind thinking of others better than yourselves.
⁴ Do not look out just for your own interests, but each of you also for the interests of others.
⁵ Have this attitude, which was also in Christ Jesus:
⁶ who, existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. Being found in fashion as a man,
⁸ he humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
⁹ Consequently God highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- ¹² So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,
¹³ for it is God who works in you both to desire and to work, for the sake of his good pleasure.
¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling and arguing,
¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are seen as lights in the world.
¹⁶ Holding tight onto the word of life, so that I may be proud in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.
¹⁷ If I am poured out as a sacrifice and offering for your faith, I am glad, and rejoice with you all,
¹⁸ and in the same way you should also be glad and rejoice with me.
- ¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be encouraged when I find out how you are doing.
²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will truly care for your welfare.
²¹ For they care only about themselves and not about the interests of Jesus Christ.

²² But you know his qualifications, that as a child serves a father, so he served with me in the spreading of the gospel.

²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I find out how my situation goes,

²⁴ though I trust in the Lord that I myself will come to you soon.

²⁵ But I thought it necessary to send Epaphroditus to you, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger to minister to my need.

²⁶ He has been wanting to see you, and was troubled, because you had heard that he was sick.

²⁷ Indeed he was so sick, he nearly died, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only, but also on me, that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow.

²⁸ I have sent him therefore more eagerly, that, when you see him again, you may rejoice, and that I may be less anxious.

²⁹ Welcome him therefore in the Lord with all joy, and hold people like him in honor,

³⁰ since it was for the work of Christ that he nearly died, risking his life to make up that which was lacking in your service toward me.

DASV: Philippians 3

¹ Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, is not a problem for me, but for you it is safe.

² Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh.

³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, and boast in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh,

⁴ though I might have confidence even in the flesh. If any one thinks he has reason to have confidence in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee.

⁶ Concerning zeal, I persecuted the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, I was blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever I have gained I count loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ Even beyond that, I count all things as worthless for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but garbage, so that I can gain Christ,

⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that comes from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.

¹⁰ My goal is to know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death.

¹¹ That by any means possible I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already attained this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on, to lay hold onto that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself to have achieved this, but this one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind me, I reach for what is ahead,

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize that God has called me to in Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ So let us have this mind; as many as are perfect. If in anything you deviate, God will reveal it to you.

¹⁶ Just let us hold onto what we have already attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and watch carefully those who live following this same example as you have seen in us.

¹⁸ For as I told you before, and now tell you with tears, that many people are really enemies of the cross of Christ.

¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, and think only about earthly things.

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, from where we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

²¹ who will transform our weak bodies, that they may be conformed to the likeness of his glorious body, according to the working by which he is able to subject all things to himself.

DASV: Philippians 4

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long to see, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia, and I urge Syntyche, to agree in the Lord.

³ Yes, I ask you, loyal companion, help these women, for they labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, Rejoice!

⁵ Let everyone see your gentleness. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things.

⁹ The things which you both learned and received and heard and saw in me, do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have expressed your concern for me. You were indeed concerned, but you lacked opportunity.

¹¹ Not that I speak in respect of need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, there to be content.

¹² I have experienced both need and abundance. In everything and in all things have I learned the secret of contentment whether I am full or hungry, both in plenty and in want.

¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Yet it was wonderful that you shared with me during my trouble.

¹⁵ You Philippians also know, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church had shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone.

¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent more than once to my need.

¹⁷ Not that I seek a donation, but I seek for the fruit that increases to your credit.

¹⁸ But I have all things and abound. I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable, pleasing to God.

¹⁹ My God will supply every one of your needs according to his riches in glory in Jesus Christ.

²⁰ Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers that are with me greet you.

²² All the saints greet you, especially those that belong to Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Colossians 1**

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
² to the saints, the faithful brothers in Christ who are at Colossae. Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³ We always give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when praying for you,

⁴ since we heard about your faith in Christ Jesus, and the love which you have for all the saints,

⁵ which comes from the hope in what is laid up for you in heaven, which you heard before in the word of truth, the gospel.

⁶ It has come to you; just as it is bearing fruit and growing in all the world, as it does also in you, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth.

⁷ You learned the gospel from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,

⁸ who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard about you, never stopped praying for you, requesting that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

¹⁰ Then you may live a worthy life, pleasing to the Lord in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, and growing in the knowledge of God.

¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, unto all patience and endurance with joy,

¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

¹³ For he rescued us out of the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on the earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions, whether principalities or powers; all things have been created by him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and all things are held together in him.

¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church, he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead; so that in everything he might have the first place.

¹⁹ For the Father was pleased that all his fullness should dwell in him;

²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

²¹ You who were once alienated and enemies in your mind due to your evil actions,

²² he has now reconciled you by the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy, without blemish, and absolutely free from accusation before him;

²³ if you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, not moved away from the hope promised to you in the gospel that you heard. This is the gospel which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up my part that which is lacking in the sufferings of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church.

²⁵ I have become its servant since the time God commissioned me, which was given me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

²⁶ that is the mystery that has been hidden for ages and generations, but now has been revealed to his saints.

²⁷ God desired to make known to them the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ We proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone in all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

²⁹ For this gospel I also labor, struggling with all his power, which works mightily in me.

DASV: Colossians 2

¹ For I want you to know how much I struggle for you, and for those at Laodicea, and for those who have not met me face to face.

² I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, and to have all riches of confident understanding, and know the mystery of God, namely Christ,

³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

⁴ I say this so that no one will deceive you with persuasive arguments.

⁵ For though I am absent in body, I am with you in the spirit, rejoicing to see how well ordered you are, and the strength of your faith in Christ.

⁶ As you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so walk following him,

⁷ rooted and built up in him, and firm in your faith, just as you were taught, overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ Make sure that no one deceives you through empty and deceitful philosophy, according to human tradition, from the spiritual powers of the world, and not from Christ.

⁹ For in him dwells all the fullness of the godhead bodily.

¹⁰ You are made full in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

¹¹ In him you also were circumcised, not with a circumcision of the flesh, but the putting off the body of flesh, by the spiritual circumcision done by Christ.

¹² Having been buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ You, being dead through your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive together with him, having forgiven all your sins;

¹⁴ having dropped the charges written against us, which were contrary to us. He has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.

¹⁵ Disarming the rulers and the authorities, he exposed them openly, triumphing over them by the cross.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one condemn you over food or drink, or concerning the observing of a feast day, new moon or Sabbath days.

¹⁷ These are only the shadow of the things to come, but the reality is Christ.

¹⁸ Let no one judge you demanding pious self-denial and the worshipping of the angels, dwelling on visions, yet full of pride in their fleshly mind.

¹⁹ He lost connection to the head, from whom the whole body is supported and united together through the joints and ligaments, grows with the growth that comes from God.

²⁰ If you died with Christ from the elemental spirits of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourself to regulations--

²¹ do not handle, taste, or touch?

²² These are all things which perish with use, being simply human ideas and teachings.

²³ While these things have an appearance of wisdom with self-imposed worship, false humility, and severe treatment of the body; but are not of any true value against the indulgence of the flesh.

DASV: Colossians 3

¹ So if you were raised with Christ, seek things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your mind on the things above, not on things on earth,

³ for you have died, and your new life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you too will be revealed in glory with him.

⁵ So put to death your earthly actions: sexual immorality, impurity, ungodly passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.

⁶ Because of doing these sins, the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

⁷ You also did these things when you lived among them.

⁸ But now strip off anger, wrath, malice, and abusive language from your mouth.

⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have put off sinful practices reflective of that old, dead self

¹⁰ and have put on the new self, that is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its Creator.

¹¹ So there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freeman but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Clothe yourselves, therefore, as God's chosen, holy and beloved, with a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

¹³ Bear with one another, and forgive each other. If anyone has a complaint against anyone else, as the Lord forgave you, forgive them.

¹⁴ Above all these things clothe yourselves with love, which unites everything in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ control your hearts. For you were called as part of one body to peace. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another in all wisdom with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with gratitude in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh to them.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things, for this pleases the Lord.

²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they will not be discouraged.

²² Servants, obey your earthly masters in everything and not only when they are watching but seek to please them with a sincere heart, fearing the Lord.

²³ Whatever you do, work at it heartily, with enthusiasm as to the Lord, and not for men,

²⁴ knowing that you will receive the reward as an inheritance from the Lord. Serve the Lord Christ.

²⁵ For the one who does wrong will be repaid for the wrong that he has done, and there are no exceptions.

DASV: Colossians 4

¹ Masters, treat your servants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.

³ Pray for us also, that God may open a door for the word so that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

⁴ Pray that I may proclaim the word as clearly as I should.

⁵ Be wise how you act toward outsiders, making the most of every opportunity.

⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

⁷ Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord, will make known all my affairs to you.

⁸ I have sent him for this very purpose, that you may know how we are doing, and that he may encourage your hearts.

⁹ I am also sending Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything going on here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.

¹¹ Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are my only Jewish converts, fellow workers in the kingdom of God. They have been a comfort to me.

¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you. He earnestly prays for you, that you may stand perfect and confident in all the will of God.

¹³ For I can assure you, that he has worked hard for you, and for those in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

¹⁴ Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you.

¹⁵ Greet the brothers who are in Laodicea and Nymphas, and the church that meets in her house.

¹⁶ After this letter has been read to you, let it be read also by the church of the Laodiceans. You also read the letter from Laodicea.

¹⁷ Tell Archippus, "Make sure you complete the ministry you received in the Lord."

¹⁸ I, Paul write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: 1 Thessalonians 1**

¹ From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy;

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.

² We always thank God for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers.

³ We constantly remember before our God and Father, your work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ We know, brothers, beloved by God, that he has chosen you,

⁵ because our gospel did not come to you merely in words, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit with full assurance. You know what kind of people we showed ourselves to be for your sake.

⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in great affliction, yet with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

⁷ So you became an example to all who believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

⁸ For the word of the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we do not need to say anything.

⁹ For people everywhere report how you welcomed us, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, the one who rescues us from the wrath to come.

DASV: 1 Thessalonians 2

- ¹ For yourselves know brothers about our coming to you, that it was not in vain.
- ² But although we suffered before and were shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you well know, we had courage in our God to speak the gospel of God to you in spite of great opposition.
- ³ For our appeal does not come from error, impure motives or deceit,
- ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak it; not to please people but God, who examines our hearts.
- ⁵ For we never came using flattering words as you well know, nor with a hidden agenda of greed, God is our witness.
- ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, neither from you nor from others,
- ⁷ though we could have claimed authority as apostles of Christ. Instead, we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother who tenderly cares for her own children.
- ⁸ So with such affection for you, we were delighted to impart to you, not only the gospel of God, but also our own souls, because you had become so dear to us.
- ⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil, we preached to you the gospel of God working night and day, that we might not burden any of you.
- ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, how holy, righteous and blameless our conduct was toward you who believe.
- ¹¹ As you well know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his own children,
- ¹² pleading and encouraging you, and challenging you to the end that you should walk worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
- ¹³ And for this we also constantly thank God, because when you received the word of God you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it truly is, the word of God, which also works in you who believe.
- ¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of God's churches in Christ Jesus which are in Judea; for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Jews.
- ¹⁵ They both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove out us. They displeased God, and opposed everyone.
- ¹⁶ They forbid us from speaking to the Gentiles that they may be saved. So they constantly piled up their sins but God's wrath has caught up to them at last.
- ¹⁷ But we, brothers, being separated from you for a little while--in person not in heart, became even more fervent in our desire to see your face.
- ¹⁸ For we wanted to come to you. I, Paul, tried over and over again, but Satan hindered us.
- ¹⁹ For who is our hope, joy, and crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?
- ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy!

DASV: 1 Thessalonians 3

¹ So when we could stand it no longer, we decided to stay behind at Athens alone.

² We sent Timothy, our brother and God's co-worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen you, and encourage you in your faith,

³ that no one be shaken by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for them.

⁴ For in fact even when we were with you, we told you ahead of time that we would suffer affliction; and so it has happened as you know full well.

⁵ So when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you, and our effort should prove to have been wasted.

⁶ But now Timothy has come to us from you, and given us good news about your faith and love, and that you constantly have good memories of us, longing to see us, just as we also long to see you.

⁷ For this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction, we were comforted about you because of your faith.

⁸ For now we are alive again, since you are standing firm in the Lord.

⁹ For how can we thank God enough for you, for all the joy we feel for your sakes before our God.

¹⁰ Night and day we pray earnestly that we may see you face to face, and fill up anything that is missing in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you.

¹² May the Lord make you grow and overflow in love for one another, and for all men, just as we do for you.

¹³ May he strengthen your hearts, blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

DASV: 1 Thessalonians 4

¹ Finally brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received instruction from us on how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are in fact living -- that you do so more and more.

² For you know what we taught you from the Lord Jesus.

³ For this is God's will: that you be holy and abstain from sexual immorality,

⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,

⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God.

⁶ In this issue one should not cheat or wrong his brother, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we also told and warned you before.

⁷ For God did not call us to impurity, but to holiness.

⁸ Therefore the one who rejects this, does not reject human instruction, but God's, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

⁹ Now concerning brotherly love, you do not need anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.

¹⁰ Indeed you show it toward all the brothers who are throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, that you do so more and more.

¹¹ Make it your goal to live a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your hands, just as we instructed you.

¹² Then you can live properly before outsiders, and will not be dependent on anyone.

¹³ But we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who have fallen asleep; so you will not grieve like the rest who have no hope.

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then those who are fallen asleep in Jesus, God will bring with him.

¹⁵ For we tell you this by the authority of the word of the Lord, that we who are left alive when the Lord comes, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

DASV: 1 Thessalonians 5

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you do not need to have anything written to you.

² For yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.

³ When they are saying, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. There will be no way to escape.

⁴ But you, brothers, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

⁵ For you are all sons of light, and sons of the day. We are not of the night, nor of darkness.

⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us stay alert and be sober.

⁷ For those who sleep, sleep in the night and those who are get drunk are drunk at night.

⁸ But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

⁹ For God did not destine us for wrath, but for the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we should live together with him.

¹¹ Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you already do.

¹² But we ask you, brothers, to acknowledge those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you.

¹³ Esteem them most highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

¹⁴ We urge you, brothers, admonish the lazy, encourage the discouraged, help the weak, be patient toward all.

¹⁵ See that no one repays evil for evil; but always pursue that which is good for one another, and for all.

¹⁶ Rejoice always,

¹⁷ pray without ceasing,

¹⁸ in everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not extinguish the Spirit.

²⁰ Do not despise the prophetic word.

²¹ But test everything, hang on to that which is good.

²² Stay away from every type of evil.

²³ Now may the God of peace himself make you completely holy. May your spirit, soul and body be kept totally blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ Faithful is he who calls you, and he who will do it.

²⁵ Brothers, pray for us.

²⁶ Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

²⁷ I command you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the brothers.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: 2 Thessalonians 1**

¹ From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy;

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

² Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of each one of you for one another is also increasing.

⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your endurance and faith in all your persecutions and afflictions which you are undergoing.

⁵ This is the evidence of the righteous judgment of God; to the end that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer.

⁶ For it is right for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

⁷ and provide relief for you who are being afflicted, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.

⁸ With flaming fire he will inflict vengeance on those who do not know God, and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction away from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

¹⁰ When he comes on that day, he will be glorified among his saints, and admired by all those who have believed, indeed you did believe our testimony to you.

¹¹ To this end we pray for you always, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and fulfill every good desire and work of faith, with power,

¹² that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2

¹ Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our being gathered to him, we ask you brothers

² not to be easily shaken in mind, or alarmed, either by a spirit, word, or a letter supposed to be from us, alleging that the day of the Lord has already come.

³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come until the falling away comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the one destined to destruction.

⁴ He opposes and exalts himself over every so-called god or object of worship; so that he will sit in the temple of God, setting himself up as God.

⁵ Do you not recall that when I was still with you, I told you these things?

⁶ Now you know what is restraining him, so that he will be revealed when his time comes.

⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. However there is one who restrains now, until he is taken out of the way.

⁸ Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of his mouth, and bring him to nothing by the splendor of his coming.

⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be by the working of Satan with all power, signs and lying wonders and

¹⁰ with every kind of wicked deception deceiving those who perish; because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

¹¹ Consequently God sends them a strong delusion, that they will believe a lie.

¹² So all who have not believed the truth, but enjoy evil will be condemned.

¹³ But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and belief in the truth.

¹⁴ To this he called you through our gospel, so you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ So then, brothers, stand firm, and hold on to the traditions that you were taught, whether by our speech or letter.

¹⁶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,

¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 3

¹ Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may spread quickly and be honored, just as it was among you,

² and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people. Not everyone has faith.

³ But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you, and guard you from the evil one.

⁴ We are confident in the Lord about you, that you are both doing and will continue to do the things that we commanded you.

⁵ Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the endurance of Christ.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother who lives an idle life and not after the tradition they received from us.

⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, for we were not idle when we were among you.

⁸ We did not eat anyone's food without paying for it. Instead we labored and toiled, working day and night, so that we might not burden any of you.

⁹ It was not because we had no right, but to make ourselves an example to you, that you should imitate us.

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we commanded you, "If anyone will not work, he should not eat."

¹¹ For we hear of some of you are walking in idleness, refusing to work, yet are busybodies.

¹² Now such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ, that they work quietly and make their own living.

¹³ But you, brothers, do not be weary in doing what is right.

¹⁴ If anyone does not obey our word by this letter, take note of that person, do not associate with him, in order that he may be ashamed.

¹⁵ Do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, which is the sign in every letter. This is how I write.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: 1 Timothy 1**

¹ From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God, our Savior, and Christ Jesus, our hope.

² To Timothy, my true child in the faith. Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ As I urged you when I left for Macedonia, stay at Ephesus, that you may instruct certain people there not to teach false doctrine,

⁴ or to waste time on myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculation, rather than God's redemptive plan which is by faith.

⁵ But the goal of my instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith.

⁶ Some have deviated from these turning aside to meaningless discussion.

⁷ They desire to be teachers of the law, but they do not understand what they are saying, or what they so confidently affirm.

⁸ But we know that the law is good, if a person uses it legitimately.

⁹ We know this, that law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers and mothers, for murderers,

¹⁰ for sexually immoral, for practicing homosexuals, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching,

¹¹ in accord with the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

¹² I thank him who enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, because he counted me faithful, appointing me to his service;

¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I received mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief,

¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed on me with faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ This is a trustworthy saying, and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,"--of whom I am the worst.

¹⁶ This is why I obtained mercy, that in me, as the worst, Jesus Christ might show forth the extent of his patience, as an example for those who are going to believe on him and receive eternal life.

¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

¹⁸ I commit this charge to you, Timothy, my child, according to the prophecies spoken about you, that by them you may fight the good fight,

¹⁹ grasping firmly on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected causing their faith to shipwreck.

²⁰ Among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I handed over to Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 2

¹ I urge, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanks be made for all people;

² for kings and all that are in high positions; that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

³ This prayer is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

⁴ who wants all people to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and humans, Christ Jesus, who himself was truly human.

⁶ He gave himself a ransom for all, this was attested at just the right time.

⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸ I want men to pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without anger or disputing.

⁹ Similarly, women should dress in appropriate clothing, with modesty and propriety; not with braided hair, gold, pearls or expensive clothes,

¹⁰ but with good deeds as is proper for women professing godliness.

¹¹ Let a woman learn in quietness with all submission.

¹² But I do not allow a woman to teach, or to have authority over a man. She is rather to remain quiet.

¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

¹⁴ Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived fell into transgression.

¹⁵ But she will be saved through her childbearing, if she continues in faith, love and holiness with modesty.

1 Timothy 3

¹ This saying is trustworthy, “If a man seeks the office of an elder, he desires a good work.”

² The elder, therefore, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

³ not a drunkard, or violent but gentle, not contentious, or a lover of money.

⁴ He must manage his own home well, keeping his children under control with respect.

⁵ For if one does not know how to manage his own home, how can he take care of the church of God?

⁶ He should not be a new believer, or he may fall into the condemnation caused by the devil.

⁷ Moreover he must be well thought of by those who are outside the community of faith; so he will not fall into disgrace and the snare of the devil.

⁸ Deacons, likewise must be respected, not two-faced, not heavy drinkers or greedy for money,

⁹ holding to the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.

¹⁰ Let these also first be tested, and then let them serve as deacons, if they prove blameless.

¹¹ Similarly, their wives must be respected, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in everything.

¹² Let deacons be husbands of one wife, managing their children and their own homes well.

¹³ For those who have served well as deacons gain for themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ These things write I to you, hoping to come to you soon,

¹⁵ but if I get delayed, I write that you may know how people ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

¹⁶ There is no question this is a great mystery of our religion: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 4

¹ But the Spirit says clearly, that in later times some will turn away from the faith, devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons,

² through the hypocrisy of liars, whose consciences are seared as with a hot iron.

³ They forbid marriage, and command abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

⁴ For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with thanksgiving.

⁵ For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

⁶ If you point out these things to the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith and of the good teaching which you have followed.

⁷ But have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales. Instead train yourself for godliness.

⁸ For “physical training has some value; but godliness is valuable for all things. It holds promise for the present life, and for that which is to come.”

⁹ This saying is trustworthy, and worthy of full acceptance.

¹⁰ For to this end we work hard and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of everyone, especially of those who believe.

¹¹ Command and teach these things.

¹² Let no one despise you because you are young; but set an example to those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faithfulness, and purity.

¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching.

¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands by the council of elders.

¹⁵ Pay attention to these things, give yourself totally to them, so that your progress may be apparent to everyone.

¹⁶ Keep a close watch on yourself, and to your teaching. Continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.

1 Timothy 5

¹ Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but appeal to him as a father. Talk to younger men as brothers,

² to older women as mothers, and to the younger women as sisters, with all purity.

³ Honor widows who are truly in need.

⁴ But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show their religious duty towards their own family and repay their parents. For this is pleasing in the sight of God.

⁵ Now a widow who is truly in need and left all alone, has her hope set on God, and continues making requests and prayers night and day.

⁶ But the widow who lives only for her own pleasure is dead even while she lives.

⁷ Give these instructions so that they may be above criticism.

⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his own family, and especially his own immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

⁹ Let a widow be put on the list only if she is over sixty years old, having been a faithful wife.

¹⁰ She should be known for good deeds, as one who has raised children, shown hospitality, washed the feet of saints, cared for the afflicted and has devoted herself to all kinds of good works.

¹¹ But refuse to put younger widows on the list, for their sensual desires may lead them away from Christ and they will want to marry.

¹² They incur condemnation because they have broken their first pledge.

¹³ Besides that, they may learn to be idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but gossips and busybodies, saying things they ought not to.

¹⁴ I desire, therefore, that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage their homes so as to give no opportunity to the adversary for slander.

¹⁵ For some have already turned aside to follow Satan.

¹⁶ If any believing woman has widows in her own family, let her help them, and let not the church be burdened; so that it may help those who are truly needy widows.

¹⁷ Let the elders that rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work in preaching and teaching.

¹⁸ For the scripture says, "You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain." And, "The laborer deserves his pay."

¹⁹ Do not receive an accusation against an elder unless it is supported by two or three witnesses.

²⁰ Those who sin should be rebuked in the sight of all so that the rest also may be warned by it.

²¹ I charge you in the sight of God, Christ Jesus, and the elect angels, that you observe these instructions without partiality, doing nothing by favoritism.

²² Do not ordain anyone hastily, or partake in another's sins. Keep yourself pure.

²³ Do not drink just water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent illnesses.

²⁴ Some men's sins are obvious, leading them into judgment; and other's sins are exposed only later.

²⁵ In like manner also there are good works that are obvious; and those that cannot be hidden very long.

1 Timothy 6

¹ Let as many as are under the yoke of slavery regard their own masters worthy of full honor, that the name of God and the teaching be not defamed.

² Those who have believing masters, should not respect them less because they are brothers. Instead they should serve them all the more, because those who benefit from their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these things.

³ If anyone teaches differently, and does not agree with sound words, that is, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the teaching which promotes godliness;

⁴ he is conceited and knows nothing. Such a person has an unhealthy interest in questionings and disputes over words, which give rise to envy, strife, slander and evil suspicions.

⁵ The wranglings of those who are of a corrupt mind and bereft of the truth, lead them to imagine godliness is a way to wealth.

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain.

⁷ For we brought nothing into the world and so we cannot carry anything out.

⁸ But if we have food and clothing let us be content.

⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts that plunge people into destruction and ruin.

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some craving it have wandered away from the faith, and have pierced themselves with many sorrows.

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee these things. Instead pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Grasp tightly onto eternal life, to which you were called, and make a good confession in the sight of many witnesses.

¹³ I charge you in the sight of God, who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate made his good confession.

¹⁴ Obey the commandment, without fault or blame, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁵ which he, who is the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, will reveal at just the right time.

¹⁶ He alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light; whom no human has seen, nor can see. To him be honor and power, forever! Amen.

¹⁷ Charge those who are rich in this present world, not to be arrogant, or to have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who gives us richly all things for our enjoyment.

¹⁸ Direct them to do good, that they be rich in good works; to be generous and willing to share with others.

¹⁹ By doing this they will store up treasure for themselves as a solid foundation for the future, that they may lay hold onto true life.

²⁰ O Timothy, guard that which has been entrusted to you. Avoid godless babblings and absurdities of their falsely labeled “knowledge,”

²¹ which some have professed wandering from the faith. Grace be with all of you.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: 2 Timothy 1**

¹ From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God, with a pure conscience whom I serve, just as my forefathers did, when day and night I constantly remember you in my prayers.

⁴ I long to see you, remembering your tears, so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵ I am reminded of your genuine faith; which first lived in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice; and, I am convinced, is now in you too.

⁶ Because of this I remind you that you fan into flames the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

⁷ For God did not give us not a spirit of fear; but of power, love and self-control.

⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, or of me, his prisoner, but suffer hardship for the gospel by to the power of God.

⁹ He saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not because of our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time begin.

¹⁰ But it has now been made visible by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus. He has destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

¹¹ For this Good News I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher.

¹² Because of this I also suffer these things. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know the one in whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed to him until that day.

¹³ Hold to the standard sound teaching which you have heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Guard that good deposit which was entrusted unto you through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

¹⁵ You know, that everyone in the province of Asia deserted me; including Phygelus and Hermogenes.

¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the family of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chains.

¹⁷ But, when he was in Rome, he vigorously searched for and found me.

¹⁸ May the Lord grant that he find mercy from the Lord on that day. Now you know full well how much he helped me at Ephesus.

2 Timothy 2

- ¹ You then, my dear child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- ² And the things which you have heard me say in front of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.
- ³ Receive your share of suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.
- ⁴ No soldier in military service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who recruited him.
- ⁵ Anyone who competes as an athlete is not crowned, unless he follows the rules.
- ⁶ The farmer that works hard should be the first one to receive his share of the crops.
- ⁷ Think about what I am saying; for the Lord will give you understanding in all this.
- ⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendent of David—this is my gospel,
- ⁹ for which I suffer hardship even to the point of being bound with chains as a criminal; but the word of God is not bound.
- ¹⁰ So I endure all things for the sake of the chosen, that they too may obtain salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
- ¹¹ This saying is trustworthy: “For if we died with him, we shall also live with him.
- ¹² If we endure, we shall also reign with him, if we deny him, he will also deny us,
- ¹³ if we are unfaithful, he will remain faithful; because he cannot deny himself.”
- ¹⁴ Remind them these things, warn them in the sight of the Lord, not to quarrel over words. It is worthless and only ruins those who listen.
- ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself approved to God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.
- ¹⁶ But avoid profane babblings, for it will only lead one further into ungodliness.
- ¹⁷ Their talk will spread like gangrene. Hymenaeus and Philetus are examples of this.
- ¹⁸ They have strayed from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened, and the faith of some has been destroyed.
- ¹⁹ However, God’s solid foundation stands firm, having this seal inscribed, “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who confesses the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness.”
- ²⁰ Now in an expensive house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of clay; and some are for honorable uses, and others are for ignoble.
- ²¹ If anyone purge himself of these, he will be a vessel of honor, special, fit for the master’s use, prepared for every good work.
- ²² But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.
- ²³ But reject foolish and ignorant questions, knowing that they only breed strife.

²⁴ The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome, but gentle towards all, apt to teach, patient,

²⁵ in meekness correcting opponents, if there is a chance that God may grant them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth,

²⁶ that they may rescue themselves from of the trap of the devil, having been held captive by him in order to do his will.

2 Timothy 3

¹ But know this, that in the last days distressing times will come.

² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good,

⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

⁵ They maintain an outward form of godliness, but have denied its power. Avoid these kind of people.

⁶ For these are the kind that creep into houses, and take captive vulnerable women overwhelmed with sins, led astray by all kinds of passions.

⁷ Such women are always following some new teaching but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁸ Just as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these men also withstand the truth. They have warped minds and are disqualified concerning the faith.

⁹ But they will proceed no further. For their folly will be obvious to everyone, just like it was for those two men.

¹⁰ But you have followed my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience,

¹¹ persecutions, sufferings, that happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured. And the Lord delivered me from them all.

¹² Yes, and all who would live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

¹³ But evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived themselves.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and are convinced of, knowing from whom you learned them.

¹⁵ And that from early childhood have known the Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

¹⁷ So that the man of God may be competent, completely equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4

¹ I solemnly charge you in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

² Preach the word; be ready in season and out; reprove, rebuke, exhort with total patience and good teaching.

³ For there will come a time when people will not tolerate sound teaching. But, they will heap up for themselves teachers compatible with their own lusts, having itching ears.

⁴ And they will turn their ears away from the truth, turning instead to myths.

⁵ But be self-controlled in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out as an offering, and the time of my departure is come.

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.

⁸ Now there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award me on that day; and not to me only, but also to all those who long for his appearing.

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon.

¹⁰ For Demas deserted me, having loved this present world. He went to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.

¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you; for he is helpful to me in my ministry.

¹² Now I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, and the scrolls, especially the parchments.

¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great evil. The Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

¹⁵ You must beware of him also; for he greatly opposed our words.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one took my side, but they all deserted me, may they not be held accountable for it.

¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me, so that through me the message would be fully proclaimed for all the Gentiles to hear. And I was delivered out of the lion's mouth.

¹⁸ The Lord will deliver me from every evil attack, and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹ Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the family of Onesiphorus.

²⁰ Erastus stayed at Corinth. I left Trophimus sick at Miletus.

²¹ Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers sent their greetings.

²² The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Titus 1**

¹ From Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of God's elect, and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness,

² in hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the ages began.

³ But at the right time he revealed his word through the preaching with which I was entrusted, according to the command of God our Savior.

⁴ To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

⁵ The reason I left you in Crete, was so that you might put in order what was unfinished there and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

⁶ If anyone is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of debauchery or being rebellious.

⁷ For the overseer must be blameless, as God's steward. He must not be arrogant, not quick to anger, not a drunkard, violent, or greedy for gain.

⁸ Instead he must be hospitable, a lover of good, prudent, just, devout, and self-controlled.

⁹ He must hold firmly to the faithful word he was taught so that he will be able both to give instruction in the sound doctrine, and to refute those who contradict it.

¹⁰ For there are many rebellious people, idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group,

¹¹ Their mouths must be stopped; for they mislead whole families, teaching for dishonest gain things which they ought not to.

¹² One of the Cretans, one of their own prophets, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

¹³ This testimony is true. For this reason rebuke them sharply, that they may become sound in the faith,

¹⁴ not paying attention to Jewish myths, and commands of people who turn away from the truth.

¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure, but both their minds and their consciences are corrupt.

¹⁶ They profess that they know God; but by their deeds they deny him. They are detestable and disobedient, and unfit for doing any good work.

Titus 2

¹ But as for you, teach the things which are consistent with sound doctrine.

² Teach older men to be temperate, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in endurance.

³ Similarly teach older women to be reverent in demeanor, not slanderers or addicted to much wine, but teachers of that which is good,

⁴ that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, workers in their homes, kind, being subject to their husbands, that the word of God not be criticized.

⁶ Similarly, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.

⁷ In all things showing yourself to be an example of good works. In you teaching show integrity, seriousness,

⁸ sound speech, that cannot be condemned, so that any opponent may be put to shame having nothing evil to say against us.

⁹ Servants are to be subject to their masters, and try to please them in everything. They should not talk back,

¹⁰ or steal, but show themselves trustworthy, then they may make the doctrine of God our Savior attractive in everything.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

¹² It instructs us, to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, that we should live self-controlled, righteous and godly lives in this present world,

¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and appearing of to glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹⁴ He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify for himself a people for himself, ones who are eager to do good works.

¹⁵ Teach these things. Exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one despise you.

Titus 3

¹ Remind them to submit to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, ready to do what is good.

² Do not slander anyone, avoid quarreling, be gentle, showing humility toward all.

³ For we were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

⁵ he saved us, not because of works of righteousness, which we had done, but according to his mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

⁶ whom he richly poured out upon us, through Jesus Christ our Savior;

⁷ so that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

⁸ This saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things so that those who have believed God may be careful to do good works. These things are excellent and profitable for all.

⁹ But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, arguments, and quarrels about the law; for they are unprofitable and worthless.

¹⁰ After giving a first and second warning to a divisive person, have nothing to do with him.

¹¹ Know that such a person is perverted, and sinful, being self-condemned.

¹² When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

¹³ Do everything you can to speed Zenas, the lawyer, and Apollos on their way. Give them everything they need.

¹⁴ And let our people devote themselves to do good works to meet any urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.

¹⁵ All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in faith. Grace be with all of you.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Philemon**

¹ From Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother; To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker,

² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church that meets in your house.

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God, making mention of you in my prayers,

⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints, and your faith which you have for the Lord Jesus.

⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective, in the knowledge of every good thing we have in Christ.

⁷ For I had great joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

⁸ So, even though I have all confidence in Christ to order you to do what you ought to,

⁹ yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you, I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus.

¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, who has become my son while I was imprisoned.

¹¹ He was once useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.

¹² I have sent him back to you--he who is my very heart.

¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, that in your place he might minister to me while I am imprisoned for the gospel.

¹⁴ But I do not want to do anything without your consent; that your goodness should not be out of compulsion, but from your own free will.

¹⁵ For perhaps it was because of that he was separated from you for a while, that you should have him back for ever,

¹⁶ no longer as a servant, but more than a servant, as a beloved brother. So he is, especially to me, and even much more now to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ If you regard me as a partner, receive him as you would me.

¹⁸ But if he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge it to my account.

¹⁹ I, Paul write this with my own hand, I will repay it. I could say to you that you owe me your very self.

²⁰ Yes, brother, please do me this favor in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ I am confident in your obedience. I write to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I ask.

²² One more thing, prepare a place for me to stay, for I hope that through your prayers, I will return to you.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you.

²⁴ So do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Hebrews 1**

¹ Long ago God spoke at many times and in various ways to our forefathers by the prophets.

² In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the world.

³ He is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his essence, and he sustains everything by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

⁴ having become as much better than the angels as the name that he inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son,
today I have I have fathered you"?

and again,

"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?

⁶ And again, when he brought his firstborn into the world, he said,

"Let all the angels of God worship him."

⁷ And regarding the angels he says,

"Who makes his angels spirits,
and his servants a flame of fire."

⁸ But about the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
and the scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness,

and hated lawlessness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
over your companions with the oil of gladness."

¹⁰ And,

"You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the works of your hands.

¹¹ They will perish, but you remain,

they will all get old like a garment;

¹² like a cloak you will roll them up,

like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,

and your years will not end."

¹³ But about which of the angels did God ever say,

"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to serve in behalf of those who will inherit salvation?

DASV: Hebrews 2

¹ Therefore we must pay closer attention to the things we have heard, so we do not drift away from them.

² For if the message spoken through angels proved certain, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty;

³ how will we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? It was first announced through the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

⁴ God also confirmed their testimony by signs, wonders and various miracles, along with gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will.

⁵ For he did not subject the world to come, about which we are speaking, to angels.

⁶ But one has testified somewhere, saying,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you should care for him?"

⁷ You made him a little lower than the angels;

you crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸ you put everything in subjection under his feet."

For when he put everything under his control, he left nothing outside his control. But currently we do not see everything under his control.

⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for a little while, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ For it is appropriate for him, for whom are all things and through whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹ For both he who makes holy and they who are made holy are all from the same Father, for that reason he is not ashamed to call them brothers,

¹² saying,

"I will declare your name to my brothers,
in the midst of the congregation will I sing your praise."

¹³ And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here I am, and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴ Since then the children share in flesh and blood, he too shared in the same; so that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

¹⁵ and free those who were enslaved all their lives by the fear of death.

¹⁶ For surely he did not help the angels, but he helped the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷ Therefore it was necessary for him in everything to be made like his brothers, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make an atonement for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ Since he himself has suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

DASV: Hebrews 3

¹ Therefore, holy brothers, partners in a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Jesus.

² He was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses was also in all God's house.

³ For he deserves more glory than Moses, just as the one who builds the house deserves more honor than the house itself.

⁴ For every house is built by someone; but God is the one who built everything.

⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify of those things that would be spoken later.

⁶ But Christ, is faithful as a son over God's house; whose house we are, if we hold on tight to our courage and the confidence of our hope.

⁷ Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

⁸ "Today, if you will hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts,
as in the rebellion,
in the day of the trial in the wilderness,

⁹ where your fathers tested and tried me,

and saw my works for forty years.

¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked by this generation,

and said, 'Their hearts always wander,
but they have not known my ways.'

¹¹ So I swore in my wrath,

'They will not enter into my rest.'"

¹² Take care, brothers, that none of you has an evil and unbelieving heart, that turns away from the living God.

¹³ But exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

¹⁴ For we have become partners with Christ, if we hold on tight to the beginning of our confidence to the end.

¹⁵ As it says,

"Today if you will hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

¹⁶ For who were those who heard and rebelled? Was it not all those who came out of Egypt through Moses' leadership?

¹⁷ And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

¹⁸ To whom did he swear that they would not enter into his rest, but to those who were disobedient?

¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

DASV: Hebrews 4

¹ Therefore while the promise of entering into his rest still remains, let us fear that anyone of you may seem to have failed to reach it.

² For we had good news preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard was of no benefit to them, because they did not connect by faith with those who listened.

³ For we who have believed can enter into that rest; even as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,

"They will not enter into my rest,"

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴ For he has spoken somewhere about the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."

⁵ And again in the passage cited above, "They will not enter into my rest."

⁶ Therefore it remains for some to enter it, yet those to whom the good news was preached previously failed to enter because of disobedience.

⁷ He again set up a certain day, "Today," saying through David some time later just as quoted before,

"Today, if you will hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts."

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken later about another day.

⁹ There remains, therefore, a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

¹⁰ For the one who enters into his rest has himself also rested from his works, just as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us, therefore, endeavor to enter into that rest, that no one fall by following that same example of disobedience.

¹² For the word of God is living, and effective, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and between the joints and marrow, and is able to judge between the thoughts and motives of the heart.

¹³ Now there is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but all things are naked and exposed before the eyes of him before whom we must give an account.

¹⁴ Since then we have such a great high priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold on tight to our confession.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses; but one who has been tempted in all points like we are, and yet without sin.

¹⁶ Let us therefore confidently approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace when we need help.

DASV: Hebrews 5

¹ For every high priest is taken from among the people and appointed to represent people in things pertaining to God, so that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and erring, since he himself also is prone to weakness.

³ This is the reason he is required to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as for the people.

⁴ No one takes this honor on himself, but only when he is called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So too Christ did not glorify himself to be made a high priest, but was glorified by him who said to him,

"You are my Son,
this day have I fathered you."

⁶ as he also said in another place,

"You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek."

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to him who was able to save him from death, and was heard because of his godly devotion.

⁸ Although he was a Son, yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered.

⁹ Having been made perfect, he became to all those who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

¹⁰ So he was designated by God as high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

¹¹ Concerning whom we have many things to say, and it is difficult to explain, since you have become hard of hearing.

¹² For by this time you ought to be teachers, yet you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, and not solid food.

¹³ For everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness; for he is still an infant.

¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their senses trained to discern between good and evil.

DASV: Hebrews 6

¹ Therefore let us leave the basic teachings of Christ, and press on to maturity; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith in God,

² teaching about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

³ And we will do this, if God permits.

⁴ For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift, and become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

⁵ and tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come,

⁶ and then fall away, to bring them back again to repentance; since they are crucifying for themselves the Son of God all over again, and hold him up to public shame.

⁷ For the ground, drinking in the rain that falls frequently on it, and brings forth crops useful for those who farmed it, receives a blessing from God.

⁸ But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and ready for a curse, and it ends up being burned.

⁹ But, beloved, we are convinced of better things about you, things related to salvation, even though we speak this way.

¹⁰ For God is not unjust to forget your work and the love which you have shown for his name, in your service to the saints as you still serve them.

¹¹ And we desire each one of you to show the same diligence to the fulfillment of your hope to the end,

¹² so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he could swear by no one greater, he swore by himself,

¹⁴ saying, "Surely I will greatly bless you and multiply you."

¹⁵ And so after having patiently waited, Abraham obtained the promise.

¹⁶ For people swear by someone who is the greater than themselves and all disputes are brought to an end by an oath of confirmation.

¹⁷ In the same way God, being determined to show more clearly to the heirs of the promise that his purpose was unchangeable, confirmed it by an oath,

¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, since it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to him for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold on tight to the hope set before us.

¹⁹ We have this sure and steadfast hope as an anchor of the soul, that enters the place behind the sanctuary curtain,

²⁰ where Jesus as a forerunner entered for us, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

DASV: Hebrews 7

¹ For this Melchizedek was king of Salem, priest of God Most High, the one who met Abraham as he returned from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him.

² To him, Abraham also apportioned a tenth part of all the plunder. His name first means, "king of righteousness," and then also he is called "king of Salem," that is "king of peace."

³ He is without recorded father, mother, and genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but is like the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

⁴ Now consider how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of his plunder.

⁵ And those who are the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have a commandment according to the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, although they too are the descendants of Abraham.

⁶ But this man who does not have their ancestry received tithes from Abraham, and has blessed him who had received the promises.

⁷ But it is beyond question that the less is blessed by the superior.

⁸ In one case the tithes are received by men who die, but in the other, by one who is attested to be alive.

⁹ It could even be said that Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham,

¹⁰ for he was still in his father's loins when Melchizedek met him.

¹¹ Now if perfection was possible through the levitical priesthood, for under that priesthood the people had received the law, what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one designated as after the order of Aaron?

¹² For when the priesthood changes, there is of necessity a change in the law too.

¹³ For the one of whom these things are said belongs to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar.

¹⁴ For it is obvious that our Lord came from Judah, concerning which tribe Moses said nothing regarding priests.

¹⁵ It is even more obvious, if another priest arises after the likeness of Melchizedek,

¹⁶ who has been made a priest, not according to the law of physical descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.

¹⁷ For it is testified about him,

"You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek."

¹⁸ For on the one hand, there is a setting aside of the foregoing commandment because it was weak and useless--

¹⁹ for the law never made anything perfect. On the other hand, a better hope was introduced through which we draw near to God.

²⁰ This was affirmed by an oath; for others who became priests previously became priests without taking an oath.

²¹ But Jesus became a priest with an oath by the one who said of him,
"The Lord swore and will not change his mind:
'You are a priest forever.'"

²² This makes Jesus the guarantee of a better covenant.

²³ There are many who have been made priests, because death prevented them from continuing as priests.

²⁴ But he, because he lives forever, has his priesthood permanently.

²⁵ Therefore he is able to save forever those who draw near to God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For such a high priest is appropriate for us, one who is holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted higher than the heavens.

²⁷ He does not need to daily offer up sacrifices, like other high priests, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people; for he did this once for all, when he offered up himself.

²⁸ For the law appoints men high priests who have weakness; but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

DASV: Hebrews 8

¹ Now the main point we are saying is this: We have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

² a minister in the sanctuary and the true tabernacle, that the Lord set up, not man.

³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer.

⁴ Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are already those who offer the gifts according to the law.

⁵ They serve in a place that is a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary, just as Moses was warned when he was about to complete setting up the tabernacle. For God said, "Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern that you were shown on the mountain."

⁶ But now Jesus has obtained a superior ministry, as he is the mediator of a better covenant and enacted on better promises.

⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, then there would be no need to seek for a second one.

⁸ But finding fault with them, God says,
 "Look, 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.

⁹ It will not be like 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,
 so I turned away from them, says the Lord.

¹⁰ For 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 minds,
 and I will write them on their hearts,
 and I will be their God,
 and they will be my people.

¹¹ Then there will be no need for anyone to teach his neighbor
 and each one his brother,
 saying, 'Know the Lord,'
 for everyone will know me,
 from the least to the greatest.

¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
 and their sins I will remember no more."

¹³ When he talks about a "new" covenant he makes the first obsolete. But that which is obsolete and growing old is close to vanishing away.

DASV: Hebrews 9

¹ Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship, and its earthly sanctuary.

² For a tabernacle was prepared, in the outer area there was the candlestick, the table, and the bread of the Presence. This was called the Holy Place.

³ Behind the second curtain of the tabernacle was the area which was called the Holy of Holies.

⁴ In it were the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant was overlaid on all sides with gold. In the ark was a golden urn holding the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.

⁵ Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. We cannot speak of these things in detail now.

⁶ Having made preparations like this, the priests regularly entered into the first part of the tabernacle to perform their duties for worship.

⁷ But only the high priest could go into the second part, once a year, and not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for sins the people committed in ignorance.

⁸ By this the Holy Spirit was indicating that the way into the most holy place had not yet been revealed, as long as the first tabernacle was still standing.

⁹ This is a symbol pointing to this present time; when both gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshipper.

¹⁰ They only deal with meats and drinks and various ritual washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of the new order.

¹¹ But Christ having come as a high priest of the good things to come, entered through a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

¹² He entered once for all into the most holy place but not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thereby securing eternal redemption.

¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who had been defiled, could purify their flesh,

¹⁴ then how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our consciences from dead works to worship the living God?

¹⁵ Because of this he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who have been called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred to redeem them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

¹⁶ For where there is a will, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.

¹⁷ For a will is invoked only when there has been death, for it does not take effect when the one who made it is still alive.

¹⁸ That is why not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

¹⁹ For when every commandment had been announced by Moses to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the scroll itself and all the people,

²⁰ saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded you to observe.

²¹ Likewise the tabernacle and all the vessels used for worship he sprinkled with blood.

²² According to the law, almost everything was cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

²³ So it was necessary that the copies of the things in heaven be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these.

²⁴ For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with hands, like a copy of the true one; but into heaven itself, now to appear in God's presence for us.

²⁵ Yet he did not offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters into the most holy place year after year with blood not his own,

²⁶ for then he would had to have suffered again and again since the foundation of the world. But now once, at the end of the ages, he has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for people to die once, and after that the judgment,

²⁸ so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to bear sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

DASV: Hebrews 10

¹ For since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come, not the true form of these things, it can never with the same sacrifices offered continually year after year, make perfect those who approach for worship.

² Otherwise would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshippers, having been cleansed once for all, would have had no more consciousness of sins?

³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year after year.

⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Therefore when he came into the world, he said,

"You did not desire sacrifice and offering,
but a body you have prepared for me,

⁶ You take no pleasure in whole burnt offerings
and sacrifices for sin.

⁷ Then I said, 'Here I am (it is written about me in the scroll of the book)
I have come to do your will, O God.'"

⁸ When he says above, "You did not desire sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin, neither do you take pleasure in them" (even though they are offered according to the law),

⁹ then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first, that he may establish the second.

¹⁰ By his will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹ Now every priest stands day after day serving and offering over and over the same sacrifices, that can never take away sins.

¹² But when this one offered a single sacrifice for sins for all time, he sat down at the right hand of God,

¹³ where he is waiting until his enemies are made a footstool for his feet.

¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected forever those who are sanctified.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ "This is the covenant I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord,
I will put my laws on their heart,
and on their minds I will write them."

¹⁷ Then he says,

"Their sins and their lawless deeds
I will remember no more."

¹⁸ Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no more offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, having confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened up for us, through the curtain, that is, his flesh,

²¹ and since we have such a great priest over the house of God;

²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience, and having our body washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold tight to the confession of our hope without wavering; for he who made the promise is faithful.

²⁴ Let us consider how to motivate one another to love and good works.

²⁵ Not neglecting our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging each other all the more as you see the day drawing near.

²⁶ For if we sin deliberately after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there is no more sacrifice for sins left for us,

²⁷ but only a certain dreadful expectation of judgment, and a furious fire that will devour the enemies.

²⁸ Anyone who rejected the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

²⁹ How much worse punishment do you think someone deserves who has walked all over the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

³⁰ For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

³¹ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³² But recall the former days, when you were enlightened, you endured a great conflict with sufferings.

³³ Sometimes you were publically exposed to insults and persecutions; and sometimes sharing with those who were treated that way.

³⁴ For you showed sympathy on those who were in bonds, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you had a better and more lasting possession.

³⁵ Therefore do not throw away your confidence, it results in a rich reward.

³⁶ For you need endurance, so that having done the will of God, you may receive the promise.

³⁷ For "in just a little while, the one coming will come, and will not delay.

³⁸ But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I take no pleasure in him."

³⁹ But we are not among those who shrink back and perish; but among those who have faith to the preserving of their souls.

DASV: Hebrews 11

¹ Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

² For by it people of old gained approval.

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were formed by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain. Through this he was commended as being righteous, God gave his approval by accepting his gifts, and through his faith, although he is dead, he still speaks.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he did not see death; and he was not found, because God took him. Now before he was taken up he was commended as being pleasing to God.

⁶ Now without faith it is impossible to please him; for one who comes to God must believe that he is, and that he rewards those who seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned about things not yet seen, with reverent obedience, built an ark to the save his family; by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed, when he was called to go to a place he was to receive as an inheritance. He went not knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he lived as a foreigner in the promised land, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of that same promise.

¹⁰ For he was looking forward to a city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith Sarah received power to conceive a child even though she was too old, because she regarded him faithful who made the promise.

¹² So there sprang from one person, when he was good as dead, descendants as many as the stars of heaven, and as innumerable as the grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but saw and welcomed them from a distance, and acknowledged that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth.

¹⁴ For people who talk like this make it clear that they are seeking for a homeland.

¹⁵ If in fact they had been thinking of the country they left, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶ But as it was they desired a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. He who had received only the promises was ready to offer up his one and only son,

¹⁸ even though God had told him, "Through Isaac your descendants will carry on your name."

¹⁹ He figured that God was even able to raise him from the dead; from there as a symbolic sign, he did receive him back.

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning the future.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph and worshipped, while leaning on his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when his life was at an end, made mention of the exodus of the children of Israel and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

²⁵ choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

²⁶ He considered suffering for Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking forward to the reward.

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's rage, for he persisted as though he could see him who is invisible.

²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of the blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch them.

²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red Sea as if on dry ground, which when the Egyptians attempted it, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been circled for seven days.

³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she welcomed the spies with peace.

³² And what more need I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah; of David and Samuel and the prophets.

³³ Through faith they conquered kingdoms, rendered justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

³⁴ put out raging fires, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong in weakness, became strong in battle and put to flight foreign armies.

³⁵ Women received their dead back by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept the terms of release so that they might obtain a better resurrection.

³⁶ Others endured mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

³⁷ They were stoned, sawed in two, and killed by the sword. They went around in sheepskins and goatskins; they were destitute, persecuted, and abused.

³⁸ The world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains and hid in caves and the holes in the ground.

³⁹ All these were commended for their faith, yet did not receive what was promised.

⁴⁰ God had provided something better for us, so that they would not be made perfect without us.

DASV: Hebrews 12

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we need to lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily trips us up, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

² looking to Jesus the leader and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you do not grow weary and give up.

⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of bloodshed.

⁵ Have you forgotten the exhortation that addressed you as sons?

"My son, do not dismiss the discipline of the Lord,
or faint when he corrects you,

⁶ For the Lord disciplines those he loves,
and punishes every son whom he accepts."

⁷ Endure it as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

⁸ But if you are not disciplined, which all sons get their fair share of, then you are illegitimate and not really sons.

⁹ Besides, we had human fathers to discipline us, and we gave them respect. Should we not all the more submit to the Father of spirits and live?

¹⁰ For they for a short time disciplined us as they thought best; but he does it for our benefit, that we may share in his holiness.

¹¹ All discipline seems painful and certainly not joyful at the moment. But later it produces the fruit of peace and righteousness for those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore strengthen your flaccid arms and the weak knees,

¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather healed.

¹⁴ Pursue peace with everyone and holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

¹⁵ Make sure no one falls short of the grace of God; so that no bitter root springs up causing trouble, and by it many become defiled.

¹⁶ Make sure that no one becomes like Esau who was an immoral and godless person, who for just one meal sold his own birthright.

¹⁷ For you know that later when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected; for he found no opportunity to repent, even though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸ For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched, to a burning fire and to darkness and gloom and a whirlwind,

¹⁹ along with the sound of a trumpet, and the voice whose words made those who heard them beg that nothing further be spoken to them.

²⁰ For they could not endure that which was ordered, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death."

²¹ The scenario was so frightening that Moses said, "I tremble with terror."

²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels gathered for festival,

²³ to the congregation of the firstborn, who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous who have now been made perfect,

²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks of something better than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ Be careful you do not refuse the one who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape who turn away from the one who warns from heaven?

²⁶ Then his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."

²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removing of those things that are shaken, that is, the things created, so that those things that are not shaken may remain.

²⁸ Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, so that we may offer worship pleasing to God with reverence and awe.

²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire.

DASV: Hebrews 13

¹ Let brotherly love continue.

² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing this some have entertained angels without being aware of it.

³ Remember those who are in prison, as if you were imprisoned with them and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves felt their pain.

⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

⁵ Be free from the love of money; be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember those who rule over you and those who spoke the word of God to you. Think about the impact of their lives and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

⁹ Do not be swept away by all kinds of strange teachings. For it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace; not by rules about food, which is of little benefit to those who keep them.

¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside the camp.

¹² So too Jesus, that he might make the people holy through his own blood, suffered outside the city gate.

¹³ Let us then go to him outside the camp, bearing the abuse he suffered.

¹⁴ For we do not have here a permanent city, but we are seeking a city that is to come.

¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

¹⁶ But do not neglect to do good and to share with the needy, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your life, and they will give account for what they do. Let them do this with joy and not grief for that would not be beneficial to you.

¹⁸ Pray for us, for we are confident that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honorably in all things.

¹⁹ I especially encourage you to pray that I may be restored to you very soon.

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep by the blood of an eternal covenant,

²¹ equip you with every good thing to do his will, working in us what is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²² But I urge you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.

²³ You should know that our brother Timothy has been set free; if he comes shortly, he will be with me when I see you.

²⁴ Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who are from Italy send you their greetings.

²⁵ Grace be with you all.

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¹ From James, a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes dispersed among the nations. Greetings.

² Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you experience all sorts of trials;

³ because you know that the testing of your faith works endurance.

⁴ Let endurance have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵ But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without any rebuke for asking, and it will be given to him.

⁶ But let the one who asks, ask in faith without doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed around by the wind.

⁷ Do not let that person think that he will receive anything from the Lord;

⁸ since his loyalties are divided. He is unstable in all his ways.

⁹ But let the poor believer take pride in his high position.

¹⁰ But the rich should take pride in God's humbling, because as the flower of the field, he will pass away.

¹¹ For the sun rises with the scorching heat, and the grass withers, and the flower drops off and its beauty fades. So also will the rich fade away.

¹² Blessed is the one who endures testing; for when he has passed the test, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord promised to those who love him.

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil and he himself tempts no one.

¹⁴ But each one is tempted, when he is lured away and enticed by his own desires.

¹⁵ Then desire, when it conceives gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is mature, gives birth to death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my dear brothers.

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, no change like a shifting shadow.

¹⁸ By his own will he gave us birth through the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers. Let everyone be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger,

²⁰ for sinful human anger does not produce the righteousness of God.

²¹ Therefore, put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness, receive with humility the implanted word, which will save your souls.

²² Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a person looking at his reflection in the mirror.

²⁴ He sees himself, and then goes away immediately forgetting what he looked like.

²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law of liberty and perseveres, acting not as a hearer who forgets but a doer who works, this one will be blessed in what he does.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious, yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

James 2

¹ My brothers, do not show favoritism, if you possess faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

² For if someone with a gold ring and fine clothing enters your synagogue, and then a poor person comes in with ragged clothing,

³ do you pay attention to the one wearing fine clothing, and say, "Sit you here in a good place," but say to the poor person, "Stand over there," or "Sit on the floor"?

⁴ Are you not discriminating among yourselves, and creating prejudices with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers! Did not God choose the poor of the world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to those who love him?

⁶ But you have dishonored the poor! Are not the rich the ones who oppress you and drag you into court?

⁷ Do they not blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸ But if you fulfill the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.

⁹ But if you show favoritism, you commit sin, being convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

¹⁰ For whoever obeys the whole law, yet stumbles in one point, is guilty of all.

¹¹ For he that said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but murder, you are still a violator of the law.

¹² So you must speak and live as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.

¹³ For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone claims he has faith, but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister lacks food or clothing,

¹⁶ and one of you say to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and be fed," and yet you do not give them either food or clothing, what good is it?

¹⁷ Even so faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself.

¹⁸ Someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

¹⁹ You believe that God is one, great; even the demons believe that and tremble.

²⁰ But do you not know, O foolish one, that faith without works is fruitless?

²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar?

²² You see that his faith combined with his works and by his works faith was made complete.

²³ The Scripture was fulfilled which said, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteous," and he was called God's friend.

²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works, when she was visited by messengers and sent them out another way?

²⁶ For as the body without spirit is dead, even so faith without works is dead.

James 3

¹ Not many of you should be teachers, my brothers, because teachers will receive stricter judgment.

² We all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is perfect, able also to control his whole body.

³ If we put bridles in horses' mouths to make them obey us, then we can control the rest of their bodies as well.

⁴ Look, it is the same with ships too. Though ships are large and driven by strong winds, yet they are controlled by a small rudder to go wherever the pilot wants to.

⁵ The tongue is also a small part of the body, but it boasts of big things. Look how a great forest is destroyed by a small fire!

⁶ The tongue is a fire! The tongue creates a world of evil, defiling the whole body and setting a person's whole life on fire. The tongue is set on fire by hell.

⁷ For every kind of land animal, bird, reptile and sea creature, is tamed and has been tamed by humans.

⁸ But no one can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father; and with the same tongue we curse people, who are made in the likeness of God.

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth comes blessing and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

¹¹ Does a spring pour out sweet water and bitter water from the same place?

¹² Can a fig tree produce olives, or a vine figs, my brothers? Neither can salt water produce fresh.

¹³ Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show this by his good life with humility that comes from wisdom.

¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast or deny the truth.

¹⁵ This wisdom does not come from above, but is earthly, sensual and evil.

¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfishness are, there is disorder and all sorts of evil deeds.

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, willing to accommodate, full of mercy and goodness, unbiased and sincere.

¹⁸ The harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 4

¹ Where do fights and quarrels among you come from? Do they not come from your passions that war within you?

² You desire and do not have. You murder and are jealous and cannot have what you want, so you argue and fight. You do not have because you do not ask.

³ You ask and do not receive because you ask for the wrong reasons, that you may squander it on your own pleasures.

⁴ Adulterers, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility against God? Therefore, whoever befriends the world makes himself God's enemy.

⁵ Do you think the Scripture speaks for nothing, when it says "God yearns jealously for the spirit he put inside of us"?

⁶ But he gives more grace. Because the Scripture says "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

⁷ So submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands you sinners, and purify your hearts you with divided loyalties.

⁹ Grieve, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into sorrow.

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹ Do not speak against each other, brothers. He who speaks against a brother, or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but its judge.

¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, one who is able to save and destroy. But who are you that you judge your neighbor?

¹³ Come now, you that say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into this or that town, and spend a year there, and trade, and get wealth."

¹⁴ You do not know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while, and then vanishes away.

¹⁵ You ought to say, "If the Lord wills it, we will live and do this or that."

¹⁶ But now you boast in your arrogance. All such bragging is evil.

¹⁷ Therefore, whoever knows what is right and does not do it, is guilty of sin.

James 5

¹ Come now, you rich, weep and mourn for the trouble coming your way.

² Your riches have rotted and your clothes are moth-eaten.

³ Your gold and silver are corroded, and this corrosion will be proof against you. It will devour your flesh like fire.

⁴ Look, the payment you kept from the workers who plowed your fields by fraud, cries out against you. The cries of the workers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

⁵ You have lived in luxury and self-indulgence on earth, you have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter.

⁶ You have condemned, you have murdered the righteous who did not resist you.

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Look at how the farmer waits for the earth's fruit, being patient until it receives the early and latter rains.

⁸ You also should be patient, strengthen your hearts for the Lord's coming is near.

⁹ Do not grumble against each other, brothers, so that you will not be judged. Look, the judge stands at the door.

¹⁰ Brothers, take as an example the suffering and patience of the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

¹¹ Look, we consider those who stood firm blessed. You have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, not by heaven or by earth, or by any other oath. But let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no, so that you will not be judged for it.

¹³ Is anyone suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praises.

¹⁴ Is anyone sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and have them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ A prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins he will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to each other, and pray for each other, that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a person like us. He prayed fervently for it not to rain and it did not rain on earth for three years and six months.

¹⁸ He prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth produced fruit.

¹⁹ My brothers, if any of you wanders from the truth and someone turns him back,

²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from his wandering ways will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

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¹ From Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ; to the sojourners scattered in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, the chosen
² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, sanctified by the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has given us new birth to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and does not fade away. It is reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ who by the power of God are protected through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you have joy, although now, for a little while, you have had to suffer in various trials,

⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith, being more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire, may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; you do not see him, yet you believe in him, rejoicing greatly with joy unspeakable and filled with glory.

⁹ You are receiving the result of your faith--the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation the prophets, who prophesied of the grace that should come to you, sought and searched diligently.

¹¹ They searched for what person and time the Spirit of Christ which was in them was pointing to when it testified beforehand about the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow.

¹² It was revealed to them, that they were not serving themselves, but you, things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which even angels are eager to look.

¹³ Therefore, prepare your minds, be sober and set your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

¹⁴ Like obedient children, do not be conformed to your passions derived from your former ignorance.

¹⁵ But as he who chose you is holy, be holy yourselves in every area of life,

¹⁶ for it is written, "You shall be holy; because I am holy."

¹⁷ If you call on him as Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, live the time of your sojourning in reverential fear.

¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed not with corruptible things, like silver or gold from your futile ways of life handed down from your forefathers,
¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb.

²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but was manifested at the end of times for your sake.

²¹ Through him you are now believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God.

²² You have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love. Love one another fervently from a pure heart.

²³ You have been born again, not from perishable seed, but from imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

²⁴ For,

"All flesh is like grass,
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls off,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.

This is the good news which was proclaimed to you.

1 Peter 2

¹ Get rid of all evil, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander,

² Like newborn babies long for the spiritual milk which is pure, so by it you may grow up to salvation;

³ if you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God, and precious to him.

⁵ You yourselves are like living stones, built up into spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it says in the Scriptures,

“Look, I lay in Zion a stone,
a chosen and precious cornerstone.

And the one who believes on him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷ For you therefore that believe he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.”

⁸ and

“he has become a stumbling-block,
and a rock that trips them up.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, just as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own possession, that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ You, who in time past were not a people, but now are the people of God. You who had not received mercy, but now have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles, to abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul.

¹² Live honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good works, and glorify God on the day he comes to visit.

¹³ Be subject to every human institution for the Lord's sake, whether to the king, as governmental leader,

¹⁴ or to governors, as sent by him to punish evildoers and to praise those who do good.

¹⁵ For it is the will of God, that by doing good you should silence the ignorance of the foolish.

¹⁶ Live as free even though you are bondservants of God. Do not use your freedom as a pretext for doing evil.

¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love those in the family of faith. Fear God. Honor the king.

¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also those who are nasty.

¹⁹ For this is commendable, if, because of one's conscience toward God, one endures grief, suffering unjustly.

²⁰ For what credit is it, if, when you sin, you are beaten and endure it patiently? But if, when you do good, and suffer and take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps,

²² he who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth.

²³ When he was abused, he did not return the abuse; when he suffered he did not make threats, but committed himself to God who judges justly.

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body upon the tree, that we might die to sins, and live to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed.

²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep; but now have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 3

¹ In the same way, wives, be subject to your own husbands. Then, even if any do not obey the word, they may, without a word, be won over by the behavior of their wives,

² by seeing your pure and respectful behavior.

³ Let not your beauty just be external with special hair styling, and wearing golden jewels, or fine clothes;

⁴ but let the inner person from the heart, be adorned with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

⁵ For in the same way the holy women of old who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being subject to their own husbands.

⁶ Sarah, for example, obeyed Abraham, calling him “lord,” and you are her children if you do good, and are not intimidated by fear.

⁷ Husbands, in the same way, treat your wives according to knowledge, giving honor to the women as to a fragile vessel, considering them as joint-heirs of the grace of life. So that your prayers are not hindered.

⁸ Finally, all of you be agreeable, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, and humble.

⁹ Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but instead return a blessing; for that is why you were called, so that you should inherit a blessing.

¹⁰ For,

the one who loves life,
and wants to see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil,
and his lips from speaking deceit.

¹¹ Let him turn away from evil, and do good;

let him seek peace, and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears open to their request.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

¹³ Who is the one who will harm you if you are zealous for that which is good?

¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. Do not fear or be troubled by them.

¹⁵ But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always ready to give answer to every one that asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you.

¹⁶ Respond with gentleness and respect, with a good conscience; so that, whoever accuses you may be put to shame when slandering your good manner of life in Christ.

¹⁷ For it is better, if God should so will, that you suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing.

¹⁸ Because Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

¹⁹ So then he went and preached to the spirits in prison,

²⁰ that were before disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being built. There were few, only eight souls, that were saved through water.

²¹ This was a likeness of baptism which now saves you, not by the washing away of the filth of the flesh, but the pledge of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ;

²² who, having gone to heaven sits at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities and powers being made subject to him.

1 Peter 4

¹ Since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, for he who has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin

² that he no longer should live the rest of his time concerned about human lusts, but the will of God.

³ For the time past was sufficient for you to have done what the pagans desire and to have walked in sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, orgies, carousings, and despicable idolatries.

⁴ They think it strange that you do not join them in the same flood of wickedness, so they slander you.

⁵ They will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

⁶ For to this end was the gospel preached even to the ones who are now dead, that they might be judged in the flesh by human standards, but live by the Spirit according to God.

⁷ For the end of all things is near. Be therefore clear headed and disciplined in prayer.

⁸ Above all be fervent in your love for one another; for love covers a multitude of sins.

⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

¹⁰ Just as each one has received a gift, serve each other, as good stewards of the diverse grace of God.

¹¹ If any one speaks, let it be the words of God; if any one ministers, do it with the strength which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised concerning the trial by fire happening among you, as though something strange has happened to you.

¹³ But rejoice in as much as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that at the revelation of his glory you may rejoice and be glad.

¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed; because the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, rests upon you.

¹⁵ Let none of you suffer as a murderer, thief, criminal, or as one who meddles in other peoples' affairs.

¹⁶ But if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed; but glorify God that you bear this name.

¹⁷ For the time is come for judgment to begin, starting at the house of God. If it begins first with us, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

¹⁸ If the righteous are barely saved, what will happen to the ungodly and sinner?

¹⁹ So then let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to a faithful Creator by doing good.

1 Peter 5

¹ Now as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and as one who also is a partaker of the glory that will be revealed, I urge the elders among you:

² Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising oversight, not because you are forced to, but willingly, as God would want you to, not for greed of money, but eagerly.

³ Do not lord it over those under your charge, but be examples to the flock.

⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Yes, all of you clothe yourselves with humility, to serve one another, for

"God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble."

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

⁸ Be sober, stay alert. Your adversary the devil, like a roaring lion, prowls around, seeking whom he may devour.

⁹ Resist him, being steadfast in your faith, knowing that your brothers all over the world face the same sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself perfect, establish, and strengthen you.

¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

¹² By Silvanus, whom I regard as a faithful brother. I have written to you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

¹³ Your sister church that is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does my son Mark.

¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to all of you who are in Christ.

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¹ From Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ; to those who have been granted a like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³ By his divine power God has granted to us everything necessary for life and godliness, through the knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and virtue.

⁴ By these he has granted to us his precious and exceeding great promises; so that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, after having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by evil desire.

⁵ For this very reason make every effort to add to your faith, virtue; and to your virtue, knowledge;

⁶ to your knowledge, self-control; and to your self-control, perseverance; and to your perseverance, godliness;

⁷ and to your godliness, brotherly kindness; and to your brotherly kindness, love.

⁸ For if these things are yours and increasing they will keep you from becoming ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ For anyone who lacks these things is near-sighted and blind, since he has forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.

¹⁰ Wherefore, brothers, give all the more diligence to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things, you will never stumble.

¹¹ For in this way your entrance into the eternal kingdom will be richly provided by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹² Therefore I will always be ready to remind you of these things, though you know them, and are established in the truth that you have.

¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this tent of my body, to stir you up by way of reminding you.

¹⁴ Since I know that the putting off of my bodily tent is coming soon, even as our Lord Jesus Christ revealed to me.

¹⁵ Yes, I will make every effort so that after my departure you will always be able to recall these things.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised fables, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when a voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice straight out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount.

¹⁹ And even more certain, we have the word of prophecy. You do well to pay attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the morning-star arises in your hearts.

²⁰ You must know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own private interpretation.

²¹ for no prophecy ever came by human will, but men spoke from God, being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 2

¹ But false prophets arose also among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them--bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

² Many will follow their sensual ways. Because of them the way of the truth will be slandered.

³ In greed they will exploit you with deceptive words. Their condemnation, announced long ago, will not delay, and their destruction is not asleep.

⁴ For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but threw them down to hell, and held them in pits of darkness to be there until the judgment;

⁵ and if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the ungodly world;

⁶ and if he turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes when he condemned them to destruction, having made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

⁷ and if he delivered righteous Lot, who was deeply distressed by the immoral conduct of the wicked

⁸ (for that righteous man dwelt among them day after day, his righteous soul was tormented by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds),

⁹ then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and reserve the unrighteous for punishment unto the day of judgment,

¹⁰ especially those who indulge their flesh with defiling lust, and despise authority. Brash and arrogant, they do not fear slandering heavenly beings.

¹¹ Even angels, who are greater in might and power, do not bring slanderous judgment against them before the Lord.

¹² But these men, like irrational animals, born as mere animals to be caught and destroyed, are slanderous concerning matters of which they are ignorant, as a result in their destruction, they themselves will be destroyed.

¹³ They will suffer harm as the payment for their wrong doing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, delighting in their deceptions even while they feast with you.

¹⁴ Their eyes are full of adultery, unable to cease from sinning. They entice those who are unstable. Their hearts are trained in greed. They are accursed children.

¹⁵ By forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of doing wrong.

¹⁶ But he was rebuked for his own transgression. A dumb donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

¹⁷ These men are springs without water, and mists driven by a storm; for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved.

¹⁸ For by speaking great swelling nonsense, they entice by sensual passions, those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.

¹⁹ They promise them freedom, while they themselves are enslaved to immorality. For a person is a slave to whatever masters them.

²⁰ For if after they have escaped the filth of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they again get entangled and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than their first.

²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment that had been delivered to them.

²² They illustrate truth of the proverb, “The dog returns to his own vomit,” and “A pig, after having washed herself, returns to wallow in the mud.”

2 Peter 3

¹ Beloved, this is now, the second letter that I have written to you; and in both of them I am attempting to stir up your pure mind by way of reminding you.

² Remember the words which were predicted by the holy prophets, and the commandments of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.

³ Knowing this first of all that in the last days mockers will come with mockery, walking after their evil desires.

⁴ They will say, "Where is his promised coming? For, from the day that our ancestors fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

⁵ For they have deliberately forgotten, that by the word of God the heavens from of old and an earth were formed out of water and in the midst of water.

⁶ By these means the world that was then, perished being flooded with water.

⁷ But by the same word the heavens that now are, and the earth, have been stored up for fire, being reserved for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ Now do not forget this one thing, beloved, that one day with the Lord is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.

⁹ The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some think about slowness; but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. When it comes the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt down in blazing heat, and the earth and the deeds done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Seeing all these things are going to be dissolved, what sort of persons should you be, living in all holiness and godliness,

¹² looking forward to and hurrying along the coming of the day of God? Because of this the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the elements will melt with blazing heat.

¹³ But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, seeing that you look for these things, strive to be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight.

¹⁵ Think about the patience of our Lord as salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him,

¹⁶ speaking in his letters of these things. In them are some things that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

¹⁷ Therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, you fall from your own secure position.

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

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¹ We proclaim to you that which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our own eyes, that which we looked at, and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.

² The life was revealed, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was revealed to us.

³ That which we have seen and heard we proclaim to you too, that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

⁴ We write these things, so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and announce to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we claim that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we claim that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2

¹ My dear children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. But if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

³ By this we know that we know him, if we obey his commandments.

⁴ When someone claims "I know him," but does not obey his commandments, he is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

⁵ But whoever obeys his word, in him the love of God has been perfected. By this we know that we are in him.

⁶ The one who claims to abide in him ought also to walk even as he walked.

⁷ Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning, the old commandment is the word which you already heard.

⁸ Yet, I write a new commandment to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

⁹ The one who claims he is in the light and hates his brother, is still in the darkness even until now.

¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause of stumbling in him.

¹¹ But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹² I write to you, my dear children,
because your sins are forgiven because of his name.

¹³ I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who has been from the beginning.

I write to you, young people,
because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, little children,
because you know the Father.

¹⁴ I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who has been from the beginning.

I write to you, young people,
because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵ Do not love the world, or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the arrogance based on possessions, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

¹⁷ Now the world is passing away, and its lusts, but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

¹⁸ Little children, it is the last hour, and as you heard the antichrist is coming. Even now many antichrists have already arisen. This is how we know that it is the last hour.

¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not really of us, for if they had been part of us, they would have continued with us. But they left us proving that they did not belong with us.

²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.

²¹ I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know no lie comes from the truth.

²² Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Messiah? This is the antichrist: the one who denies the Father and the Son.

²³ Whoever denies the Son, does not have the Father. Whoever confesses the Son also has the Father.

²⁴ As for you, let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides, in you, you also will abide in the Son, and in the Father.

²⁵ And this is the promise that he promised us: life eternal.

²⁶ These things have I written to you concerning those who would lead you astray.

²⁷ Now as for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you. But his anointing teaches you about all things, and is true, and is not a lie. Just as you were taught, abide in him.

²⁸ And now, my dear children, abide in him, so that when he appears, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you also know that everyone who does righteousness has been born of him.

1 John 3

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called God's children. And so we are! For this reason the world does not know us because it did not know him.

² Dear friends, now we are God's children, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that, when he appears we will be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

³ Everyone that has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who practices sin breaks the law, for sin is lawlessness.

⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

⁶ Whoever abides in him does not continue sinning, whoever sins has not seen him or known him.

⁷ My dear children, let no one deceive you. Whoever does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

⁸ The one who practices sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of God was revealed, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

⁹ Whoever is born of God will not continue sinning, because God's seed abides in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

¹⁰ By this the children of God and the children of the devil are revealed, whoever does not do righteousness or love his brother is not of God.

¹¹ For this is the message which you heard from the beginning: we should love one another.

¹² Not as Cain who was from the evil one, and murdered his brother. Why did he kill him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

¹³ Do not be surprised brothers, if the world hates you.

¹⁴ We know that we have crossed over from death to life, because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ This is how we know love: he laid down his life for us. So we also ought to lay down our lives for each other.

¹⁷ But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts off his compassion from him, how does the love of God abide in such a one?

¹⁸ My dear children, let us not love in word, or with the tongue, but in deed and truth.

¹⁹ By this we will know that we are of the truth, and will assure our hearts when we stand before him.

²⁰ Even if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows everything.

²¹ Dear friends, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God,

²² and we will receive from him whatever we ask for, because we obey his commandments and do the things that please him.

²³ This is his commandment: that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.

²⁴ Whoever keeps God's commandments abides in him, and he in him. By this we know that he abides in us, because of the Spirit which he gave us.

1 John 4

¹ Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

² By this you will know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is from God,

³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is now already in the world.

⁴ You are from God, my dear children, and have conquered them, because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world's perspective, and the world listens to them.

⁶ We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of deception.

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God.

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹ By this the love of God was revealed in us, that God sent his only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹⁰ This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us his Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

¹⁶ We have come to know and believe the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

¹⁷ By this is love made perfect among us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because just as Jesus is, so we also are in this world.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love casts out fear, because fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

²⁰ If anyone claims, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar, because the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

²¹ This commandment have we from him: that he who loves God must also love his brother.

1 John 5

¹ Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father also loves the one who is born from him.

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

³ For this is the love of God: that we keep his commandments--and his commandments are not burdensome.

⁴ Whoever is born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith.

⁵ Who is the one who conquered the world? The one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ This is he who came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit that testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

⁷ For there are three who bear witness:

⁸ the Spirit, and the water, and the blood, and the three are in agreement.

⁹ If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is greater, for the testimony of God is what he has testified concerning his Son.

¹⁰ He who believes on the Son of God has the testimony in him. He who does not believe God makes him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

¹¹ The testimony is this: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ These things I have written to you, that you who believe on the name of the Son of God may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴ This is the confidence which we have before him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he listens to us.

¹⁵ If we know that he listens to us for whatever we ask, then we know that we have the requests which we have asked for from him.

¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not leading to death, he should ask, and God will give him life for the one whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I do not say that one should make request concerning this.

¹⁷ All unrighteousness is sin. But there is a sin that does not lead to death.

¹⁸ We know that whoever is born of God does not practice sin; but God protects the one from God, and the evil one cannot touch him.

¹⁹ We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies under the control of the evil one.

²⁰ We know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This one is the true God and eternal life.

²¹ My dear children, guard yourselves from idols.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: 2 John**

¹ From the elder; To the elect lady and her children, whom I truly love; and not only I, but also all those who know the truth;

² for the truth that abides in us, will be with us forever.

³ Grace, mercy, peace will be with us, from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

⁴ I rejoice greatly because I have found some of your children walking in truth, just as the Father commanded us.

⁵ Now I beseech you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but one we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

⁶ Now this is love: that we should walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from the beginning, so you should walk in it.

⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, they who do not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

⁸ Watch yourselves, that you do not lose the things which we have worked for, but that you receive a full reward.

⁹ Whoever goes ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. The one who abides in the teaching, that one has both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰ If any one comes to you, and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting,

¹¹ for he who welcomes him partakes in his evil deeds.

¹² Although I have many things to write to you, I do not want to write them with paper and ink, but I hope to come to you, and to speak face to face, that your joy may be made complete.

¹³ The children of your elect sister greet you.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: 3 John**

¹ From the elder; to Gaius the beloved, whom I truly love.

² Beloved, I pray that in all things you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

³ For I rejoiced greatly, when brothers came and bore witness to your truth, just as you walk in truth.

⁴ I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵ Beloved, you are faithful in whatever you do toward the brothers, even though they are strangers.

⁶ They are a witness of your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a way worthy of God.

⁷ For they have gone out for the sake of the Name, taking nothing from the Gentiles.

⁸ We therefore ought to support such people, that we may be coworkers with the truth.

⁹ I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to put himself first among them, did not receive us.

¹⁰ Therefore, if I come, I will point out the deeds that he does, prating against us with wicked words, and not content with that, he refuses to receive the brothers, and those who do, he stops and throws them out of the church.

¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is from God. The one who does evil has not seen God.

¹² Demetrius has the witness of everyone, and even the truth itself. Yes, we also bear witness, and you know that our witness is true.

¹³ I have many things to write to you, but I am unwilling to write them to you with pen and ink.

¹⁴ But I hope to see you soon, and we will speak face to face.

¹⁵ Peace be to you. The friends here greet you. Greet by name the friends there.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Jude**

¹ From Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James; to those who are called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ.

² Mercy to you, peace and love be multiplied.

³ Beloved, while I was eager to write to you of our common salvation, I felt it necessary to write to you urging you to contend earnestly for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

⁴ For certain men have secretly crept in who were long ago designated for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into sensuality, and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁵ Now I desire to remind you, though you once knew these things, that the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

⁶ And angels that kept not their proper positions, but left their appropriate dwelling place, he has kept in everlasting chains under darkness until the judgment of the great day.

⁷ Just as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, so these have indulged themselves in immorality pursuing unnatural passion, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.

⁸ Yet, in this same way, these even in their dreams defile the flesh, and reject authority, and berate supernatural beings.

⁹ But Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil, disputing about the body of Moses, did not bring against him a slanderous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

¹⁰ But these people scoff at things they do not understand, and what they do understand naturally, like the animals without reason, by these things they are destroyed.

¹¹ Woe to them! For they have followed the way of Cain, they have run wildly after the error of Balaam for gain, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

¹² These people are submerged hidden rocks in your love-feasts when they feast with you, shepherds who feed only themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.

¹³ They are rogue waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever.

¹⁴ Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, about these people saying, "Look, the Lord is coming with ten thousands of his holy ones,

¹⁵ to execute judgment on all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done, and of all the insulting things ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

¹⁶ These people are murmurers, complainers, walking guided by their lusts (and their mouths speak great boastings), flattering people for their own benefit.

¹⁷ But you, beloved, remember the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ For they told you, “In the last time there will be mockers, walking after their own ungodly passions.”

¹⁹ They are divisive, sensual, not having the Spirit.

²⁰ But you, beloved, by building up yourselves in your most holy faith, and by praying in the Holy Spirit,

²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ leading to eternal life.

²² Have mercy on those who are in doubt.

²³ Save some, snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on others with fear; hating even the clothes spotted by the flesh.

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you in the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy,

²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, authority and power, before all time, now, and forever. Amen.

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: Revelation 1**

¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants, what must happen soon. He sent his angel to make it known to his servant John,

² who bore witness about everything he saw regarding the word of God and of the testimony of Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written in it, for the time is near.

⁴ John,

to the seven churches that are in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you, from him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven spirits that are before his throne,

⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

⁶ and he has constituted us to be a kingdom, as priests serving his God and Father; to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes, this is what will be! Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹ I, John, your brother and partner with you in persecution, kingdom and patience that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice like a trumpet

¹¹ saying, "What you see, write on a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

¹² I turned to see whose voice was talking to me. After turning, I saw seven golden lampstands,

¹³ and in the middle of the lampstands was one like the Son of Man. He was clothed with a robe reaching down to his feet, with a golden sash around his chest.

¹⁴ His head and hair were white as wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were like a flame of fire.

¹⁵ His feet were like polished bronze, refined in a furnace; and his voice like the roar of many waters.

¹⁶ He had in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face shone like the sun at its brightest.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. He laid his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

¹⁸ the Living One. I was dead, but see, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and Hades.

¹⁹ Write therefore what you have seen, what is, and what is yet to take place after these things.

²⁰ This is the mystery of the seven stars you saw in my right hand and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are for seven churches."

DASV: Revelation 2

¹ "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These things says the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks in the middle of the seven golden lampstands.

² I know your works, your toil and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil. You have scrutinized those who claim to be apostles but are not, and you have found them to be false.

³ I also realize that you have endured patiently and suffered for my name's sake, and have not grown weary.

⁴ But I have this against you: you have left your first love.

⁵ Remember therefore where you have fallen from. Repent and do the works you did at first. But if not I will come to you and remove your lampstand out from its place, unless you repent.

⁶ But this you have in your favor, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

⁷ The one who has an ear needs to hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will allow him to eat from the tree of life that is in the Paradise of God."

⁸ "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These things says the first and the last,
the one who was dead and came back to life.

⁹ I know your troubles and your poverty (but you are rich). I am aware of the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

¹⁰ Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. The devil is about to throw some of you into prison, so that you may be tested and you will have trouble for ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life.

¹¹ The one who has an ear needs to hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt by the second death."

¹² "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These things says he who has the sharp two-edged sword.

¹³ I know where you live, it is where Satan's throne is, yet you are holding tight to my name, and did not deny your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.

¹⁴ But I have a few things against you: You have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put up a stumbling block in front of the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit sexual immorality.

¹⁵ Similarly you also have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

¹⁶ Repent therefore. If not, I will come to you quickly and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth.

¹⁷ The one who has an ear needs to hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and on the stone will be written a new name, that no one knows except the one who receives it."

¹⁸ "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire and feet like polished bronze.

¹⁹ I know your works--your love, faith, your service and patience. I am aware that your last works are greater than the first.

²⁰ But I have this against you: you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. She teaches and seduces my servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.

²² Look, I am throwing her into bed, and those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly, unless they repent of her deeds.

²³ I will put her children to death, and all the churches will know that I am the one who searches the minds and hearts. I will give to each one of you according to your works.

²⁴ But I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not followed the so called "deep things of Satan," I do not put on you any other burden.

²⁵ Just hold on to what you have until I come.

²⁶ The one who is victorious, and continues in my works to the end, to that one I will give authority over the nations.

²⁷ He will rule them with a rod of iron, like clay pots they will be shattered. Just as I also have received from my Father,

²⁸ I will give them the morning star.

²⁹ The one who has ears needs to hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

DASV: Revelation 3

¹ "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These things says he who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

² Wake up, and strengthen what remains which is about ready to die, for I have not found your works complete before my God.

³ Remember therefore what you have received and heard; and hold it tight and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come against you.

⁴ But you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. They will walk with me in white because they are worthy.

⁵ The one who is victorious will be clothed like them in white garments; and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

⁶ The one who has ears needs to hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

⁷ "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These things says the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens.

⁸ I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut. You have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

⁹ Look, I will make those from the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews but are not, but lie, come and bow down at your feet, and they will know that I have loved you.

¹⁰ Because you kept my word of patient endurance, I also will keep you from the hour of trial, that is coming on the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

¹¹ I am coming quickly. Hold tight to what you have, so that no one may take your crown.

¹² The one who is victorious, I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never have to leave and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God--the new Jerusalem, that is coming down out of heaven from my God--and also my own new name.

¹³ The one who has ears needs to hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

¹⁴ "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

¹⁵ I know your works, that you are neither cold or hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot.

¹⁶ So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot or cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

¹⁷ Because you claim, 'I am rich, I have acquired riches and I need nothing.' Yet you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.

¹⁸ I advise you to buy gold refined by fire from me, so that you may in fact become rich. Buy white garments so that you may dress yourself, and so that the shame of your nakedness will not be exposed, and buy salve to put on your eyes, so that you may see.

¹⁹ Those whom I love, I correct and discipline. So be eager and repent.

²⁰ Look, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will have dinner with him, and he with me.

²¹ The one who is victorious, I will give permission to sit down with me on my throne, as I also was victorious, and sat down with my Father on his throne.

²² The one who has ears needs to hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

DASV: Revelation 4

¹ After these things I looked and there was a door opened in heaven, and the first voice that I heard, like a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must come to pass after these things."

² Instantly I was in the Spirit, and there was a throne in heaven, and one sitting on the throne.

³ The one who was sitting on it looked like jasper and carnelian, and there was a rainbow around the throne that looked like an emerald.

⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones. I saw twenty-four elders sitting on the thrones, dressed in white robes, and on their heads were crowns of gold.

⁵ Out of the throne lightning flashed and thunder rumbled. There were seven flaming torches before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God.

⁶ Before the throne, there was something like a sea of glass that looked like crystal. In the center around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes both in the front and back.

⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second creature like an ox, the third creature had a human face, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.

⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings full of eyes all around and within. They never rest day or night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne, to him who lives forever and ever,

¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory, honor, and power; for you created all things, and because of your will they exist and were created."

DASV: Revelation 5

¹ Now I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, a scroll written on the front and back, sealed with seven seals.

² Then I saw a mighty angel announcing with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?"

³ But no one in the heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look in it.

⁴ So I wept bitterly, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look in it.

⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping. Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has been victorious. He can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ Then I saw in between the throne and the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slaughtered. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

⁷ He came and took it out of the right hand of the one sitting on the throne.

⁸ When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

⁹ They sang a new song, saying, "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and with your blood you purchased for God people from every tribe and language, people and nation.

¹⁰ You made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked and heard a voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands,

¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and might and honor, and glory, and blessing."

¹³ Then I heard every created thing in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, and everything in them, saying, "To the one seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, forever and ever."

¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshipped.

DASV: Revelation 6

¹ Then I watched as the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice of thunder, "Come."

² So I looked, and there was a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him and he rode out as a conqueror to conquer.

³ When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come."

⁴ Another horse, bright red came out, and to him who sat on it was granted permission to take peace from the earth, so that they would slaughter one another, and he was given a great sword.

⁵ When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come." Then I looked, a black horse and he who sat on it had a balance scale in his hand.

⁶ Then I heard something like a voice from the middle of the four living creatures say, "A quart of wheat for a day's wage, and three quarts of barley for a day's wage, but do not harm the olive oil and the wine."

⁷ When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come."

⁸ Then I looked, a pale green horse was there, and he who sat on it, was named Death; and Hades followed behind him. They were given authority over a fourth of the earth to kill with sword, famine, plague, and by the wild animals of the earth.

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they had.

¹⁰ They cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, before you judge and avenge our blood on those who live on the earth?"

¹¹ Each of them was given a white robe. They were told that they should rest a little longer, until the full number would be reached of their fellow servants and their brothers, who were about to be killed just like they were.

¹² I looked when he opened the sixth seal, there was a great earthquake. The sun became as black as goat hair sackcloth, and the full moon became blood red,

¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth like a fig tree dropping its unripe figs when it is shaken by a strong wind.

¹⁴ The sky receded like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved from their places.

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth, important people, commanders, the rich and powerful, and every slave and free person, hid themselves in the caves and rocks of the mountains.

¹⁶ They called to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of the one sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb,

¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath is come, and who is able to survive it?"

DASV: Revelation 7

¹ After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree.

² Then I saw another angel ascend from where the sun rises, having the seal of the living God. He called with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to harm the earth and the sea,

³ saying, "Do not harm the earth, or the sea, or the trees, until we have put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."

⁴ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed, 144,000. They were sealed from every tribe of the children of Israel.

⁵ From the tribe of Judah, 12,000 were sealed;

from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000;

from the tribe of Gad, 12,000;

⁶ from the tribe of Asher, 12,000;

from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000;

from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000;

⁷ from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000;

from the tribe of Levi, 12,000;

from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000;

⁸ from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000;

from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000;

from the tribe of Benjamin, 12,000 were sealed.

⁹ After these things I looked, and there was a huge crowd that no one could number, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰ Then they cried out with a loud voice, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹ All the angels who were standing around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures, fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

¹² saying, "Amen, praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever. Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ I replied, "My lord, you know." He answered, "These are those who came out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple. And he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶ They will never be hungry or thirsty anymore; neither will the sun beat down on them, or any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb who is in the middle of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of living water and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

DASV: Revelation 8

¹ When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about a half an hour.

² Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

³ Now another angel having a golden censer came and stood at the altar, and a sizeable amount of incense was given to him, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne.

⁴ The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand.

⁵ Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire from the altar, and threw it down upon the earth. There followed crashes of thunder, rumblings, lightning, and an earthquake.

⁶ The seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

⁷ The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire came mixed with blood, and they were thrown down upon the earth resulting in a third of the earth being burnt up, and the third part of the trees were burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

⁸ The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

⁹ A third of the creatures living in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰ The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

¹¹ The name of the star was called Wormwood. A third of the waters became bitter [that is, wormwood]; and many men died from the water because it had become bitter poison.

¹² The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars; so that a third of them was darkened, and a third of the day did not have light, and the night was darkened the same way.

¹³ Then I looked and I heard an eagle flying overhead, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe, for those who live on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet from the three final angels who are yet to blow their trumpets."

DASV: Revelation 9

¹ Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to the earth and it was given the key to the bottomless pit.

² It opened the bottomless pit and smoke rose out of the pit, like the smoke from a great furnace. The sun and air were darkened by the smoke from the pit.

³ Then out of the smoke came locusts onto the earth; and they were given power like scorpions of the earth.

⁴ They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, anything green, or any tree, but only the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

⁵ They were permitted to torture them for five months but not to kill them, and their torture was like the pain of a scorpion when it stings someone.

⁶ In those days people will seek death, but will be unable to find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

⁷ The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were what looked like gold crowns, and their faces were like human faces.

⁸ They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.

⁹ They had breastplates like iron breastplates; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots drawn by horses rushing into battle.

¹⁰ They had tails and stingers like scorpions, and in their tails was their power to harm people for five months.

¹¹ The king over them was the angel of the Abyss. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon [meaning, the Destroyer].

¹² The first woe has past. Look there are still two more woes to come.

¹³ The sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar that is before God.

¹⁴ It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels that are bound at the great river Euphrates."

¹⁵ So the four angels were released, who prepared for this hour, day, month, and year, so that they could kill a third of humankind.

¹⁶ I heard the number of troops mounted on horseback was 200 million.

¹⁷ Now this is what the horses I saw in the vision looked like. The riders wore breastplates that were fiery red, hyacinth blue and sulfur yellow. The horses' heads looked like lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and sulfur.

¹⁸ By these three plagues a third of humankind was killed--by the fire, smoke, and sulfur that came out of their mouths.

¹⁹ For the power of the horses was in their mouth and tails. Their tails are like snakes that have heads by which they inflict damage.

²⁰ The rest of humankind, who were not killed with these plagues, refused to repent of the works of their hands or to give up worshipping demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood; which cannot see, hear, or walk.

²¹ They refused to repent of their murders, or their sorceries, or their sexual immorality, or their thefts.

DASV: Revelation 10

¹ Then I saw another mighty angel coming down out of heaven, wrapped with a cloud; and a rainbow was over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

² He had a little scroll open in his hand. He set his right foot on the sea and his left on the land.

³ Then he shouted out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he shouted out, the seven thunders rang out their sound.

⁴ When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up the things that the seven thunders spoke, and do not write them down."

⁵ Then the angel I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven,
⁶ and swore by the one who lives forever and ever, who created the heaven and what is in it, and the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, saying, "There will be no further delay.

⁷ But in the days when the seventh angel is about to blow his trumpet, then the mystery of God will be completed, just as he declared to his servants the prophets."

⁸ Then the voice I heard from heaven, spoke again to me, saying, "Go, take the open scroll that is in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."

⁹ So I went to the angel, and asked him to give me the little scroll. He told me, "Take and eat it. It will make your stomach bitter, but it will be sweet as honey in your mouth."

¹⁰ So I took the little scroll out of the angel's hand and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

¹¹ Then they said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings."

DASV: Revelation 11

¹ Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff and I was told, "Get up and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship in it.

² But do not measure the outer courtyard of the temple, for it has been given to the nations, and they will trample on the holy city for forty-two months.

³ I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the Lord of the earth.

⁵ If anyone tries to hurt them, fire comes out of their mouth and devours their enemies. If anyone tries to hurt them this is how they will die.

⁶ These two have the power to shut heaven, so that it does not rain during the days of their prophecy. They have power over the waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they wish.

⁷ When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, conquer and kill them.

⁸ Their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

⁹ For three and a half days those from various peoples, tribes, languages and nations will stare at their dead bodies refusing to bury them.

¹⁰ The inhabitants of the earth will rejoice over them, and celebrate and send gifts to each other, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

¹¹ But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet. Those who saw it were terrified.

¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven telling them, "Come up here." So they went up into heaven in the cloud while their enemies watched them.

¹³ At that very hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴ The second woe is past. Look, the third woe is coming quickly.

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,
"The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,
and he will reign forever and ever."

¹⁶ Then the twenty-four elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshipped God,

¹⁷ saying,
"We thank you, O Lord God Almighty,
who is and who was,
because you have taken your great power
and have begun to reign.

¹⁸ The nations raged,
and your wrath came,
and the time for the dead to be judged has arrived,
as well as the time to reward your servants
the prophets and the saints,
and those who fear your name,
both the small and the great
and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

¹⁹ Then the temple of God that is in heaven was opened; and the ark of the covenant was seen in his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings and crashes of thunder, and an earthquake, along with a great hailstorm.

DASV: Revelation 12

¹ Now a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

² She was pregnant and cried out in labor pains in the anguish of giving birth.

³ Another sign appeared in heaven: a great red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.

⁴ His tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. The dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that as soon as she delivered he might devour her child.

⁵ She gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. Her child was caught up to God and to his throne.

⁶ The woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

⁷ Now there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back.

⁸ But the dragon was not strong enough to win, and there was no longer found any place in heaven for them.

⁹ So the great dragon was thrown down, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the one deceiving the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

"Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ have come,
for the accuser of our brothers is thrown down,
the one who accused them before our God day and night.

¹¹ They conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb,
and because of the word of their testimony;
and they did not love their own lives even at the point of death.

¹² Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you that inhabit them.

But woe to the earth and sea,

because the devil is come down to you.

He is furious because he knows that his time is short."

¹³ When the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.

¹⁴ But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly away into the wilderness to a place prepared for her. There she would be taken care of for a time, times, and half a time, away from the face of the serpent.

¹⁵ So the serpent spewed out of his mouth water like a river after the woman, attempting to sweep her away with a flood.

¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon spewed out of his mouth.

¹⁷ Then the dragon became furious with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus.

DASV: Revelation 13

¹ Then the dragon stood on the sand of the sea. I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads and on his horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names.

² The beast that I saw was like a leopard, and its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority.

³ One of its heads seemed to have a fatal wound and its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth was amazed and followed the beast.

⁴ They worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast and they also worshipped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast?" And "Who is able to wage war against it?"

⁵ Now the beast was given a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies. It was granted authority for forty-two months.

⁶ It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, to blaspheme his name, his dwelling which is those who dwell in heaven.

⁷ It was also permitted to make war against the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.

⁸ All who live on the earth will worship it, every one whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the Book of Life of the Lamb who was slain.

⁹ If anyone has an ear, he needs to listen.

¹⁰ If anyone is destined for captivity,
into captivity he will go.

If anyone kills with the sword,
with the sword he must be killed.

This requires patience and faith from the saints.

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

¹² It exercised all the authority of the first beast in its presence. It made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

¹³ It performed great signs, even making fire come down out of heaven on the earth in the sight of humankind.

¹⁴ It deceived those who live on the earth by the signs that it was given to perform on behalf of the beast; telling those who live on the earth to make an image of the beast who had been wounded by the sword and lived.

¹⁵ It was empowered to give breath to this image of the first beast, so that the image of the first beast could speak, and cause anyone who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

¹⁶ It also forced all, both great and small, rich and poor, bond and free, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead.

¹⁷ This was so that no one would be able to buy or sell, unless he had the mark of the beast, that is his name or number.

¹⁸ This calls for wisdom. Let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man. Its number is 666.

DASV: Revelation 14

¹ Then I looked, and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 having his name and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads.

² I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The sound I heard was like many harpists playing their harps.

³ They were singing a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been purchased from the earth.

⁴ These are the ones who had not defiled themselves with women; for they are virgins. These follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were purchased from among humankind to be the firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

⁵ No lie was found in their mouths. They are blameless.

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying overhead, having the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, and to every nation, tribe, language and people.

⁷ He called out with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

⁸ Then a second angel followed, saying, "Fallen, Babylon the great is fallen. She made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her sexual immorality."

⁹ Then a third angel, followed them, calling out with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or on his hand,

¹⁰ he will also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured full strength into the cup of his anger. He will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

¹¹ The smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. Those who worship the beast and his image and whoever receives the mark of his name will have no rest day and night."

¹² Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

¹³ Then I heard the voice from heaven saying, "Write this: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

¹⁴ Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and on the cloud I saw one sitting like the Son of Man, having on his head a golden crown, and a sharp sickle in his hand.

¹⁵ Another angel came out from the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, "Swing your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

¹⁶ So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷ Then another angel came out from the temple in heaven; he also had a sharp sickle.

¹⁸ Another angel who was in charge of the fire came from the altar, and called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Swing your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine from the earth; for its grapes are fully ripe."

¹⁹ So the angel swung his sickle over the earth, and gathered the grapes from the earth, and threw them into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

²⁰ Then the winepress was stomped outside the city. Blood flowed out of the winepress, as high as the horses' bridles and as far as 180 miles.

DASV: Revelation 15

¹ Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and astonishing: seven angels having seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

² I saw something like a glass sea mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and the number of his name, standing by the glass sea, holding harps given to them by God.

³ They sang the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,
"Great and awesome are your works, O Lord God Almighty,
righteous and true are your ways, King of the ages.

⁴ Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name?
for you alone are holy;
for all the nations will come and worship before you;
for your righteous acts have been revealed."

⁵ After these things I looked, and the temple in heaven, that is, the tabernacle of the testimony, was opened.

⁶ The seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in clean bright linen with gold sashes wrapped around their chests.

⁷ Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.

⁸ The temple was filled with smoke from the glory and power of God; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

DASV: Revelation 16

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, telling the seven angels, "Go, and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

² The first went and poured out his bowl on the earth. It became a terrible and painful sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshipped his image.

³ The second poured out his bowl on the sea. It became blood like that of a corpse and everything living in the sea died.

⁴ The third poured out his bowl on the rivers and the springs of the waters and they became blood.

⁵ Then I heard the angel of the waters saying,

"You are just, O Holy One,
you who are and was,
because you have made these judgments.

⁶ Because they poured out the blood of the saints and the prophets,
and you have given them blood to drink,
they got what they deserved."

⁷ Then I heard the altar reply,

"Yes, Lord God Almighty,
true and just are your judgments."

⁸ Then the fourth poured out his bowl on the sun. It was given the ability to scorch people with fire.

⁹ So people were scorched with fierce heat and they blasphemed the name of God who had authority over these plagues, but they did not repent and give him glory.

¹⁰ Then the fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast. His kingdom was darkened and they gnawed their tongues in pain.

¹¹ They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; but they did not repent of their deeds.

¹² The sixth poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River. Its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the east.

¹³ Then I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

¹⁴ For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, who go out to the kings of the whole world to gather them together for the battle of the great day of God, the Almighty.

¹⁵ (Look, I will come like a thief. Blessed is the one who expectantly watches and keeps his clothes ready, so he does not have to walk around naked and expose his shame.)

¹⁶ So they gathered the kings together to the place which is called in Hebrew Armageddon.

¹⁷ Then the seventh poured out his bowl on the air. A loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done."

¹⁸ There were flashes of lightning, rumblings and thundering, and a great earthquake, such as has not been since there were humans on the earth, so great was this mighty earthquake.

¹⁹ The great city was split into three sections and the cities of the nations fell. Then God remembered Babylon the great giving her the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.

²⁰ Every island fled away and the mountains were nowhere to be found.

²¹ Huge hail, with each one weighing about 100 pounds, fell from the sky on humans. But the people blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, for the plague was so disastrous.

DASV: Revelation 17

¹ Then one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come here. I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters,

² with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality, and those who live on the earth were made drunk by the wine of her immorality."

³ So he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of names of blasphemy and having seven heads and ten horns.

⁴ The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, decked with gold, precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and unclean things of her immorality.

⁵ A mysterious name was written on her forehead: "Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes and the abominations of the earth."

⁶ Then I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I was absolutely amazed.

⁷ So the angel said to me, "Why are you so amazed? I will tell you about the mystery of the woman, and about the beast with the seven heads and the ten horns that carry her.

⁸ The beast you saw was, and is not; but is about to come up out of the bottomless pit and go to destruction. Those who live on the earth whose names have not been written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will be amazed when they see the beast, how it was, and is not, but will come again.

⁹ This calls for a mind that has wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits.

¹⁰ They are also seven kings--five have fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain just a little while.

¹¹ Now the beast that was and is not, is itself also an eighth king. It belongs with the seven and it too is going to destruction.

¹² The ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom. But they will receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

¹³ These have a single purpose, that they might give their power and authority to the beast.

¹⁴ These will make war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and those who are with him are called and chosen and faithful."

¹⁵ Then he said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages.

¹⁶ The ten horns you saw and the beast hate the prostitute. They will lay her waste and strip her naked. They will eat her flesh and burn her up with fire.

¹⁷ For God has put into their hearts to do his plan, by deciding together to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are accomplished.

¹⁸ The woman whom you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth."

DASV: Revelation 18

¹ After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was brightened by his glory.

² He shouted out with a mighty voice:

"Fallen, Babylon the great is fallen,
and is become a dwelling place for demons,
and a haunt for every unclean spirit
and every unclean and disgusting beast.

³ All the nations have fallen
because of the wine of the passion of her immorality.
The kings of the earth have had sex with her,
and the merchants of the earth have grown rich
from her extravagant luxury."

⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven, saying,

"Come out of her, my people,
so that you have no share in her sins,
and so that you do not receive her plagues.

⁵ For her sins have reached as high as heaven,
and God has remembered her crimes.

⁶ Pay her back just as she has repaid others.
Repay her double for her deeds.

In the cup she mixed for others,
mix double for her.

⁷ However much she glorified herself and lived in luxury,
give that much torment and grief to her.
Since she tells herself, 'I rule as a queen.
I am no widow.

I will never have to grieve.'

⁸ Therefore in just one day plagues will overcome her--
death, mourning, and famine.

She will be totally burned down;
for the Lord God who judges her is mighty."

⁹ Then the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they look on the smoke of her being burnt up.

¹⁰ They will stand at a distance because they are afraid of her torment, saying,

"Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the mighty city!
For in just one hour your judgment has come."

¹¹ Then the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one will buy their merchandise anymore--

¹² merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, purple, silk, scarlet; all types of citron wood, all kinds of ivory objects, and all kinds of objects made of expensive wood, bronze, iron, marble;

¹³ and cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses and chariots and slaves, that is, human beings.

¹⁴ The fruits you desired are gone from you, and all luxury and splendor are lost from you, never ever to be found.

¹⁵ The merchants selling these things, who got rich from her, will stand at a distance for the fear of her torment. They will weep and mourn,

¹⁶ saying,

"Woe, woe, the great city,
the one dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet clothes,
and decked out with gold, precious stones and pearls!

¹⁷ For in just an hour so much wealth was destroyed."

Every ship captain, and all sailors and as many as earn their living from sea, stood at a distance,

¹⁸ and cried out as they looked at the smoke of her burning, "What city is like the great city?"

¹⁹ Then they threw dust on their heads, and crying out, weeping and mourning, saying,

"Woe, woe, the great city,
in which all who had their ships in the sea
had become rich from her wealth!

For in just one hour she has been laid waste.

²⁰ Rejoice over her, O heaven,
and you saints, apostles, and prophets;

for God has rendered judgment on her on your behalf."

²¹ Then a mighty angel picked up a stone like a large millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

"This is how Babylon, the great city will violently be thrown down,
and will never be found again.

²² The sound of harpists, musicians, flute players and trumpeters
will never again be heard in you.

No craftsman, of any kind of trade, will ever be found in you.

The sound of the mill will never again be heard in you.

²³ The light of a lamp will never again shine in you.

The voice of the bridegroom and of the bride will never again be heard in you.

For your merchants were the greatest on the earth;
and all the nations were deceived by your magic.

²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints,
along with all who had been slain on the earth."

DASV: Revelation 19

¹ After these things I heard what sounded like a loud clamor of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

² "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
for his judgments are true and just.

For he has judged the great prostitute,
who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality,
and he has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

³ A second time they exclaimed,

"Hallelujah! Her smoke goes up forever and ever."

⁴ Then the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God who sits on the throne, saying,

"Amen! Hallelujah!"

⁵ A voice came from the throne, saying,

"Give praise to our God, all his servants,
you who fear him, great and small."

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a loud clamor of a great multitude, and like the roar of many waters, and like the rumblings of mighty thunder, saying,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and be happy,

and let us give the glory to him,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.

⁸ She was allowed to clothe herself in fine linen,
bright and pure."

For the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Write this: Blessed are they who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." He said to me, "These are true words of God."

¹⁰ I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that. I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

¹¹ Then I saw the heaven open and there was white horse. He who rode on it was called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war with righteousness.

¹² His eyes are a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems. He has a name written which no one knows except himself.

¹³ He is dressed in a garment sprinkled with blood, and his name is called, The Word of God.

¹⁴ The armies in heaven clothed in fine linen, white and pure, followed him on white horses.

¹⁵ Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it he might strike the nations. He will rule them with a rod of iron, and he treads the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty.

¹⁶ He has on his garment and on his thigh a name written:

King of kings, and Lord of lords.

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice telling all the birds that fly high overhead, "Come and be gathered together to the great supper of God,

¹⁸ so that you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of generals, and the flesh of the mighty, and the flesh of horses and those who ride on them, and the flesh of everyone, both slave and free, and both small and great.

¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth along with their armies, gathered together to make war against him who rode on the horse and against his army.

²⁰ But the beast was caught along with the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

²¹ The rest were killed with the sword of him who rode on the horse, by the sword that came out of his mouth. All the birds gorged themselves with their flesh.

DASV: Revelation 20

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down out of heaven having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

² He seized the dragon, the old serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

³ He threw him into the bottomless pit, then shut and locked it up over him, so that he could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. After that he must be released for a little while.

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and those who sat on them were given authority to judge. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony for Jesus and for the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast, or his image, or received the mark on their forehead or on their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

⁵ The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years was finished. This is the first resurrection.

⁶ Blessed and holy is anyone who has part in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with him for a thousand years.

⁷ When the thousand years are finished, Satan will be released from his prison.

⁸ He will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for battle. Their number was like the sand of the sea.

⁹ They marched up over the breadth of the earth, and surrounded the camp of the saints, and the beloved city. Then fire came down out of heaven and devoured them.

¹⁰ The devil, who had deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were too. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who sat on it, from whose presence the earth and heaven fled away and there was no place found for them.

¹² I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before the throne. The books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life and the dead were judged according to their works from the things written in the books.

¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them. They too were judged, each person according to their works.

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

¹⁵ If anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

DASV: Revelation 21

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away; and there was no more sea.

² I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

³ Then I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look, the dwelling place of God is among humankind. He will live with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them.

⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death, nor will there be any more mourning, crying, or pain. The former things have passed away."

⁵ Now he who sits on the throne said, "Look, I am making all things new." He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give free water to the one who is thirsty from the spring of the water of life.

⁷ The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son.

⁸ But to the cowardly, unbelieving, corrupt, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their fate will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who had the seven last plagues came and told me, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

¹⁰ So he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

¹¹ It has the glory of God, her brilliance was like a rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal.

¹² It had a thick and high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

¹³ There were three gates on the east, and three gates on the north, and three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

¹⁴ The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ The angel who spoke with me had a golden measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and the walls.

¹⁶ The city was a square, with its length the same as its width. He measured the city with the rod. It was 1400 miles with the length and width and the height all being equal.

¹⁷ He also measured its wall, which was 216 feet thick by human measurement, which was also the angel's standard.

¹⁸ The wall was built of jasper, and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city was embedded with all kinds of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,

²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

²¹ The twelve gates were made of twelve pearls. Each gate was a single pearl. The street of the city was pure gold as transparent as glass.

²² Now I saw no temple there, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

²³ The city has no need of the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God illuminates it and the Lamb is its lamp.

²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

²⁵ Its gates will never be closed during day (and there will be no night there).

²⁶ They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is abominable or tells lies; but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

DASV: Revelation 22

¹ Then the angel showed me a river of the water of life, crystal clear, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

² flowing down the middle of its street. On both sides of the river was the tree of life, with twelve types of fruit, producing its fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

³ There will no longer be any curse and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need any light from a lamp, nor light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. They will reign forever and ever.

⁶ Then he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angels to show to his servants the things that must soon take place.

⁷ Look, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Don't do it. I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

¹⁰ Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

¹¹ Let the evildoer continue to do evil, and the filthy continue to be filthy and the righteous continue to be righteous and the holy continue to be holy.

¹² Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me, to repay to each person according to what he has done.

¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, sorcerers, sexually immoral, murderers, idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices deception.

¹⁶ "I Jesus have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come, anyone who wants, let him take the water of life freely.

¹⁸ I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book, if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book.

¹⁹ If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life, and in the holy city, which are recorded in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.