

LUKE

Conversational Version

Prologue

¹Many have undertaken to put together an account of what's been fulfilled among us. ²Eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the message have handed down *accounts of* those events to us. ³It seemed appropriate to me, as well, to trace these things from the start and write you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so you can know for certain that your oral instruction was accurate.

Lk 1:1-4

The Birth of John Announced

⁵At the time of Herod king of Judaea, there was a priest named Zachariah in the Abijah division; his wife Elizabeth descended from Aaron. ⁶They both lived upright before God and conducted themselves blamelessly by his commandments. ⁷Elizabeth couldn't have children, and both were getting old.

⁸Zachariah was carrying out his priestly duties in front of God in the sequence of his division. ⁹According to the custom of the priestly office, he'd been chosen by lot to go into the sanctuary of the LORD to offer incense. ¹⁰A crowd was praying outside. ¹¹An angel of the LORD appeared to him and stood on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zachariah saw him, he froze in fear. ¹³The angel said,

"You don't need to be afraid, Zechariah; God has heard your prayer. Your wife will have a son, and you're to name him 'John.' ¹⁴You'll^{sg} be so happy, and lots of people will celebrate his birth. ¹⁵He'll be great before the LORD:

*He won't drink wine or strong beer;
he'll have the Holy Spirit from birth.*

¹⁶*He'll return many Israelites to the LORD their God.*

¹⁷*and go ahead of the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah.
He'll return the hearts of fathers to their children
and the disobedient to the attitude good people have.
He'll thoroughly prepare people for the LORD."*

¹⁸Zachariah said, "How am I going to know that? My wife and I are both old."

¹⁹"I'm Gabriel; I stand beside the LORD. He sent me to bring you this good news. ²⁰You won't be able to talk till it happens, because you didn't believe me; but it will come about in due time."

²¹The people waiting for Zechariah couldn't believe how long he'd been in the sanctuary. ²²When he did come out, he couldn't talk. They surmised that he must have seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was making gestures to them.

²³When his term of service was up, he went back home. ²⁴Later, Elizabeth became pregnant and stayed inside for five months, ²⁵*“That’s how the LORD dealt with me when he looked favorably at me and took away my disgrace at not being able to have children.”* Lk 1:5-25

The Birth of Jesus Announced

²⁶In Elizabeth’s sixth month, God sent Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. ²⁷*He went to a virgin named Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, a descendant of David.* ²⁸*He went inside and said, “Hello, favored one; the LORD’s with you.”* ²⁹It startled her, and she wondered what he meant.

³⁰The angel said,

“You don’t need to be afraid, Mary. God’s pleased with you. ³¹You’ll become pregnant and have a son you’re to name ‘Jesus.’

³²*He’ll be great*

and be called the Son of the Most High.

The LORD God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

³³*He’ll rule Jacob’s descendants forever;*

his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴Mary said, *“How can that be? I don’t have a husband.”*

³⁵*“The Holy Spirit will come over you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One begotten will be called God’s Son. ³⁶Elizabeth your relative is pregnant, too, with a son in her old age. This is the sixth month with her that’s been childless. ³⁷God can do anything.”*

³⁸Mary said, *“I’m the LORD’s servant; may it be to me like you’ve said.”*

The angel left.

Lk 1:26-38

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹Mary hurried to a town in the hill country of Judaea, ⁴⁰and went into Zechariah’s house to greet Elizabeth. ⁴¹When she heard Mary’s greeting, her baby kicked, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit: ⁴²she shouted, *“You’re a blessed woman, and your baby’s blessed too! ⁴³How is it that my Lord’s mother comes to me? ⁴⁴When I heard you say, ‘Hello,’ I felt the baby kick for joy. ⁴⁵You’re blessed for believing the LORD will keep his promise to you.”*

⁴⁶Mary said,

“My soul exalts the LORD;

⁴⁷*I’m happy because God my Savior*

⁴⁸*has regard for my modest circumstance.*

From now on, all generations will consider me blessed.

⁴⁹*The Mighty One has done great things for me;*

he is holy.

⁵⁰*His mercy is for generations upon generations
toward people that respect him.*

⁵¹*He has done mighty things
and scattered the proud in their vanity.*

⁵²*He has brought down rulers from thrones
and lifted up the poor.*

⁵³*He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.*

⁵⁴*He has helped Israel his child
by remembering his mercy,*

⁵⁵*like he promised our ancestors,*

Abraham and his descendants forever.”

⁵⁶Mary stayed with her three months and went back home.

Lk 1:39-56

The Birth and Naming of John

⁵⁷When it came time for Elizabeth to deliver, she had a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the *LORD* had shown her such mercy, and they celebrated with her. ⁵⁹The eighth day they came to circumcise the little boy and started calling him “Zechariah,” after his father. ⁶⁰His mother answered, “*No, his name is ‘John.’*”

⁶¹But they said, “*None of your relatives are named that.*” ⁶²They motioned to his father to see what he wanted to name him.

⁶³He asked for a tablet and wrote, “*His name is ‘John.’*”

That surprised them. ⁶⁴Right then, *Zechariah* began to talk, praising God. ⁶⁵Their neighbors became respectful, and everybody in the hill country of Judaea was talking about it. ⁶⁶People that heard what happened took it to heart, “*What’s this child going to be*” (because the *LORD* was with him)?

⁶⁷*Zechariah* was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸“*Blessed be Israel’s God,
who has visited us to deliver his people.*

⁶⁹*He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David—*

⁷⁰*as he said through his holy prophets of old—*

⁷¹*salvation from our enemies,
from everybody that hates us.*

⁷²*He showed mercy to our ancestors and
remembered his holy covenant,*

⁷³*the oath he swore to our ancestor Abraham,*
⁷⁴*to deliver us from our enemies*
so we can serve him without fear
⁷⁵*in holiness and goodness all our lives.*
⁷⁶*You, child, will be a prophet for the Most High.*
You'll go in front of the LORD
to prepare his way,
⁷⁷*to tell his people how to be saved from their sins.*
⁷⁸*Our God shows tender mercy;*
because of it the Sunrise from on high will visit us,
⁷⁹*to shine on a people sitting in darkness and*
the shadow of death,
to direct us onto the path to peace."

⁸⁰The child grew up and became strong in spirit. He lived in the open country till his public appearance to Israel. Lk 1:57-80

The Birth of Jesus

^{2:1}At that time Caesar Augustus issued a decree to take a census of the Roman Empire.
²That was the first census, when Quirinius was governing Syria. ³Everyone went to his ancestral city to register. ⁴Joseph went up from Nazareth in Galilee to Judaea, to Bethlehem, David's city because he'd descended from David. ⁵He went up to register with Mary, who was engaged to him and pregnant. ⁶While they were there, she came due ⁷and had her firstborn son. She wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger because there wasn't any room for them in the inn.

Lk 2:1-7

The Angels and the Shepherds

⁸Nearby, shepherds were watching sheep outdoors at night. ⁹An angel of the *LORD* stood beside them, and the brightness of the *LORD* shined around them. They were really afraid. ¹⁰The angel said,

"You don't need to be afraid; I have good news for you that will make everybody happy. ¹¹A Savior was born today in David's city: the Messiah the Lord. ¹²You'll find a baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger."

¹³All of a sudden, a vast host of angels in the sky joined the angel, praising God:

¹⁴*"Glory to God in the highest,*
and peace on earth among people he favors."

¹⁵When the angels went back to heaven, the shepherds said, *"Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the LORD's told us about."* ¹⁶They hurried away and found Mary and Joseph and the baby that was lying in a manger. ¹⁷When they'd seen him, they told everybody what the angel

had said about him. ¹⁸What the shepherds were saying amazed them. ¹⁹Mary treasured all that up in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for everything they'd seen and heard, which was just like the angel said. Lk 2:8-20

Jesus' Circumcision, Naming, and Presentation in the Temple

²¹When eight days had passed for circumcising him, they named him Jesus, like the angel had directed before Mary became pregnant.

²²When the time was up for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they went up to Jerusalem to present him to the *LORD* —²³like the Law of the *LORD* says,

“Set aside to the LORD every male firstborn” [Ex 13:2, 12, 15]—

²⁴and to offer the sacrifice the Law called for:

“a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons” [Lev 12:8].

²⁵A man in Jerusalem named Simeon, a good, devout man, was looking forward to Israel's liberation. The Holy Spirit was on him and ²⁶told him that he'd see the *LORD*'s Messiah before he died. ²⁷The Spirit led him into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him according to custom, ²⁸he took him in his arms and blessed God:

²⁹*“Now, Master, I can leave satisfied
like you said.*

³⁰*I've seen the salvation*

³¹*you've prepared for all nations,*

³²*a light for revelation to Gentiles*

and for the honor of your people Israel.”

³³He amazed *Joseph and Mary* with what he was saying. ³⁴He blessed them and told Mary, *“This child is destined to cause the rise and fall of many in Israel and to be a controversial sign.*

³⁵*A sword will pierce your own heart too; lots of people will show what they're really like.”*

³⁶There was Hannah as well, a prophetess, daughter of Penuel from the tribe of Asher. She was quite elderly, married for seven years ³⁷and then a widow to age 84. She never left the Temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer day and night. ³⁸She came up and thanked God and talked about *the child* to everyone that was anticipating Jerusalem's liberation.

³⁹When Mary and Joseph had finished what the Law required, they went back home. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong and increased in wisdom. God's grace was on him.

Lk 2:21-40

The Youth of Jesus

⁴¹Every year his parents would go up to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴²When he was twelve, they went up to the festival as usual. ⁴³After it was over, they headed back; but the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it; ⁴⁴they thought he was in the

caravan. They traveled for a day and started looking for him among relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵When they didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem. ⁴⁶Three days later they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening and asking them questions. ⁴⁷Everybody that heard him was surprised at his understanding and answers.

⁴⁸When *his parents* saw him, they were astonished. His mother said, "*Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking all over for you, worried sick.*"

⁴⁹He said, "*Why were you looking all over for me? Wouldn't you know I'd be in my Father's house?*"

⁵⁰They didn't get what he meant.

⁵¹He went down with them to Nazareth and was subject to them. His mother treasured all that up in her heart. ⁵²Jesus kept growing in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and people.

Lk 2:41-52

The Beginning of John's Ministry

^{3:1}In the fifteenth year of Tiberias Caesar, Pontius Pilate was governing Judaea, Herod was tetraarch of Galilee, his brother Philip was tetraarch of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanius was tetraarch of Abilene, ²Annas and Caiaphas were high priests.

That's when a message came from God to John son of Zachariah in the desert. ³He went to the area around the Jordan River and started presenting a baptism of repentance to forgive sins. ⁴Scripture says in Isaiah the prophet,

"One shouting in the desert,

'Get the road ready for the LORD!

Make it straight!

⁵Fill every chuck hole.

level out every bump;

straighten out the curves;

smooth out the rough stretches.

***⁶Everybody will see God's salvation"* [Is 40:3-5].**

Lk 3:1-6

An Example of John's Preaching

⁷He was saying to the crowds that were coming out to have him baptize them,

"You bunch of poisonous snakes! Who warned you to run from God's wrath that's coming? ⁸Bear fruit appropriate for repentance and don't even begin to tell yourselves, 'Abraham's our ancestor.' God can raise up descendants of Abraham from these stones. ⁹An axe is already lying at the root of the trees. Every tree that doesn't bear good fruit will be chopped down and burned."

¹⁰The crowds asked him, "*What should we do?*"

¹¹*"If you have two shirts, give one to a person that doesn't have any. If you have food, do the same thing."*

¹²Tax collectors came to be baptized, “*Rabbi, what should we do?*”

¹³*“Don’t collect more than required.”*

¹⁴Soldiers asked, “*What should we do?*”

“Don’t extort money by false charges. Be satisfied with your pay.”

¹⁵While people were wondering if John might be the Messiah, ¹⁶he said,

“I’m immersing you in water, but Someone more important is coming, whose sandals I’m not worthy to unstrap. He’ll ‘immerse’ you in the Holy Spirit.

¹⁷He’ll use his winnowing fork to thoroughly clean up his threshing floor. He’ll gather the seed into his granary and burn up the chaff with a fire you can’t put out.”

¹⁸He encouraged them about lots of other things and delivered good news to the people.

Lk 3:7-18

The Arrest of John the Baptist

¹⁹When John reprimanded Herod *Antipas* the tetraarch about Herodias, his half-brother’s wife, ²⁰and all the wicked things he’d done, *Herod* added this on top of them: he locked John up in prison.

Lk 3:19-20

The Baptism of Jesus

²¹While John had been baptizing the people, Jesus was baptized too. As he was praying, the sky opened up, ²²and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. A voice came out of the sky, “*You’re my dearly loved Son that I delight in.*”

Lk 3:21-22

The Genealogy of Jesus According to Luke (cp. Mt 1:1-17)

²³Jesus was about 30 when he began his ministry. He was—as supposed—the

son of Joseph,	son-in-law of Eli,	son of Matthat,	²⁴ son of Levi,	son of Melchi,
son of Jannai,	son of Joseph,	²⁵ son of Mattathias,	son of Amos,	son of Nahum,
son of Hesli,	son of Naggai,	²⁶ son of Maath,	son of Mattathias,	son of Semein,
son of Josech,	son of Joda,	²⁷ son of Joanan,	son of Rhesa,	son of Zerubbabel,
son of Shealtiel,	son of Neri,	²⁸ son of Melchi,	son of Addi,	son of Cosam,
son of Elmadam,	son of Er,	²⁹ son of Joshua,	son of Eliezer,	son of Jorim,
son of Matthat,	son of Levi,	³⁰ son of Simeon,	son of Judah,	son of Joseph,
son of Jonam,	son of Eliakim,	³¹ son of Melea,	son of Menna,	son of Mattathia,
son of Nathan,	son of David,	³² son of Jesse,	son of Obed,	son of Boaz,
son of Salmon,	son of Nahshon,	³³ son of Amminadab,	son of Admin,	son of Ram,
son of Hezron,	son of Perez,	son of Judah,	³⁴ son of Jacob,	son of Isaac,

son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of Nahor, ³⁵son of Serug, son of Reu,
 son of Peleg, son of Heber, son of Shelah, ³⁶son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad,
 son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech, ³⁷son of Methuselah, son of Enoch,
 son of Jared, son of Mahalaleel, son of Cainan, ³⁸son of Enosh, son of Seth,
 son of Adam, son of God. Lk 3:23-38

The Temptation of Jesus

^{4:1} Jesus went away from the Jordan filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was leading him to the desert ²while the devil tempted him during 40 days. He didn't eat anything during that time. Afterwards, he was hungry,

³and the devil said, *"If you're God's Son, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread."*

⁴Jesus answered, *"Scripture says,*

'People aren't to live by bread alone' " [Deut 8:3].

⁵The devil took him up to show him the kingdoms of the world in an instant, ⁶*"I'll give you all this authority and their splendor. It's been given to me, and I can give it to whoever I want to. ⁷If you bow down to me, it'll all be yours."*

⁸Jesus answered, *"Scripture says,*

***'Worship the LORD your God,
and only serve him' "*** [Deut 6:13].

⁹The devil took him to Jerusalem and stood him on the pinnacle of the Temple, *"If you're God's Son, throw yourself down. ¹⁰Scripture says,*

'He'll tell his angels to guard you' " [Ps 91:11];

¹¹and

***'They'll catch you
so you'll never trip on a rock' "*** [Ps 91:12].

¹²Jesus answered, *"It says,*

'Don't tempt the LORD your God' " [Deut 6:16].

¹³When the devil finished tempting him, he left till another chance would come. **Lk 4:1-13**

Introducing the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and the news about him spread all over the region. ¹⁵He was teaching in their synagogues, and everybody was praising him.

Lk 4:14-15

The First Rejection at Nazareth

¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he grew up. He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath as usual and stood up to read. ¹⁷They handed him a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled it to where it says,

¹⁸***"The Spirit of the LORD is on me.***

*He's anointed me to deliver good news to the poor;
he sent me to announce release to captives,
and sight to the blind,
to free the afflicted,*

¹⁹*to announce the LORD's acceptable time*" [Is 61:1-2; 58:6].

²⁰He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. Everybody in the synagogue gave him their full attention. ²¹He began, "*Today you can hear this scripture being fulfilled.*"

²²They started whispering about him, amazed at the gracious way he was speaking. "*Isn't this Joseph's son?*"

²³He said,

*"No doubt you'll use this saying against me, 'Doctor, heal yourself.' 'Do here what we heard you did in Capernaum.' "*²⁴*I tell you, a prophet is not welcome in his hometown.* ²⁵*There were lots of widows in Israel at the time of Elijah, when it hadn't rain for 3½ years, and a severe famine dragged on.* ²⁶*But the LORD didn't send Elijah to any of them but to a widow in Zarephath, up around Sidon.* ²⁷*There were lots of lepers in Israel at the time of Elisha the prophet, but none of them were cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."*

²⁸Everybody in the synagogue just lost it. ²⁹They jumped up and threw him out of town. They hustled him to the brow of the hill the town was built on, to throw him over the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the mob and left.

Lk 4:16-30

Teaching and Miracles in Capernaum

³¹He went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and was teaching them every Sabbath.

³²They were impressed because he delivered his message with authority.

³³A man in the synagogue with an unclean demon shouted, ³⁴*"Ah, what is this, Jesus, you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know who you are: God's Holy One!"*

³⁵Jesus ordered him to be quiet and come out of him. The demon convulsed him right in front of them and came out without harming him.

³⁶Everybody was astounded, "*What is this? With authority and power, he gives orders to unclean spirits, and they come out!*" ³⁷The news about him went out everywhere in the surrounding countryside.

³⁸He left the synagogue and went to Simon *Peter's* house. Simon's mother-in-law was sick with a high fever, and they asked Jesus about her. ³⁹He stood over her and ordered the fever to leave. She got up right away and started waiting on them.

⁴⁰As the sun was going down, they brought him people with several kinds of illness. He laid hands on each one and healed them. ⁴¹Demons were coming out of many, crying out, *“You’re God’s Son.”* He wouldn’t let them keep talking because they knew he was the Messiah.

Lk 4:31-41

The First General Tour of Galilee

⁴²At daybreak the next morning, Jesus went out away from people, and the crowd was looking for him. When they found him, they tried to keep him from leaving, ⁴³but he said, *“I need to present God’s kingdom in other towns too; that’s why I was sent.”* ⁴⁴He continued to preach in the synagogues of Judea [Galilee^{ms}].

Lk 4:42-44

The Calling of Four Fishermen

^{5:1}While a crowd was pressing on him and listening to God’s message, he was standing by Lake Gennesaret ²and saw two boats at the edge of the lake. The fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.

³He got in one of the boats—Simon’s—and asked him to shove it out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and started teaching the crowd from the boat. ⁴When he finished, he told Simon to put out into the deep water and let down his nets for a catch.

⁵He answered, *“We’ve worked all night and haven’t caught a thing. But, since you’ve said to, I’ll let down the nets.”*

⁶When they did, they caught such a big school of fish that their nets started to tear. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help. They came and filled both boats, so they were in danger of sinking. ⁸When Peter saw it, he fell at Jesus’ knees, *“Go away from me; I’m a sinful man.”* ⁹Amazement over the catch gripped him and the others that were with him, ¹⁰including James and John, Zebedee’s sons, Simon’s partners.

Jesus told Simon, *“You don’t need to be afraid. From now on you’ll be ‘catching’ people.”*

¹¹When they brought their boats to land, they left everything behind and went with him.

Lk 5:1-11

Cleansing a Leper

¹²In one town a man covered with leprosy saw Jesus and fell down to him, begging, *“Sir, if you’re willing, you can cleanse me.”*

¹³Jesus reached out and touched him, *“I’m willing; be cleansed.”* Instantly the leprosy was gone. ¹⁴Jesus told him not to keep it to himself, but to go show himself to a priest and offer for his purification what Moses commanded for a public statement. ¹⁵Instead, he spread the news about Jesus, and big crowds came together to listen and be healed. ¹⁶Jesus would go to places away from people and pray.

Lk 5:12-16

Healing a Paralyzed Man

¹⁷One day he was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the Law were sitting there. They'd come from Jerusalem and every village in Galilee and Judaea. The power of the LORD was with him to do healing. ¹⁸Men carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher were trying to get him in to Jesus. ¹⁹Since they couldn't because of the crowd, they got up on the roof, and let him down through the tiles on the stretcher, right in front of Jesus.

²⁰When he saw their faith, he said, *"Sir, I've forgiven your sins."*

²¹The scribes and Pharisees started thinking, *"Who can forgive sins but God?"*

²²Jesus knew what they were thinking, *"Why are you reasoning in yourselves?"* ²³*Which is easier to say, 'I've forgiven your sins' or 'Get up and walk'?* ²⁴*So you can know that the Son of Man has a right on earth to forgive sins*—he said to the man—*"Get up, pick up your stretcher, and go on home."*

²⁵At once he stood up, picked up what he was lying on, and went home, praising God. ²⁶Astonishment gripped them, and they were all praising God, filled with fear, *"We've seen some incredible things today."*

Lk 5:17-26

Calling Matthew

²⁷After that, he went out and saw Levi, a tax collector, sitting in the tax booth, *"Come with me."* ²⁸He left everything behind and went with him.

²⁹Levi gave a big reception for Jesus in his house. A large group of tax collectors and others were reclining at table with them. ³⁰The Pharisees and scribes started complaining to his disciples, *"Why are you^{pl} eating with tax collectors and sinners?"*

³¹Jesus answered them, *"Healthy people don't need a doctor; sick ones do."* ³²*I didn't come so much to call good people to repentance, as to call sinners."*

Lk 5:27-32

Questions About Fasting

³³People said to him, *"John's disciples fast often and offer prayers like the Pharisees' disciples do, but yours don't fast."*

³⁴Jesus said, *"You^{pl} can't expect groomsmen to fast while the groom's around, can you?"* ³⁵*The time's coming when he'll be taken away from them. They'll fast then."*

³⁶He added an illustration:

"Nobody tears a patch off of a new cloak and sews it on an old one. That would ruin something new, and the patch from the new wouldn't match the old."

³⁷*Nobody puts new wine in old wineskins. The wine would burst the wineskins and drain out, and the wineskins would be ruined."* ³⁸*New wine must be put in new wineskins."*

³⁹*Nobody that drinks the old wants the new. 'The old is better,' they say."*

Lk 5:33-39

Controversy About

Breaking Sabbath

⁶¹Jesus was passing along between grain fields on a Sabbath, and his disciples were picking off heads, rubbing them in their hands, and eating the seeds.

²Some Pharisees said, “*Why are you doing what’s against the Law on Sabbath?*”

³Jesus answered,

“You’ve read, haven’t you, what David and the ones with him did when they were famished? ⁴He went into God’s house and took the consecrated loaves, ate them, and gave them to the ones that were with him. They’re against the Law for anybody but priests to eat. ⁵Person takes precedence over Sabbath.” Lk 6:1-5

Healing a Man with a Paralyzed Hand

⁶On another Sabbath he went into a synagogue and taught, and a man with a paralyzed right hand was there. ⁷The scribes and Pharisees were watching to see if he’d heal on a Sabbath so they could have something to accuse him of.

⁸He knew what they were thinking and said to the man, “*Stand up where people can see you.*” He stood up.

⁹*“I ask you^{pl}, is it lawful to do good on a Sabbath or to do bad, to save life or destroy it?”* ¹⁰He looked around at them and told him to hold out his hand. He held it out, and it was restored. ¹¹But they were angry and deliberated about what they could do to Jesus. Lk 6:6-11

Calling the Twelve Apostles

¹²At that time he went up on a mountain to spend the night praying. ¹³At daylight, he called his disciples and chose twelve that he named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, he named Peter; his brother Andrew; James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon called Zelotes, Judas son of James, ¹⁶and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Lk 6:12-16

Sermon on a Level Place (cp Mt 5-7)

¹⁷Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place. There was a big crowd of disciples and a throng of people from Jerusalem, all over Judaea, and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They’d come to listen to him and be healed from illness and unclean spirits that were harassing them. ¹⁹*People in the crowd* would try to touch him because power would go out from him and heal them.

²⁰He looked up at his disciples and said,

*“You that are poor are fortunate;
you have God’s kingdom.*

²¹*You that are hungry now are fortunate;
you’ll be filled.*

You that mourn now are fortunate;

you will laugh.

²²*You're fortunate when people hate you, shun you, insult you, reject you as bad because of the Son of Man. ²³Be happy in times like that. Jump up and down for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors used to treat the prophets the same way.*

²⁴*But woe to you rich people;
you have your comfort.*

²⁵*Woe to you that eat well now;
you'll be hungry.
Woe to you that laugh now;
you'll grieve and cry.*

²⁶*Woe to you when everybody says good things about you. Your ancestors used to do the same things about false prophets.* **Lk 6:17-26**

²⁷*"I'm telling you, love your enemies. Treat them well that hate you. ²⁸Bless the ones that curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹To the one that slaps you on the cheek offer the other one. From the one that takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt. ³⁰Give to anybody that asks you; don't demand back what someone steals from you. ³¹Treat people the way you want them to treat you. ³²If you love people that love you, what's special about that? Even sinners love people that love them. ³³If you do good to people that do good to you, what's special about that? Even sinners do that. ³⁴If you lend to the ones you expect to repay it, what's special about that? Even sinners lend to sinners they expect will repay it. ³⁵On the contrary, love your enemies. Do good to them and lend to them, and don't expect that they will repay it. You'll be greatly rewarded, and you'll be like the Most High, because he's gracious to ungracious people. ³⁶Have compassion like your Father does.*

³⁷*"Don't criticize, and you won't be criticized. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Pardon and you'll be pardoned. ³⁸Give and people will give to you good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. The measure you measure with, you'll be measured by."* **Lk 6:27-38**

³⁹*He gave an illustration.*

"Blind people don't lead blind people, do they? Wouldn't they all fall in the ditch? ⁴⁰Students are not better off than their teacher, but everybody that finished their education will be like their teacher. ⁴¹Why look at a speck of sawdust in somebody else's eye, and not notice the log in your own? ⁴²How can you say to somebody, 'Let me get that speck of sawdust out of your eye,' when you

don't see the log in yours? Foolish people, get the log out of your own eye first; then you can see how to get the speck out of the other's eye.

⁴³*"A good tree doesn't bear bad fruit, and a bad tree doesn't bear good fruit. ⁴⁴That's what being a good or bad tree means—its fruit is good or bad. People don't gather figs from thorns or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵Good people bring good things out of the good treasure in their hearts; bad people bring bad things out of their bad treasure. People's mouths say what overflows from their hearts.*

⁴⁶*"Why call me 'Lord' and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷I'll tell you what people are like whot listen to what I say and do it. ⁴⁸They're like a man that was building a house: he dug down and set the foundation on bedrock. When a flood came, the creek rushed against that house and couldn't budge it because he'd built it right. ⁴⁹People that listen and don't do it are like a fellow that built his house on dirt with no foundation. The creek rushed against it, and it collapsed—a total loss."*

Lk 6:39-49

Healing the Centurion's Servant

^{7:1}After he finished, he went to Capernaum. ²A centurion's valued servant was sick, close to death. ³The centurion heard about Jesus and sent elders of the Jews to ask him to come get the servant through it. ⁴When they got to Jesus, they urged him earnestly, *"He deserves doing that for him. ⁵He loves our nation and built us a synagogue."* ⁶Jesus went with them.

While they were still a good way from *his* house, the centurion sent friends,

"Sir, don't bother coming under my roof. I don't deserve that. ⁷I didn't feel worthy of coming to you personally. Just say the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸I'm directed by the authority of superior officers myself with soldiers under me. I tell one to go, and he goes; another to come, and he comes; a servant to do something, and he does it."

⁹Jesus was impressed and turned around to the crowd, *"I haven't seen faith like that even in Israel."* ¹⁰When the ones the centurion had sent got back, they found the servant healed. **Lk 7:1-10**

Resurrecting the Widow of Nain's Son

¹¹Soon afterward he went to a village called Nain; his disciples and a large crowd were going with him. ¹²When he got close to the village gate, people were carrying out a widow's only son, and a sizable crowd from the village was with her. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he felt sorry for her, and told her not to cry. ¹⁴He went and touched the bier, and the pall bearers stopped. He said, *"Young man, get up."* ¹⁵The dead boy sat up and started talking, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear gripped them, and they praised God: *"A great prophet has arisen*

among us; God has visited his people.” ¹⁷News about him spread all over Judaea and the surrounding countryside. Lk 7:11-17

John's Question and Jesus' Comments on John

¹⁸John's disciples reported to him what was going on. He called two of them ¹⁹to go ask the Lord, *“Are you the One that's supposed to come, or should we wait for somebody else?”* ²⁰The men went to Jesus and asked him that. ²¹At the time, Jesus was healing a lot of people from sicknesses, afflictions, and evil spirits, and enabling a number of blind people to see. ²²He answered them, *“Go tell John what you've seen: blind people regaining their sight, lame people walking, lepers cleansed, deaf people hearing, the dead resurrected, poor people hearing the good news.”* ²³*He's blessed that's not disappointed in me.”*

²⁴After John's messengers left, Jesus said to the crowd,
*“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed blowing in the wind?
²⁵What did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothes? People in palaces
dress in fine clothes and live in luxury. ²⁶What did you go out to see? A prophet?
Oh yes, and more than a prophet. ²⁷He's the one that scripture refers to,
‘I'll send my messenger ahead of you
to get your road ready for you’ [Mal 3:1].*

²⁸*Nobody that's ever been born is greater than John, but the least in God's
kingdom is greater than he is.”*

²⁹When the people and the tax collectors heard that, they acknowledged God's good expectations, because they'd had John baptize them. ³⁰But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's intentions for them by not having him baptize them.

³¹*“What are people today like? ³²They're like kids sitting in a marketplace,
calling out one to another:*

*‘We played a flute for you, and you didn't dance;
we sang a funeral song, and you didn't cry.’*

³³*John the Baptist came, not eating bread or drinking wine, and you say he's got
a demon. ³⁴The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say he's a
glutton, a drunk, a pal of tax collectors and sinners. ³⁵Wisdom becomes obvious
from what it produces.”^{lit}*

Lk 7:18-35

In the House of Simon the Pharisee

³⁶A Pharisee invited Jesus to eat with him. He went into the Pharisee's house and sat down. ³⁷A woman of ill repute in town learned Jesus was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster cruise of ointment and ³⁸stood behind him at his feet, crying.

She started to wet his feet with her tears, wipe them with her hair, kiss them, and anoint them with the ointment. ³⁹the Pharisee thought to himself, *“If he was a prophet, he’d know what kind of woman is touching him.”*

⁴⁰Jesus responded, *“Simon, a question.”*

“What is it, Rabbi?”

⁴¹*“A money lender had a couple clients that owed him money. One owed 500 denarii; the other owed 50. ⁴²When they couldn’t pay him back, he forgave them both. Which one loved him more?”*

⁴³*“I suppose the one he forgave more.”*

Jesus said, *“That’s right.”*

⁴⁴He turned to the woman and said to Simon,

“You see this woman? When I came in your house, you didn’t give me any water for my feet; she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You didn’t give me a kiss; she’s been kissing my feet ever since she got here. ⁴⁶You didn’t anoint my head with olive oil; she anointed my feet with perfumed ointment. ⁴⁷So I’ve forgiven her many sins because she loved a lot. The one that’s forgiven little loves little.”

⁴⁸He told her, *“I’ve forgiven your sins.”*

⁴⁹The ones reclining at table with him started saying to themselves, *“Who is this that forgives sins?”*

⁵⁰He told the woman, *“Your faith has saved you. Have a good day.”*

Lk 7:36-50

Second Preaching Tour of Galilee

^{8:1}Soon afterward he started traveling from one town and village to another, announcing the coming of God’s kingdom. The Twelve were with him ²as well as some women he healed from illnesses and evil spirits: Mary, called the Magdalene, that seven demons had come out of; ³Joanna wife of Chuza, Herod’s business manager; Susanna, and quite a few that were contributing to them out of their own resources.

Lk 8:1-3

Sermon in Parables

⁴When a large crowd was gathering and people from various towns were traveling to him, he told a parable.

⁵*“A sower went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some seeds fell along the path; people walked on them, and birds ate them. ⁶Some fell on rocky ground; they sprouted but shriveled up because they didn’t have enough moisture. ⁷Some fell among thorns; the thorns grew up with them and choked them out. ⁸Others fell on good ground, grew up, and produced 100 times as much sown. Whoever has ears, listen!”*

⁹His disciples asked him what the parable meant. ¹⁰He said,

“You can come to know the unrevealed things about God’s kingdom, but to the rest I’m delivering the message in parables so

‘though they see, they don’t perceive;

***though they hear, they don’t understand’** [Is 6:9-10].*

¹¹*“This is what the parable means. The seed is God’s message. ¹²The seeds along the road represent people that hear the message. Then the devil comes and takes the message away from their hearts so they won’t believe and be saved. ¹³The seeds on rocky ground represent people that are happy to accept the message, but they don’t have root. They believe for a while, but in trying times they fall away. ¹⁴The seeds falling among the thorns represent people that hear the message; but the cares, wealth, and pleasures of life choke them out, and they don’t produce anything. ¹⁵But the seeds in the good ground represent those who hear the word with a good and honest heart and produce by staying with it.*

¹⁶*“Nobody lights a lamp and hides it under a jar or puts it under a bed. They put it on a stand so people that come in can see it. ¹⁷Everything hidden will become known; everything secret will come to light.*

¹⁸*“Be careful how you listen: whoever has will receive more, and whoever doesn’t have will lose what they seem to have.”* **Lk 8:4-18**

Jesus’ Mother and Brothers

Interrupt His Ministry

¹⁹His mother and brothers came but couldn’t get to him because of the crowd. ²⁰People relayed to him, *“Your mother and brothers are standing outside the crowd, wanting to see you.”*

²¹He responded, *“My mother and brothers are people that hear God’s message and do it.”* **Lk 8:19-21**

Stilling the Storm

²²One day he and his disciples got in a boat, and he said, *“Let’s go to the other side of the lake,”* and they launched. ²³While they were sailing, he went to sleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and they were taking on water and in danger of sinking. ²⁴They went and woke him up, *“Master, we’re going to die!”*

He got up and rebuked the wind and crashing waves. The wind stopped, and the lake grew calm. ²⁵*“Where’s your faith?”* They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, *“Who is this that even the wind and waves obey?”* **Lk 8:22-25**

Healing the Gadarene Demoniac

²⁶They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus got out of the boat, a fellow from the town met him. For a long time, the man had been demon-

possessed, naked, and homeless, living among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and ran to him and screamed. *“What is this, Jesus, you Son of God Most High? Please don’t torment me!”* ²⁹(Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out. It had seized him many times. He’d be bound under guard with chains and shackles; but he’d break the bonds, and the demon would drive him into uninhabited places.)

³⁰Jesus asked him, *“What’s your name?”*

“Legion,” because lots of demons had gone into him. ³¹They started begging him not to send them away into the abyss.

³²A tremendous herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. The demons appealed to Jesus to let them go into them. He let them. ³³When the demons went into the pigs, the herd stampeded down the steep place into the lake and drowned. ³⁴The herdsmen saw it and ran away and reported it in town and in the countryside. ³⁵People came out to see what had happened and came to Jesus. They found the man dressed and in his right mind, sitting by Jesus. They were afraid. ³⁶Witnesses told them how Jesus had delivered the demoniac.

³⁷The whole crowd from the area of the Gerasenes asked him to go away, because fear had overwhelmed them. When he got in the boat to go, ³⁸the fellow begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him back, ³⁹*“Go home and tell them what great things God has done for you.”* He went away and told in every city what great things Jesus had done for him. **Lk 8:26-39**

Raising Jairus’ Daughter;

Healing Woman with Hemorrhaging

⁴⁰When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him; they’d been waiting for him. ⁴¹Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell down to Jesus, pleading with him to come to his house. ⁴²His only daughter—about twelve—was at the point of death.

As Jesus was making his way along, the crowd was pressing in on him. ⁴³A woman that had been hemorrhaging for twelve years and had spent her whole living on doctors ⁴⁴came up from behind and touched the fringe of his cloak. The hemorrhaging stopped at once.

⁴⁵Jesus said, *“Who touched me?”*

While they were all denying it, Peter said, *“Master, the crowd’s pressing on you and jostling you.”*

⁴⁶But Jesus said, *“Somebody touched me. I felt power go out from me.”*

⁴⁷When the woman saw she hadn’t escaped notice, she came trembling, fell down to him, and admitted in front of them why she’d touched him.

⁴⁸He said, *“Daughter, your faith has saved you. Have a good day.”*

⁴⁹While he was still talking to her, someone came from the house of the synagogue ruler, *“Your daughter has died. You needn’t bother the Rabbi further.”*

⁵⁰When Jesus heard it, he responded, *“Don’t give up hope; just trust me. She’ll be okay.”*

⁵¹He went into the house and wouldn't let anybody go with him except Peter, James, and John, and her parents. ⁵²Everybody was crying and wailing over her.

He said, "*Don't keep crying. She's not dead; she's 'asleep.'*"

⁵³They laughed at him because they knew she was dead.

⁵⁴He took her hand and said, "*Girl, get up.*" ⁵⁵She started breathing again, and stood up instantly. He told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶Her parents were stunned, but he told them not to tell anybody what had happened. **Lk 8:40-56**

The Mission of the Twelve

^{9:1}He called the Twelve together and gave them power and authority to cast out demons and heal sicknesses. ²He sent them out to announce *the coming of God's kingdom* and to heal the sick. ³"*Don't take anything with you—no staff, sack for extra clothes, bread, money, or two shirts apiece.* ⁴*Stay in whatever house you enter till you leave the area.* ⁵*Whoever doesn't welcome you, go outside of town and shake the dust off your feet as a gesture to them.*"

⁶They went out and started traveling around village by village, preaching and healing.

Lk 9:1-6

Herod's Conscience;

Confusing John the Baptist and Jesus

⁷Herod [*Antipas*] the tetraarch heard about what was happening and was puzzled because some were saying John had risen from the dead, ⁸that Elijah had appeared, that one of the prophets of old had resurrected. ⁹Herod said, "*I beheaded John. Who is this?*" And he kept trying to see him. **Lk 9:7-9**

Feeding the 5,000

¹⁰The apostles came back from their mission and reported to Jesus what all they'd done. He took them and withdrew privately near a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹The crowds found out and followed him. He welcomed them, talked to them about God's kingdom, and healed as many as needed it.

¹²As it was getting late, the Twelve came to him, "*Dismiss the crowd so they can go to villages around the countryside to find lodging and buy food. Nobody lives around here.*"

¹³He said, "*You feed them.*"

They said, "*We only have five loaves and two fish—unless we go buy food for all these people.*" ¹⁴There were about 5,000 men.

He said, "*Have them sit down in groups of about 50.*"

[¹⁵] ¹⁶He took the five loaves and two fish, and looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke them in pieces, and started giving them to his disciples to distribute to the crowd. ¹⁷They all ate till they were full, and the leftovers filled twelve medium-sized baskets. **Lk 9:10-17**

Peter's Great Confession

¹⁸When he was praying alone with the disciples, he asked them, *"Who are the crowds saying I am?"*

¹⁹They answered, *"John the Baptist, Elijah, or a prophet of old that's resurrected."*

²⁰*"Who do you say I am?"*

Peter answered, *"God's Messiah."*

²¹He told them not to tell people who he was.

Lk 9:18-21

The First Distinct Prediction of Messiah's Death

²²*"I need to suffer a lot of things; be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes; be executed, and resurrected the third day."*

²³He told the crowd,

"If you want to follow me, you have to set aside your own interests, pick up your cross every day, and follow me. ²⁴If you want to save your life, you'll lose it; if you lose your life over me, you'll save it. ²⁵What good does it do to get the whole world and lose your self? ²⁶If you're ashamed of me and my message, I'll be ashamed of you when I come in the glory of the Father and the holy angels.

²⁷*Some of you standing here will live to see God's kingdom."*

Lk 9:22-27

The Transfiguration

²⁸About eight days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹While he was praying, his face changed appearance, and his clothes became brilliant white. ³⁰Two men were talking to him—Moses and Elijah. ³¹They had a brilliant appearance and talked about his death soon in Jerusalem. ³²Peter and the ones with him were really sleepy, but they were fully awake and saw his brilliant appearance and the two men that were standing with him.

³³As they were leaving him, Peter said, *"Master, it's good to be here. Let us make three tents—one each for you and Moses and Elijah"*—not thinking clearly about what he was saying.

³⁴A cloud came and engulfed them. It scared them as they went into it.

³⁵A voice spoke out of it, *"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."*

³⁶When it had spoken, Jesus was the only one there, and his disciples kept quiet. At the time they didn't tell anybody what they'd seen.

Lk 9:28-36

Healing a Demoniac Boy

³⁷The next day when they came down from the mountain, a big crowd met him. ³⁸A man from the crowd ran up, *"Rabbi, please look at my boy; he's the only son I have. ³⁹A spirit keeps seizing him and suddenly makes him scream. It throws him into convulsions, makes him foam at the mouth, and bruises him. It hardly ever leaves him alone. ⁴⁰I pleaded with your disciples to cast it out, but they couldn't."*

⁴¹Jesus answered, “*You unbelieving, perverse bunch, how long am I going to be here and deal with you? Bring me your boy.*”

⁴²While he was coming, the demon attacked him and threw him into convulsions. Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy and gave him back to his dad. ^{43a}They were all amazed at God’s greatness. **Lk 9:37-43a**

Third Prediction of His Death

^{43b}While everybody was astounded at the things Jesus was doing, he told his disciples, ⁴⁴“*Keep this in mind: I’m going to be betrayed.*” ⁴⁵They didn’t know what to make of it and were afraid to ask him about it. **Lk 9:43b-45**

Discussion About Rank

⁴⁶His disciples got into an argument about who would have highest rank. ⁴⁷Jesus knew about it, so he took a little child and stood him next to him, ⁴⁸“*Whoever receives this little child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One that sent me. The least among you has the highest rank.*” **Lk 9:46-48**

The Unknown Exorcist

⁴⁹John answered, “*Master, we saw a fellow casting out demons in your name. We tried to stop him because he’s not following with us.*”

⁵⁰Jesus said, “*Don’t stop^{pl} him. Whoever is not against us is for us.*” **Lk 9:49-50**

Private Journey to Jerusalem Through Samaria

⁵¹When the time came to go up to Jerusalem, he headed there ⁵²and sent messengers on ahead. They went to a Samaritan village to make arrangements for him, ⁵³but they wouldn’t welcome him because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When the disciples James and John saw it, they said, “*Do you want us to call down fire from the sky to consume them?*” ⁵⁵He turned and reprimanded them, ⁵⁶and they went on to another village. **Lk 9:51-56**

Conversation About Following Jesus

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, a man said, “*I’ll follow you wherever you go.*”

⁵⁸Jesus said, “*Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but I don’t have anywhere to rest.*”

⁵⁹He said to another man, “*Come with me.*”

“*Sir, let me go bury my father first.*”

⁶⁰He told him, “*Let the dead bury their dead. You go and announce the coming of God’s kingdom.*”

⁶¹Another fellow said, “*I’ll go with you; let me go say goodbye to the ones in my house.*”

⁶²Jesus told him, “*Nobody that takes hold of a plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom.*” **Lk 9:57-62**

The Mission of the Seventy

10:¹After that, the Lord appointed 72 other men to go ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he intended to go.

²He told them,

"It's a huge harvest and there aren't many workmen, so ask the crew chief to put more help in his harvest. ³I'm sending you out like lambs among wolves.

⁴Don't carry a money bag, knapsack, or shoes. Don't visit with anybody along the road. ⁵Whatever house you go in, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶If peace-loving people live there, your blessing will rest on them. If not, it will come back to you.

⁷Stay in the same house and eat what they provide. A worker is worth his wages. Don't move around from house to house. ⁸Whatever town you go in and they

welcome you, eat what they put in front of you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say, 'God's kingdom has come close to you.' ¹⁰Whatever town doesn't welcome you, go out in the main streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. But know this: God's kingdom has come close to you.' ¹²At the judgment it'll be more bearable for Sodom than for that town.

Lk 10:1-12

¹³"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would've repented long ago in burlap and ashes. ¹⁴At the judgment it'll be more bearable for those cities than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum! You won't be exalted to heaven, will you? You'll be taken down to hell.

¹⁶"Whoever listens to you is listening to me; whoever rejects you is rejecting me; and whoever rejects me is rejecting the One that sent me."

¹⁷The 72 came back excited, "Even the demons submit to us in your name!"

¹⁸He said, "I've been watching Satan fall from heaven like a blazing meteor. ¹⁹I've made you able to step on snakes and scorpions, and have authority over the power the enemy has. Nothing will hurt you. ²⁰But, don't get excited as much about the spirits submitting to you as about having your names recorded in heaven."*

²¹Right then he was especially glad, "I praise you, Father, LORD of earth and sky, for keeping these things from wise, smart people and revealing them to children. ²²⁻²³Yes, you delighted in doing that."

He turned to his disciples, "My Father has turned everything over to me, and nobody knows who the Son is but him, and who he is but the Son, and whoever the Son wants to reveal him to."

"You're fortunate to see what you're seeing. ²⁴Prophets and kings have wanted to see it and haven't seen it."

Lk 10:13-24

The Parable About the Good Samaritan

²⁵A lawyer stood up to test him, *"Rabbi, what do I need to do to inherit eternal life?"*

²⁶Jesus said, *"What's the Law say? How do you read it?"*

²⁷He answered, *"Love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, strength [Deut 6:5; 10:12; Josh 22:5], and mind; and love your neighbor as yourself" [Lev 19:18].*

²⁸Jesus said, *"That's right. Do that and you'll inherit eternal life."*

²⁹But he wanted to justify asking his question, so he said, *"Who's my 'neighbor'?"*

³⁰Jesus answered,

"A man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked by robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and left him half dead. ³¹By chance a priest was going down that road and saw him and went around him. ³²A Levite came to the place and saw him and did the same thing. ³³But a Samaritan on business came by and saw him and felt sorry for him. ³⁴He went over and treated his wounds with oil and wine, bandaged them up, put him on his own pack animal, and took him to an inn to take care of him.

³⁵*"The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Take care of him. Whatever more you spend I'll pay you when I get back.'*
³⁶*Which of the three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man the robbers attacked?"*

³⁷The lawyer said, *"The one that showed him mercy."*

Jesus said, *"Go do that."*

Lk 10:25-37

Jesus with Mary and Martha

³⁸As they were traveling, he went into a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹She had a sister, Mary, who was sitting in front of Jesus, listening to him. ⁴⁰Martha was worried with serving, and came and said, *"Sir, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the serving by myself? Have her help me."*

⁴¹Jesus said, *"Martha, you're worried about a lot of things, ⁴²but one thing is essential: Mary has chosen the good part; I'm not going to take it away from her."*

Lk 10:38-42

Discourse on Prayer

¹¹¹He was praying in a place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, *"Teach us how to pray like John used to teach his disciples."*

²He said,

"When you pray, say,

*'Father, you are holy.
We want your kingdom to come.
3Give us our food each day.
4Forgive us of our sins
because we forgive everybody that's in debt to us.
Don't let us get led into temptation.'*

*5"Which of you would go to a friend in the middle of the night and say,
'Lend me three loaves of bread. 6A friend of mine has come, and I don't have
anything to feed him.'*

*7"From inside, the friend would answer, 'Don't bother me. The door's
already shut; the kids are in bed with me. I can't get up to give you anything.'
8Though he didn't want to, he got up and gave him what he needed because he
was his friend and persisted. 9Ask and you'll receive, seek and you'll find, knock
and it'll open for you. 10The one that asks receives, the one that seeks finds, the
one that knocks it'll open for.*

*11"If your son asks for a fish, would you give him a snake instead? 12If he
asks for an egg, would you give him a scorpion? 13If you, being sinful, know how
to give good things to your kids, how much more will the heavenly Father give the
Holy Spirit to people that ask him."*

Lk 11:1-13

The Pharisees' Charge That Jesus Was in League with the Devil

*14He was casting a demon out that made a man mute. When he'd cast it out, the man
could speak, and the crowd was surprised. 15Some of them said, "He casts out demons by
Beelzebub, the ruler of demons." 16Others, trying to test him, were looking for him to give them
a sign out of the sky.*

17He knew what they were thinking,

*"Any kingdom falls that's at cross purposes with itself. 18If Satan is at
cross purposes with himself, how will his kingdom stand—because you're saying I
cast out demons by Beelzebub? 19If I'm casting out demons by Beelzebub, who do
your students cast them out by? They'll be your judges.*

*20"But if I'm casting out demons by the finger of God, then his kingdom
has come to you. 21When a strong man, fully armed, guards his courtyard, his
possessions are undisturbed. 22When somebody stronger than he is attacks and
overpowers him, he seizes the armor the man depended on and scatters his
plunder. 23Whoever's not with me is against me, and whoever doesn't gather with
me scatters around.*

²⁴“When an unclean spirit leaves a person, it roams around in dry places, looking for rest. When it doesn’t find any, it says, ‘I’ll go back to the house I left.’

²⁵When he goes, he finds it swept out and decorated. ²⁶Then he takes along seven spirits worse than him, goes in, and settles down there. The person’s last condition is worse than the first.”

Lk 11:14-26

²⁷While he was talking, a woman in the crowd shouted, “Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts you nursed.”

²⁸But he said, “More important, blessed are people that hear God’s message and keep it.”

²⁹As the crowds were growing, he said,

“This is a wicked time. People are looking for a sign, but they’re not going to get one other than the sign of Jonah. ³⁰As he was a sign to the Ninevites, so the Son of Man will be to people of today. ³¹The queen of the south will stand up in the judgment with people of today and condemn them. She came from the ends of the earth to hear Solomon’s wisdom, and something greater than Solomon is here. ³²The people of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with people today and condemn them. They repented when Jonah preached to them, and something greater than Jonah is here.

³³“Nobody lights a lamp and puts it in the cellar [or under a basket]^{ms}. They put it on a stand so people that come in can see it. ³⁴Your eye is the lamp for your body. When your eyes are clear, your whole body has light; but when they’re bad, your body is also in the dark. ³⁵Watch out so the light that’s in you won’t be darkness. ³⁶If your whole body has light, it’s like a bright lamp that gives you light.”

Lk 11:27-36

³⁷When he’d finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him. He went in and directly reclined at table. ³⁸When the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that Jesus hadn’t ceremonially washed his hands before the meal.

³⁹The Lord said to him,

“You Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you’re filled with theft and wickedness. ⁴⁰You foolish people, didn’t the One that made the outside make the inside too? ⁴¹Give the internal things over to charity, and everything will be clean to you.

⁴²“But woe to you Pharisees! You give a tenth of mint, rue, and vegetables, but pass over justice and love for God. You should have done those without neglecting these.

⁴³“Woe to you Pharisees! You love the most prominent seats in the synagogues and the greetings in the marketplaces.

⁴⁴“Woe to you! You’re like unmarked graves that people walk on without knowing it.”

⁴⁵A lawyer spoke up^p, “*Rabbi, when you say things like that, you insult us too.*”

⁴⁶Jesus said,

“Woe to you lawyers as well! You load people down with hard-to-carry burdens, but you don’t touch them with one of your fingers.

⁴⁷“Woe to you! You build the tombs of the prophets, and people like you killed them. ⁴⁸So you’re witnesses and approve of what people like you did; they killed them; you build their tombs. ⁴⁹So God in his wisdom has said, ‘I’ll send them prophets and apostles. They’ll persecute some and kill others. ⁵⁰So the blood of all the prophets shed since the world began God will require of this generation—⁵¹from the blood of Abel to Zechariah that they murdered between the altar and the Temple. Yes, he’ll require it of this generation.’

⁵²“Woe to you lawyers! You take away the key for understanding. You don’t go in yourselves, and you stand in the way of the ones that are trying to.”

⁵³Before he left, the scribes got terribly hostile and badgered him with questions about all kinds of things, ⁵⁴trying to goad him into saying something they could use against him. **Lk 11:37-54**

Disciples Warned Against Fearing Men

12:¹Meantime, the thousands in the crowd *that had been following him* were so packed together they were stepping on each other. Jesus started saying to his disciples first,

“Watch out for the yeast from the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

²Everything covered up will be uncovered; everything hidden will be discovered.

³What you^{pl} say in the dark will be heard in the light; what you^{pl} whisper in the storerooms will be shouted from the housetops.

⁴“Friends, don’t be afraid of people that can kill the body and that’s all they can do. ⁵I’ll show you who to be afraid of: the One with the right to kill you and throw you into hell. Yes, be afraid of him. ⁶Don’t 5 sparrows cost 2 assarions? And God doesn’t forget about a one of them. ⁷The very hairs on your head are numbered. Don’t be afraid; you’re worth more than lots of sparrows.

⁸“Everyone that acknowledges me to other people, I’ll acknowledge to God’s angels. ⁹Whoever denies who I am in front of other people I’ll deny in front of God’s angels. ¹⁰Everyone that slanders me can be forgiven, but whoever blasphemes the Holy Spirit won’t be forgiven.

¹¹“When they take you in front of synagogues, rulers, and authorities, don’t worry about what to say to defend yourselves. ¹²The Holy Spirit will teach you at the time what to say.”

Lk 12:1-12

The Parable About the Rich Fool

¹³A fellow in the crowd said, “*Rabbi, tell my brother to split the inheritance with me.*”

¹⁴Jesus said, “*Sir, who appointed me to act as a judge or arbitor in your^{pl} affairs?*”

¹⁵“*Guard against every kind of greed; even in abundance a person’s life doesn’t consist of what he owns.*”

¹⁶He told the crowd a parable,

“A rich man’s ground produced a bumper crop. ¹⁷He deliberated what to do because he didn’t have enough room to put up his crop. ¹⁸He said, ‘This is what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones so I can store all my grain and good things. ¹⁹I’ll tell myself, ‘You have a lot of good things for years to come. Rest, eat, drink, celebrate.’” ²⁰God said, ‘You foolish man! Tonight they’ll demand your life; who will these things belong to then?’ ²¹That’s how it is with people that store up for themselves and aren’t rich toward God.” Lk 12:13-21

Encouragement to Trust God

²²He said to his disciples, “*So don’t worry about your life what you’re going to eat or for your body what you’re going to wear. ²³Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothes. ²⁴Think about black birds; they don’t sow or reap; they don’t have a storeroom or barn. God feeds them. You’re worth a lot more than birds! ²⁵Which of you by worrying can add 18 inches to your height? ²⁶If you can’t do such a small thing, why worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider how lilies grow; they don’t work hard or spin, but even Solomon in all his splendor wasn’t dressed like one of them. ²⁸If God “dresses” the plants in the field that way—here today, burned tomorrow—how much more will he dress you, people with little faith. ²⁹Don’t concentrate on what you’re going to eat, and don’t worry. ³⁰Material things are what Gentiles desire. Your Father knows you need them. ³¹Seek out his kingdom, and material things will come along with it. ³²You don’t need to be afraid, little flock. Your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. ³³Sell what you own and give it to charity. Make money bags that don’t wear out, never-ending wealth in heaven, where thieves don’t steal and moths don’t ruin. ³⁴Your heart will be where your wealth is.* Lk 12:22-34

Watchfulness: Parable About the Waiting Servants

³⁵“*Be dressed and ready with your lamps lit ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to come back from a wedding so they can open the door when he knocks. ³⁷Blessed are the servants their master finds watching. He’ll put on servant’s clothes, have them recline at table, and wait on them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch or even the third and finds them ready, they’re blessed. ³⁹Be*

sure of this: if the homeowner had known what time the thief would come, he wouldn't have let him break into his house. ⁴⁰You be ready because the Son of Man will come when you don't expect him."

⁴¹Peter said, "Are you telling us that parable or everybody?"

⁴²He said, "Who's a wise, reliable property manager that his master puts in charge of providing meals at the right time? ⁴³Blessed is the servant that his master finds doing his job when he comes. ⁴⁴He'll put him in charge of everything he owns. **Lk 12:35-44**

⁴⁵"If that servant says to himself, 'It'll be a long time before my master gets back'; and he starts beating on the other servants, men and women, eating and getting drunk, ⁴⁶the master will come on a day he doesn't expect him at a time he doesn't know, he'll flog him severely, and assign him the fate of disbelievers.

⁴⁷"The servant that knew his master's will and wasn't ready or didn't act accordingly will get many lashes. ⁴⁸The one that didn't know and committed things that deserve lashes will get few lashes. A lot will be expected of everybody that receives a lot. People ask more from somebody they've entrusted with more. **Lk 12:45-48**

⁴⁹"I came to set the earth on fire, and I wish it was already lit! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and I'm under duress till it's done. ⁵¹Do you think my coming will bring peace on earth? No, it'll bring division. ⁵²From now on five members of a family will team up three against two and two against three:

⁵³father against son; son against father;
mother against daughter; daughter against mother;
mother-in-law against daughter-in-law;
daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He told the crowd as well,

"When you see clouds coming up in the west, right away you say, 'A storm's coming,' and you're right. ⁵⁵When you see a south wind blowing, you say, 'It's going to get hot,' and it does. ⁵⁶You foolish people, you can read earth and sky; why don't you know how to read the signs of the times?

⁵⁷"Why can't you figure out what's right on your own? ⁵⁸While you're on the way to court with your opponent, do your best to settle matters so he doesn't drag you in front of the judge, the judge turn you over to the officer of the court, and the officer put you in jail. ⁵⁹You won't get out till you pay the last penny."

Lk 12:49-59

Discourse on Repentance

13¹At that time, some people told *Jesus* about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²He said,

“Do you think those Galileans were more sinful than other Galileans because they suffered this? ³No, but unless you repent, you’ll die too. ⁴Do you think the 18 that the tower of Siloam fell on and killed were the most sinful people in Jerusalem? ⁵No, but unless you repent, you’ll die too.”

⁶He told this parable,

“A man had planted a fig tree in his vineyard. He went looking for fruit on it, but didn’t find any. ⁷He told the vineyard keeper, ‘This fig tree hasn’t borne any fruit for three years. Chop it down. Why’s it taking up space?’

⁸“He answered, ‘Sir, leave it this year too, till I can dig around it and manure it. ⁹If it has fruit on it next year, okay. If not, chop it down.” **Lk 13:1-9**

Healing on a Sabbath and the Coming Kingdom

¹⁰He was teaching in a synagogue one Sabbath, ¹¹and a woman there had a spirit that for 18 years made her bent double, and she couldn’t straighten up. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called out, *“Dear woman, your deformity’s gone.”* ¹³He laid hands on her, and at once she straightened up and praised God. ¹⁴The synagogue ruler got angry because Jesus healed her on a Sabbath. He told the crowd, *“There are six days for working. Come on those days to be healed, not on a Sabbath.”*

¹⁵The Lord answered him, *“You foolish people, don’t you^{pl} untie your ox or donkey and lead it out to water on a Sabbath? ¹⁶Wasn’t it appropriate on a Sabbath to untie this daughter of Abraham that Satan had tied up for 18 years?”*

¹⁷His critics were disgraced, and the whole crowd was excited about the outstanding things he was doing.

¹⁸So he said, *“What’s God’s kingdom like? What can I compare it to? ¹⁹It’s like a mustard seed a fellow planted in his garden. It became a tree, and birds nested in its branches.”*

²⁰*“What’s God’s kingdom like? ²¹It’s like yeast a woman put in three pecks of meal till it made the whole batch rise.”* **Lk 13:10-21**

Discussions in Perea

²²He was teaching from one town and village to another, working his way toward Jerusalem. ²³Somebody said, *“Lord, are few people saved?”*

He said to them,

²⁴*“Make^{pl} every effort to go in through the narrow door. Many of you will try to go in but can’t. ²⁵Once the homeowner gets up and shuts the door, you’ll stand outside and knock, ‘Let us in.’ He’ll answer, ‘I don’t know where you’re*

from.’ ²⁶You’ll say, ‘We ate with you, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷He’ll tell you straight off, ‘I don’t know where you’re from. Get away from here, you bad people.’ ²⁸There’ll be crying and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the prophets in Gods’ kingdom and yourselves excluded. ²⁹People will come from every direction and sit down in his kingdom. ³⁰The last will be first and the first last.”

³¹At that time, some Pharisees came up to Jesus, “You need to get out of here! Herod wants to kill you!”

³²“Tell that old fox, ‘I’ll heal^p and cast out demons today and tomorrow, and finish my work on the third day.’ ³³But today, tomorrow, and the next day I do need to travel; it’s not thinkable that a prophet would perish anywhere but in Jerusalem!

³⁴“Jerusalem! Jerusalem! that kills the prophets and stones the messengers that have been sent to you! How many times I’ve wanted to gather your inhabitants like a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you didn’t want to. ³⁵I’m leaving your house [abandoned]^{ms}. You won’t see me till you say, **‘Blessed be the One that’s coming in the name of the LORD’**” [Ps 118:26]. Lk 13:22-35

Healing in a Pharisee’s Home on a Sabbath

¹⁴¹On a Sabbath, when he went into the house of a ruling Pharisee to eat, *the leaders* were watching him closely. ²In front of him was a man with extreme swelling. ³Jesus said to the lawyers and Pharisees, “Is it lawful to heal on a Sabbath?”

⁴They didn’t say anything. He took hold of him and healed him and let him go. ⁵He said, “If a son or ox falls into a well, wouldn’t you pull him out right away on a Sabbath day?” ⁶They couldn’t answer him.

⁷When he noticed how they were vying for the prominent places *at the table*, he started telling the guests a parable.

⁸“When somebody invites you to a wedding banquet, don’t recline at table in a place of honor. Someone more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹The one that invited you both will say to you^{sg}, ‘Let this gentleman have your place.’ Then you’ll head for the last place embarrassed. ¹⁰Instead, when you’re invited, go recline in the last place so when the one that invited you comes, he’ll say, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then the others reclining at table will respect you. ¹¹Everybody that exalts himself will be humbled, and the one that humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He went on to say to his host,

“When you^{sg} have a luncheon or dinner, don’t call your friends, brothers, relatives, and wealthy neighbors. They can invite you in return. ¹³Invite poor, disabled, lame, and blind people. You’ll be blessed; they can’t repay you. ¹⁴You’ll get repaid when the righteous resurrect.”

¹⁵When one of those reclining at the table heard that, he said to Jesus, *“Blessed is the one that eats bread in God’s kingdom.”*

¹⁶Jesus said to him,

“A man prepared a banquet and invited a lot of people. ¹⁷When the time for the banquet came, he sent a servant to tell them to come; everything was ready. ¹⁸But they started making excuses. ‘I need to go see a field I bought. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹*“‘I’m on my way to try out five yokes of oxen I bought. Please excuse me.’*

²⁰*“‘I just got married; I can’t come.’*

²¹*“When the servant came back, he told his master. The homeowner was mad, ‘Hurry out into the streets and alleys in town and bring in the poor, disabled, blind, and lame.’*

²²*“‘Master, I did what you said, and there’s still room.’*

²³*“‘Go out into the country lanes and paths and urge them to come in so my house will be full. ²⁴None of the people I invited will taste my banquet.”*

Lk 14:1-24

The Cost of Discipleship

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with him. He turned and told them,

²⁶*“Nobody that comes to me can be my disciple unless he loves me more than his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters—even his own life.*

²⁷*Whoever doesn’t carry his own cross and follow me, can’t be my disciple.*

²⁸*Which of you that wants to build a tower, doesn’t sit down first and figure out what it’ll cost, to see if you have enough money to finish it? ²⁹Otherwise, when you’ve laid the foundation and can’t finish it, people will make fun of you, ³⁰‘This fellow started to build and couldn’t finish.’*

³¹*“What king engages another king in battle without sitting down first to figure out if with 10,000 he can meet one with 20,000? ³²If he can’t, while the other is still a long way off, he’ll send ambassadors to ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you own.*

³⁴“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, what can make it salty? ³⁵It’s useless for the ground or manure pile. People throw it out. Whoever has ears, listen!”
Lk 14:25-35

Parable About the Lost Sheep

¹⁵¹Tax collectors and sinners were coming to listen to him. ²The Pharisees and scribes started grumbling, “*This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.*”

³He told them this parable.

⁴“*What man that has a 100 sheep and loses one, doesn’t leave the 99 in the open country and go looking for the one that’s lost?* ⁵

When he finds it, he puts it on his shoulders happy. ⁶*When he gets home, he calls his friends and neighbors, ‘Let’s celebrate; I’ve found the sheep I lost.’*

⁷*There’ll be more celebration in heaven over one sinner that repents than over 99 good people that don’t need to repent.*”
Lk 15:1-7

Parable About the Lost Coin

⁸“*What woman that has 10 coins and loses one, doesn’t light a lamp, sweep the house, and keep looking till she finds it?* ⁹*When she does, she calls her friends and neighbors, ‘Let’s celebrate; I found the coin I lost.’* ¹⁰*In the same way, God’s angels celebrate over one sinner that repents.*”
Lk 15:8-10

Parable About the Prodigal Son

¹¹“*A man had two sons.* ¹²*The younger one said to his father, ‘Give me my share of the assets.’ He divided his assets between the two sons.*

¹³“*A few days later the younger son got everything together and left home for a distant country, and wasted his assets there, living immorally.* ¹⁴*When he’d spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he was out of money.*

¹⁵*He went to work for a citizen in that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.* ¹⁶*He was so hungry he wanted to eat the carob pods the pigs were eating, but nobody would give him anything.*

¹⁷“*He came to himself, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have more than enough to eat, and I’m starving here.* ¹⁸*I’ll go to my father and say, ‘I’ve sinned against Heaven and you.* ¹⁹*I don’t deserve to be your son anymore. Make me one of your hired hands.’*”

²⁰“*He went to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him, felt sorry for him, and he ran and hugged him and kissed him.* ²¹*The son said, ‘Dad, I’ve sinned against Heaven and you. I don’t deserve to be your son anymore.’*”

²²“But his dad told the servants, ‘Quick, bring a robe—the best one—and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Get the grain-fed calf and butcher it; let’s eat and celebrate. ²⁴This son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.’ They started celebrating.

²⁵“His older son was out in the field. When he got close to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the servants over and asked him what was going on.

²⁷“‘Your brother came back, and your father has butchered the grain-fed calf because he received him back in good health.’

²⁸“He was mad and wouldn’t go in. His dad came out and urged him.

²⁹“But he answered, ‘I’ve slaved^p for you all these years and never neglected a thing you told me to do, and you’ve never given me a kid to celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when that son of yours comes who wasted your living with prostitutes, you butcher the grain-fed calf!’

³¹“He said, ‘Son, you’re always here, and everything I have is yours.

³²But we needed to be happy and celebrate because this brother of yours was dead and is alive; he was lost and is found.’”

Lk 15:11-32

Parable About an Unjust Steward

16:¹He also told his disciples,

“A rich man had a property manager that was reportedly wasting the rich man’s holdings. ²He called him in, ‘What’s this I hear about you? Give me your record books for your work; you can’t continue being manager.’ ³The fellow thought to himself, ‘What am I going to do? My boss is firing me. I’m not strong enough for hard work; I’m ashamed to beg. ⁴I know what I’ll do, so when I’ve been let go, people will welcome me into their homes.’

⁵“He called in each debtor and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my employer?’

⁶“‘800 gallons of olive oil.’

“‘Take your bill, sit down quick and write “400.”’

⁷“‘How much do you^g owe?’

“‘1,000 bushels of wheat.’

“‘Take your bill and write, “800.”’

⁸“The employer had to admire the conniving fellow. The children of this world are smarter among their own kind than the children of light are. ⁹Make friends with your material wealth so when it runs out, they’ll welcome you into permanent shelters.

¹⁰*A person that's reliable in little things will be reliable in big ones. Someone that's unreliable in little things will be unreliable in big ones.* ¹¹*So if you're not reliable with what has nothing to do with being good, who'll trust you with true wealth?*

¹²*If you're not reliable with other people's things, who's going to give you your own?*

¹³*No one can serve two masters. You'll disregard one and care about the other. You can't serve God and wealth."* **Lk 16:1-13**

The Law and God's Kingdom

¹⁴The Pharisees, who loved money, heard these things and started laughing at him. ¹⁵He told them,

"You try to make yourselves look good to other people, but God knows your hearts. What people prize, God detests. ¹⁶*The Law and the Prophets were operating until John came. Since then, the coming of God's kingdom is being presented, and people keep trying to get into it by force.* ¹⁷*But it's easier for earth and sky to pass away than for one serif* of the Law to fail."*

¹⁸*Everybody that divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."* **Lk 16:14-18**

Parable About the Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹*"A rich man dressed in purple and fine linen, celebrated every day in splendor.* ²⁰*A poor man named Lazarus had been brought regularly to his gate. The man was covered with sores,* ²¹*and he wanted to eat what fell from the rich man's table. The dogs even came and licked his sores.*

²²*"The poor man died, and angels carried him away into Abraham's arms. The rich man died, too, and was buried.* ²³*In hell he looked up in torment and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his arms.*

²⁴*"He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip his finger in water and cool my tongue; I'm in agony in this flame.'*

²⁵*"Abraham said, 'Son, remember, you received your good things in life, and Lazarus received bad things. Now he's comforted here, and you're in torment.* ²⁶*Besides, a wide chasm lies between us and you^{pl}, so people can't cross over from one place to the other.'*

²⁷*"Then send him to my father's house—* ²⁸*I have five brothers—to warn them so they won't come to this place of torment.'*

²⁹*"Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. They can listen to them.'*

³⁰“No, Father Abraham, if somebody goes to them from the dead, they’ll repent.”

³¹“Abraham told him, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, they won’t be convinced even if somebody rises from the dead.’” **Lk 16:19-31**

Comments on Offences and Faith

17:¹He said to his disciples,

“Inevitably offenses will come, but woe to the ones that bring them. ²It’d be better to have a big millstone put around their necks and be thrown into the sea than to make one of these little ones sin. ³Be careful. If your friend sins, reprimand him; if he repents, forgive him. ⁴If he sins against you seven times in a day and comes back seven times and says, ‘I’m sorry,’ forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Give us stronger faith.”

⁶He said,

“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it’ll obey you.

Parable About an Unprofitable Servant

⁷*“Which one of you that has a servant plowing or tending sheep will say when he comes in, ‘Sit down and eat’? ⁸Won’t you say^g, ‘Change clothes, fix me something to eat, and wait on me till I’m done eating; then you can eat’? ⁹You don’t thank him, do you, for doing what you’ve told him? ¹⁰You^{pl} too, when you’ve done what God’s told you, say, ‘We’re not special; we’ve just done what we were supposed to.’”* **Lk 17:1-10**

Healing 10 Lepers

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem, he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he came into one village, ten lepers met him. They stood a long way off ¹³and shouted, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.”

As they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵When one of them saw he was healed, he came back, loudly praising God, ¹⁶and fell on his face to Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus responded, “Weren’t there ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was this foreigner the only one to come back and praise God?

¹⁹“Get up and go; your faith has saved you.”

Lk 17:11-19

The Time of the Coming of the Kingdom

²⁰The Pharisees asked when God's kingdom was coming.

He answered, *"It won't come in a way you can watch. ²¹People won't say, 'Here,' or 'There,' because God's kingdom is interpersonal."*^{lit}

²²He told his disciples, *"The time's coming when you'll really want to see one of the days of the Son of Man and you won't see it. ²³People will tell you, 'Look, there he is'; 'look, here he is.' Don't go anywhere or follow them. ²⁴As lightning flashes from one end of the sky to the other, that's the way the Son of Man will come. ²⁵First, he has to suffer many things and be rejected by people here now."*

²⁶*"As in Noah's day, it'll be in the Son of Man's day. ²⁷They were eating and marrying till Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸As in Lot's day, they were eating, buying, selling, planting, building. ²⁹The day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from the sky and destroyed them all. ³⁰It'll be the same way when the Son of Man comes back. ³¹At that time, someone on the roof must not go down to get things out of the house. A person in the field must not go back for things at the house. ³²Remember Lot's wife. ³³Whoever tries to preserve their life will lose it, and whoever loses it will save it. ³⁴That night two will be in one bed; one^{mas} will be taken and the other^{mas} left. ³⁵Two women will be grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other left. [³⁶]^{ms}"*

³⁷They answered^p, *"Where?"*

He said, *"The vultures will gather where the carcass is."* **Lk 17:20-37**

Parable About the Unjust Judge

18:¹He told a parable to the effect that people should always pray, and not give up.

²*"There was a judge in a town who didn't fear God or respect people. ³A widow in that town kept coming to him to defend her against her accuser. ⁴At first he wouldn't help her, but after a while he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or respect people, ⁵but this widow keeps hounding me. I'll see that she gets justice so she won't wear me out, coming to me all the time.'*

⁶*"Listen to what the unjust judge illustrates. ⁷Won't God provide justice for his chosen ones that call to him for help day and night, and be patient with them? ⁸I'm telling you, he'll provide it right away. But, when the Son of Man comes, will he find people with faith on the earth?"* **Lk 18:1-8**

The Pharisee and the Publican

⁹He told this parable to some people that trusted in their own goodness and looked down on everybody else.

¹⁰*“A Pharisee and a tax collector went up to the Temple to pray. ¹¹The Pharisee stood, praying to himself, ‘God, I’m glad I’m not like everybody else—swindlers, unjust, adulterers—or this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of everything I gain.’*

¹³*“The tax collector stood a good way off and wouldn’t even look up to heaven, but kept beating his chest, ‘God, have mercy on me; I’m such a sinner.’ ¹⁴I’m telling you, he’s the one that went home justified instead of the other one. Everybody that exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”*
Lk 18:9-14

Jesus and the Little Children

¹⁵People were bringing *their* babies for Jesus to touch. When the disciples saw it, they fussed at them. ¹⁶But Jesus invited them, *“Let the little kids come over here. People like them are what make up God’s kingdom. ¹⁷I’m telling you, whoever doesn’t welcome God’s kingdom like a little kid won’t get into it.”*
Lk 18:15-17

The Rich Young Ruler

¹⁸An official asked him, *“Good Rabbi, what do I need to do to inherit eternal life?”*
¹⁹Jesus said, *“Why are you calling me good? Nobody’s good but God. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘do not commit adultery^f, murder^f, steal^f, or lie^f [Ex 20:13-16]; honor your parents’” [Ex 20:12].*
²¹*“I’ve done that since I was a boy.”*
²²Jesus said, *“There is one thing you can do: sell everything you own and distribute it to the poor, and you’ll have wealth in heaven; then come with me.”*
²³When he heard that, he got really discouraged because he was very wealthy. Lk 18:18-23

The Peril About Wealth

²⁴When Jesus saw him so downcast, he said, *“It’s hard for wealthy people to get into God’s kingdom. ²⁵It’s easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye than for a rich person to get into God’s kingdom.*
²⁶The ones that were listening said, *“Who can be saved then?”*
²⁷Jesus said, *“Things impossible for people are possible for God.”*
²⁸Peter said, *“We’ve left our homes to follow you.”*
²⁹He said to them, *“Everybody that has left behind a home, a wife, brothers, parents, or children for the sake of God’s kingdom ³⁰will receive many times more in this age and eternal life in the age to come.”*
Lk 18:24-30

Another Prediction of His Death

³¹He took the Twelve aside and told them, *“We’re going up to Jerusalem to accomplish everything the prophets wrote about me. ³²I’ll be handed over to the Gentiles, and be made fun of, abused, spit on. ³³When they’ve flogged me, they’ll put me to death; but on the third day I’ll resurrect.”* ³⁴None of that made any sense to them. **Lk 18:31-34**

Healing Two Blind Men at Jericho

³⁵Near Jericho a blind man was sitting by the road, begging. ³⁶When he heard a crowd go by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷They told him Jesus the Nazarene was going past.

³⁸He yelled out, *“Jesus son of David, have mercy on me!”*

³⁹The people out in front told him to quiet down, but he yelled all the more, *“Son of David, have mercy on me.”*

⁴⁰Jesus stopped and told him to come over. When he got there, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹*“What do you want me to do?”*

“Lord, give me sight back.”

⁴²Jesus said, *“Receive it. Your faith has delivered you.”*

⁴³Instantly he could see again; and he went with Jesus, praising God. When the people saw it, they praised God *too*. **Lk 18:35-43**

Jesus and Zacchaeus

^{19:1}Jesus was passing through Jericho, ²and a wealthy tax collector named Zacchaeus ³wanted to see what he looked like, but he couldn’t because of the crowd; he was too short. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree that Jesus was heading toward. ⁵When Jesus got there, he looked up, *“Zacchaeus, hurry and climb down. I need to stay at your place today.”* ⁶He hurried and climbed down and welcomed him happily.

⁷When people saw it, they started grumbling, *“He’s going in to be a guest with a sinner!”*

⁸Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, *“Half of what I own, I’m going to give to the poor. If I’ve cheated anybody, I’ll repay it four times over.”*

⁹Jesus said *this* about him, *“Salvation has come to this house today; he’s a son of Abraham too.”* ¹⁰*The Son of Man came to seek and save sinners.”* **Lk 19:1-10**

Parable About the Pounds

¹¹While he had their attention, he told a parable. Since he was close to Jerusalem, *people* were supposing God’s kingdom would appear right away:

¹²*“A nobleman was about to go to a distant country to receive a kingdom.*

¹³*He called ten servants and passed out ten minas*, ‘Do business with these till I get back.’*

¹⁴“His citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, ‘We don’t want him to rule us.’ ¹⁵When he got back from receiving the kingdom, he had the servants called that he gave the silver so he could find out what they’d earned.

¹⁶“The first came up, ‘Master, your mina has made 10 more.’

¹⁷“‘You did well. Since you’ve been reliable in a small matter, assume responsibility for ten cities.’

¹⁸“The second came, ‘Your mina has made five minas.’

¹⁹“‘Govern five cities.’

²⁰“Another came, ‘Master, here’s your mina. I’ve kept it in a handkerchief. ²¹I was afraid of you; you’re an exacting man that picks up what you didn’t lay down and reaps what you didn’t sow.’

²²“‘I’ll judge you out of your own mouth, you worthless servant. You knew, did you, that I’m an exacting man that picks up what I didn’t lay down and reaps what I didn’t sow? ²³Why didn’t you put my silver in the bank? When I got back, I would’ve collected it plus interest.’

²⁴“He told the bystanders, ‘Take his mina and give it to the one that has ten.’

²⁵“‘Sir, he has ten.’

²⁶“‘I’m telling you, everybody that has will receive, and the ones that don’t have will lose even what they do have. ²⁷But, bring those enemies that didn’t want to be under my rule and put them to death in front of me.’”

²⁸After he said that, he took the lead up to Jerusalem.

Lk 19:11-28

The Triumphal Entry

²⁹When he got close to Bethphage and Bethany, to the hill called *The Mount of Olives*, he sent two disciples: ³⁰“Go in the village over there. When you go in, you’ll find a colt tied that nobody has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it. ³¹If anybody asks why you’re untying it, say the Lord needs it.”

³²They went and found the colt like he said. ³³As they were untying it, its owners said, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴“The Lord needs it.”

³⁵They brought it, threw their cloaks over it, and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he was going along, people started spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷Near the descent from the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples started celebrating. They were loudly praising God for the miracles they’d seen,

³⁸“**Blessed be the king that’s coming**

in the name of the LORD [Ps 118:26].

*Peace in heaven and
glory in the highest."*

³⁹Some Pharisees in the crowd said, "*Rabbi, rein in your disciples.*"

⁴⁰He answered, "*If they go silent, the rocks will start shouting!*"

⁴¹As he got close and saw the city, he cried over it,

⁴²*"If you only knew today what's in store for the peace you have now . . . ; but you can't see it. ⁴³The time's coming when your enemies will put up a siege wall around you and box you in from every direction. ⁴⁴They'll level you to the ground and your residents along with you. They won't leave one stone on another, because you didn't know when it was coming."* **Lk 19:29-44**

Second Cleansing of the Temple (cp Jn 2:13-22)

⁴⁵He went into the Temple and started chasing the merchants out, ⁴⁶*"Scripture says, 'My house will be a house for prayer' [Is 56:7]. You've made it 'a den for thieves!'* [Jer 7:11]"

⁴⁷Every day he taught in the Temple, and the chief priests, scribes, and leaders of the people were looking for some way to destroy him, ⁴⁸but they couldn't find one; the people were eagerly listening to him. **Lk 19:45-48**

Jesus' Authority Challenged

20:¹One day he was teaching the people in the Temple and delivering good news. The chief priests, scribes, and elders confronted him: ²*"What right do you have to do this? Who gave you that right?"*

³*"I'll ask you something too. Tell me, ⁴Was John's baptism from heaven or humans?"*

⁵They talked it over, ⁶*"If we say, 'From heaven,' he'll say, 'Why didn't you believe him?' If we say, 'From humans,' the people will stone us; they're convinced John was a prophet."*

⁷They said they didn't know.

⁸Jesus said, *"I won't tell you either what right I have to do what I'm doing."* **Lk 20:1-8**

The Parable About a Vineyard

⁹He started telling the people this parable:

"A man planted a vineyard, rented it out to tenants, and went on an extended trip. ¹⁰At harvest time he sent the tenants a servant to receive the fruit from the vineyard. But the tenants beat him up and sent him away empty-handed.

¹¹*"He proceeded to send another servant. They beat him up, too, and treated him shamefully, and sent him away with nothing. ¹²He sent a third. They wounded him and threw him out. ¹³The owner said, 'What am I going to do? I'll*

send my dear son. Maybe they'll respect him.' ¹⁴*When the tenants saw him, they started talking among themselves, 'That's the heir. Let's kill him so the vineyard will belong to us.'* ¹⁵*They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What's the owner going to do to them?* ¹⁶*He'll come and destroy them and give the vineyard to other tenants."*

The audience said, "Surely not!"

¹⁷He looked at them and said, "*What then does this scripture mean,*

'The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone' [Ps 118:22]?"

¹⁸*Everybody that falls on that rock will get bruised. Whoever it falls on will get crushed."*

¹⁹The scribes and chief priests were ready to seize him right then, but they were afraid of the people. They knew he'd told that parable on them. Lk 20:9-19

The Question About Tribute to Caesar

²⁰They kept a close eye on him and sent spies pretending to be honest men so they could latch onto something he said. That way they could turn him over to the governor's authority.

²¹They asked him, "*Rabbi, we know you're straightforward when you teach. It doesn't matter who you're talking to; you teach the way of God correctly.* ²²*Is it lawful to pay tribute to Caesar?"*

²³He saw through their deception, ²⁴*"Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have on it?"*

"Caesar's."

²⁵*"Then pay Caesar what you owe Caesar and pay God what you owe God."*

²⁶They couldn't make anything out of what he said in front of his audience. They were dumbfounded by his answer and didn't say anything. Lk 20:20-26

The Question About the Resurrection

²⁷Some Sadducees—who deny there's resurrection—came and asked him,

²⁸*"Rabbi, Moses wrote to us, 'If a brother dies and has a wife but no children, his brother is to marry his wife and raise up offspring to his brother'*

[Deut 25:5; Gen 38:8]. ²⁹*There were seven brothers, and the first married a wife and died childless.* ³⁰*The second and* ³¹*third through the seventh married her and died and didn't leave any children.* ³²*Last of all, the woman died too.* ³³*Whose wife will she be in the resurrection? They all had her as a wife."*

³⁴Jesus said,

"People in this age get married. ³⁵*The ones considered worthy of receiving that age and the resurrection of the dead don't get married.* ³⁶*They*

can't die anymore either, they're like angels. They're like God and participate in the resurrection.

³⁷*"But, that the dead are raised, even Moses showed when he said in the 'bush passage,' 'I'm the LORD, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob's God' [Ex 3:6, 15-16].*

³⁸*He's not a God of the dead, but of the living; everybody is alive to him."*

³⁹Some scribes responded, *"Rabbi, that was a good answer."* ⁴⁰After that, nobody tried to trip him up with *loaded* questions. Lk 20:27-40

The Question About the Son of David

⁴¹He said to them, *"How do they say the Messiah is David's son?"* ⁴²*He says himself in the Book of Psalms,*

'The LORD said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand

⁴³till I make your enemies your footstool'" [Ps 110:1].

⁴⁴*If David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?"*

Lk 20:41-44

Denouncing the Scribes and Pharisees

⁴⁵Right in front of everybody, he told the crowd and his disciples, ⁴⁶*"Watch out for the scribes. They like to walk around in long robes and love greetings in the marketplaces, chief seats in the synagogues, places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁷They confiscate widows' houses and offer long prayers for show. They'll get a more severe condemnation."*

Lk 20:45-47

The Widow's Mite

21:¹He looked up and saw wealthy people putting contributions in the Treasury ²and a poor widow putting in two leptons*. ³*"I'm telling you, that poor widow put in more than anybody. ⁴They contributed from their abundance, but she put in everything she had to live on."* Lk 21:1-4

The Olivet Discourse

⁵Some were talking about the Temple, because it was decorated with beautiful stones and memorial gifts.

⁶He said, *"The time's coming when what you see here won't be left stone on stone."*

⁷*"Rabbi, when's that going to happen? What will show it's about to happen?"*

⁸He said,

"Make sure nobody misleads you. Many men will come, saying, 'I'm the Messiah,' and, 'It's time.' Don't follow them. ⁹When you hear about wars and rebellions, don't be terrified. ¹⁰Nation will attack nation; kingdom will attack kingdom. ¹¹There will be severe earthquakes, famines, and plagues in many places—dreadful events, and great signs from the sky.

Lk 21:5-11

¹²“But before all that, they’ll persecute you and arrest you. They’ll deliver you to synagogues and jails and take you in front of kings and governors because of me. ¹³Those times will provide opportunities to speak for me. ¹⁴Be determined not to prepare your defense ahead of time. ¹⁵I’ll give you what to say and wisdom that none of your opponents can argue with. ¹⁶Even parents, relatives, and friends will betray you and execute some of you. ¹⁷People will hate you because of me. ¹⁸Yet not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹You’ll gain your souls by standing firm.

²⁰“When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you’ll know its destruction is coming. ²¹People in Judaea need to flee to the hill country, people in the city need to leave, people in the countryside must not go into the city. ²²This will be^p a time of revenge to fulfill scripture. ²³Woe to the women that are pregnant or nursing then; there’ll be great distress in the land and God’s displeasure on this people. ²⁴They’ll fall by the sword and go captive into foreign countries. Gentiles will trample Jerusalem underfoot till the times of the Gentiles are over.

²⁵“There’ll be signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and turmoil among nations in despair at the roaring of the sea. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding over what’s coming on the world, because the powers in the sky will be shaken. ²⁷People will see **‘the Son of Man coming on a cloud’** [Dan 7:13] with great power and glory. ²⁸When these things start to happen, look up; your deliverance is on its way. Lk 21:12-28

²⁹“Look at a fig tree—or any tree. ³⁰As soon as it begins to sprout leaves, you can tell summer’s coming. ³¹The same way when you see these things, you’ll know God’s kingdom is on its way. ³²That will take place in this generation. ³³Earth and sky will pass away, but what I say won’t pass away.

³⁴“Be careful that pleasures, drunkenness, life’s worries don’t make you insensitive, and that day comes on you unexpectedly ³⁵like a trap. It’ll come on everybody on earth. ³⁶Be alert all the time. Pray so you’ll be strong enough to get away from everything that’s coming and to stand in front of the Son of Man.”

³⁷Jesus was spending the days teaching in the Temple and the nights on the hill called The Mount of Olives. ³⁸The people would come early to listen to him in the Temple. Lk 21:29-38

Fifth Prediction of His Death

22:¹ The Festival of Unleavened Bread (called Passover) was coming up. ²The chief priests and scribes were looking for some way to destroy him because they were afraid of the people. Lk 22:1-2

Judas' Plot to Betray Jesus

³Satan got into Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴He went to talk to the chief priests and soldiers about delivering Jesus to them. ⁵They were elated and offered him money. ⁶He agreed and started looking for a chance to turn him over away from a crowd. Lk 22:3-6

Preparation for the Passover Meal

⁷The day of Unleavened Bread came when the Passover lamb needed to be sacrificed. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, *"Go get the Passover ready for us."* ⁹*"Where should we do that?"* ¹⁰*"On the way into the city, you'll meet a man carrying a clay pot of water. Follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner, 'The Rabbi says, 'Where's the guest room where I can eat the Passover with my disciples?''"* ¹²*He'll show you a big upstairs room furnished. Get things ready there."* ¹³They went and found it like he'd said and got things ready. Lk 22:7-13

The Passover Meal;

The Lord's Supper Instituted

¹⁴When the time came, he and his disciples reclined at table. ¹⁵He said, *"I've really wanted to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶I won't be eating this meal till its meaning is fulfilled in God's kingdom."* ¹⁷He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, *"Take this and distribute it among yourselves. ¹⁸This is the last time I'll drink the fruit of the vine till God's kingdom comes."* ¹⁹He took a loaf, gave thanks, and passed it around to them, *"This is my body that's given for you. Do this in my memory."* ²⁰In the same way, he took the cup after they ate, *"This cup that's poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But the hand of my betrayer is with me on the table. ²²I'll go the way it's been pre-determined, but woe to the one that betrays me."* ²³They tried to figure out with each other which of them would do such a thing. Lk 22:14-23

Another Argument About Rank

²⁴An argument arose about which of them would have the highest rank.

²⁵He said,

"Gentile kings lord it over their people; the ones that wield authority they call benefactors. ²⁶You're not to be like that. The greatest among you needs to be like the youngest and the leader like a servant. ²⁷Who has higher rank, someone reclining at table or a waiter? Isn't it the one at the table? But I'm here like a

waiter. ²⁸You've stayed with me in my difficulties. ²⁹I'm passing the kingdom on to you like the Father passed it on to me ³⁰so you can eat at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **Lk 22:24-30**

The Disciples Warned

³¹"Simon, Satan asked to sift you^{pl} all like wheat, ³²but I prayed that your^{sg} faith wouldn't fail. When you get stable again, stabilize your brothers."

³³Peter said, "Lord, I'm ready to go to prison and to die with you."

³⁴Jesus said, "I'm telling you, Peter, before a rooster crows in the morning, you'll deny three times that you even know me."

³⁵He said, "When I sent you out with no money bag, knapsack, or shoes, you didn't lack anything, did you?"

"No."

³⁶"But now, if you have a money bag, take it—and a knapsack too. If you don't have a sword, sell your coat and buy one. ³⁷I have to fulfill what this scripture says about me: '**They considered me a criminal**' [Is 53:12]. What refers to me will happen."

³⁸"Lord, here are two swords."

"That's enough."

Lk 22:31-38

Agony in the Garden

³⁹He left and went to the Mount of Olives as he often did, and his disciples went with him. ⁴⁰When he got to where he was going, he said, "Pray so you won't be tempted."

⁴¹He went away about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you're willing, take this cup away from me. Yet not my will but yours be done." [⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him to strengthen him. ⁴⁴In agony he prayed more intensely. His sweat became like drops of blood dripping on the ground.]]^{ms}

⁴⁵He got up and went back and found the disciples sleeping from grief. ⁴⁶He said, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so you won't be tempted."

Lk 22:39-46

The Arrest

⁴⁷While he was still talking, a crowd came with Judas in front. He came up to Jesus to kiss him.

⁴⁸Jesus said, "Judas, you're betraying me with a kiss?"

⁴⁹When the ones around him saw what was about to happen, they said, "Lord, should we attack with a sword!?" ⁵⁰One of them struck a servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹Jesus responded, "Back off!" He touched the servant's ear and healed him.

⁵²He said to the chief priests, soldiers, and elders, “*You’re coming out here with swords and clubs as if you’re capturing an insurgent?*” ⁵³*I was with you in the Temple every day, and you didn’t lay a hand on me—but . . . this is your time—the power of darkness.*” **Lk 22:47-53**

The Trial Before Caiaphas;

Peter’s Denials; Condemnation by the Sanhedrin

⁵⁴They arrested him and led him *away* to the high priest’s residence. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵After they started a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter was sitting with them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him sitting *there*, facing the light. She looked at him closely, “*This fellow was with him too.*”

⁵⁷He denied it, “*I don’t know him.*”

⁵⁸A little later someone else saw him, “*You are too one of them.*”

Peter said, “*Sir, I am not.*”

⁵⁹About an hour later, another man started insisting, “*This man was too with him. He’s a Galilean.*”

⁶⁰Peter said, “*Sir, I don’t know what you’re talking about.*”

While he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at him, and he remembered what Jesus had said, “*Before a rooster crows in the morning, you’ll deny three times that you even know me.*” ⁶²He went out and broke down sobbing.

⁶³The men that held Jesus in custody were making fun of him, ⁶⁴blindfolding him, slapping him, and asking, “*Say! Who slapped you?*” ⁶⁵They were saying lots of other insulting things to him.

⁶⁶When it got daylight, the people’s council of elders, chief priests, and scribes convened and brought him into their Court, ⁶⁷asking, “*Are you the Messiah? Tell us.*”

“*If I tell you^{pl}, you won’t believe me.*” ⁶⁸*If I ask a question; you won’t answer me.* ⁶⁹*From now on, “the Son of Man will **sit in a position of power at God’s right hand**” [Ps 110:1].*

⁷⁰They all said, “*So are you God’s ‘Son’?*”

“*Yes.*”

⁷¹They said, “*What do we need witnesses for? We’ve heard him say it ourselves.*”

Lk 22:54-71

The First Trial Before Pilate

23:¹The whole assembly got up and took him to Pilate. ²They started accusing him, “*This man’s misleading our nation, forbidding people to pay tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be the Messiah, a king.*”

³Pilate asked him, “*Are you king of the Jews?*”

“*Yes.*”

⁴Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, “*This man’s not guilty of anything!*”

⁵They kept insisting, *“He stirs up the people, teaching everywhere from Galilee to here.”*

Lk 23:1-5

Trial Before Herod Antipas

⁶When Pilate heard that, he asked if he was a Galilean. ⁷When he found out Jesus was from Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him on to Herod, who was in Jerusalem at the time. ⁸Herod was glad to see him. He’d wanted to see him for a long time because of what he’d been hearing about him; he’d hoped to see him do a sign. ⁹He asked him lots of questions, but Jesus didn’t answer him.

¹⁰The chief priests and scribes were standing *there*, accusing him aggressively. ¹¹After treating him with contempt and making fun of him, Herod and his soldiers dressed him in a splendid robe and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²Herod and Pilate became friends that day. They’d been at odds with each other.

Lk 23:6-12

The Second Trial Before Pilate

¹³Pilate called together the chief priests, rulers, and the people, ¹⁴*“You brought me this fellow as someone that’s inciting the people to revolt. I examined him in your presence and didn’t find him guilty of what you claimed.”* ¹⁵Herod didn’t either; he sent him back. He hasn’t done anything worth executing him for. ¹⁶*I’ll flog him and release him.”* [¹⁷]^{ms}

¹⁸They shouted out together, *“Away with him! Release Barabbas to us!”* (¹⁹Barabbas had been put in prison for a riot in the city and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate wanted to release Jesus and addressed them again, ²¹but they kept yelling, *“Crucify him! Crucify him!”*

²²For the third time he said, *“What’s he done? I haven’t seen anything worth executing him for. I’ll flog him and release him.”*

²³But they kept pressing with loud demands to crucify him, and they were getting the upper hand.

²⁴Pilate decided to give in to them ²⁵and release the one they were asking for—the one in prison for riot and murder—and sentenced Jesus to death like they wanted.

Lk 23:13-25

The Way to Golgotha

²⁶As they were leading him away, they made Simon—a Cyrenian coming in from the countryside—carry the cross in front of Jesus. ²⁷A big crowd followed him, including women that were mourning and crying over him.

²⁸Jesus turned and said, *“Daughters of Jerusalem, don’t cry for me. Cry for yourselves and your children. ²⁹The time’s coming when they’ll say the barren are fortunate, the wombs that never bore, the breasts that never nursed. ³⁰They’ll say to the mountains, ‘Bring an avalanche on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹If they’re doing this when the wood’s green, what’ll they do when it’s dry?”*

Lk 23:26-31

The Death of Jesus

³²They took two others to execute with him. ³³When they got to a place called The Skull, they crucified him and the two criminals, one on each side of him. [[³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; they don’t know what they’re doing.”]]^{ms} They cast lots to divide up his clothes.

³⁵The people stood watching. The rulers were making fun of him, “*He saved other people; let him save himself if he’s God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.*”

³⁶The soldiers mocked him too and offered him some sour wine, ³⁷“*If you’re King of the Jews, save yourself.*”

³⁸The inscription above him was, “*King of the Jews.*”

³⁹One of those hanged with him lashed out, “*Save yourself and us. You’re the Messiah, right?*”

⁴⁰The other reprimanded him, “*Don’t you even fear God? You’re under the same condemnation!*” ⁴¹*We’re getting what we deserve, but he hasn’t done anything wrong.*”

⁴²He said, “*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*”

⁴³Jesus said, “*You’ll be with me in Paradise today.*”

⁴⁴⁻⁴⁵About noon, it got dark over the whole country till 3 o’clock, and the Temple curtain tore in two. ⁴⁶Jesus shouted, “*Father, I’m committing my spirit to you!*” [Ps 31:5] and quit breathing. Lk 23:32-46

Other Miracles at Messiah’s Death

⁴⁷When the centurion saw what happened, he praised God, “*Surely this man was innocent.*” ⁴⁸When the crowd that had gathered for this spectacle saw what all happened, they went home beating their chests. ⁴⁹His acquaintances and the women that came with him from Galilee stood a long way off, watching. Lk 23:47-49

The Burial

⁵⁰A member of the Sanhedrin named Joseph, a good, upright man, ⁵¹hadn’t been in agreement with what they did. He was from Arimathea, a town of the Jews, and was waiting for God’s kingdom. ⁵²He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. ⁵³He took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and put him in a new rock-hewn tomb. ⁵⁴It was getting late on Preparation Day, and Sabbath was about to start. ⁵⁵The women that came with him from Galilee followed along and saw where they put the body. ⁵⁶They went back to fix spices and ointment, and rested on the Sabbath like *the Law* commanded. Lk 23:50-56

The Resurrection; The Women’s Report; Peter and John’s Visit

^{24:1}But early in the morning on the first day of the week, *the women* went to the tomb, carrying the spices they’d prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when

they went in, didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering what happened, two men stood by them in dazzling clothes. ⁵The women were scared and lowered their faces toward the ground. The men said, "*Why look for the living among the dead? ⁶He's not here; he resurrected. Remember how he told you back in Galilee ⁷that he had to be betrayed to sinners, be crucified, and resurrect the third day.*"

⁸They remembered what he'd said, ⁹and left the tomb to tell the eleven and the rest. (¹⁰They were Mary the Magdalene, Joanna, Mary mother of James, and others.) They told the apostles, ¹¹but it seemed to them like idle talk. ¹²But Peter ran to the tomb, stooped down, and saw only the linen wrappings. He went back puzzled.

Lk 24: 1-12

Appearance to Two on the Way to Emmaus

¹³That same day *Jesus* appeared to two disciples as they were making their way to Emmaus, a village about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking about what all had happened. ¹⁵Meanwhile, Jesus caught up with them, ¹⁶but they didn't recognize him^{lit}.

¹⁷He said, "*What were you talking about while you walked?*"

¹⁸One named Cleopas said, "*Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem that doesn't know what happened there lately?*"

¹⁹"*What?*"

"About Jesus the Nazarene, a prophet powerful in word and deed in the presence of God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers delivered him over to the death sentence and had him crucified. ²¹We were hoping he was the One that would free Israel. It's been three days since that happened, ²²but some women from our number astounded us. They'd arrived at the tomb early this morning. ²³When they didn't find his body, they came and said they'd seen angels who claimed he was alive. ²⁴Some that were with us went to the tomb and found it like they'd said, but they didn't see him."

²⁵Jesus said, "*Foolish men, hesitant to believe everything the prophets have said. ²⁶Didn't the Messiah need to suffer those things and enter his glory?*" ²⁷Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained the scriptures that referred to himself.

²⁸When they got close to home, he acted like he was going on, ²⁹but they urged him to stay with them, "*It's getting late; the day's almost over.*" So he went in.

³⁰While he was reclining at table, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and handed it to them. ³¹They recognized him, and he disappeared. ³²They said to each other, "*Didn't we feel an eerie sensation while he was talking to us on the road and explaining the scriptures?*"

Lk 24:13-32

Report by the Two

³³They got up and went right back to Jerusalem and found the eleven with some others, ³⁴who told *them* that the Lord really did resurrect and had appeared to Simon. ³⁵In turn, they recounted what happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread. Lk 24:33-35

Appearance to the Ten with Further Commission

³⁶While they were talking about it, Jesus himself stood among them, “Hello.” ³⁷They were startled and scared; they thought they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸*“Why are you at a loss, wondering what’s happening? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; it’s really me. Touch me. A spirit doesn’t have flesh and bones like you can see I have.”* [⁴⁰]

⁴¹They couldn’t believe it, they were so happy.

“Do you have anything here to eat?”

⁴²They gave him a piece of baked fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in front of them.

⁴⁴*“This is what I told you when I was still with you: I needed to fulfill everything the scripture says about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms: [⁴⁵] ⁴⁶the Messiah would suffer and resurrect the third day, ⁴⁷and in his name repentance for forgiveness would be presented in every country. Beginning in Jerusalem, ⁴⁸you’ll testify to these things. ⁴⁹I’ll send^p on you what the Father promised, but stay in the city till I clothe you with power from on high.”*

Lk 24:36-49

The Ascension

⁵⁰He led them out to Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he was carried up into the sky. ⁵²They [worshiped him and]^{ms} returned to Jerusalem elated, ⁵³and were continually in the Temple, praising God. Lk 24:50-53