

him shall be taken away that also which he hath.

**13** Therefore do I speak to them in parables: because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

**14** And the prophecy of Isaias is fulfilled in them, who saith: By hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand: and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive.

**15** For the heart of this people is grown gross, and with their ears they have been dull of hearing, and their eyes they have shut: lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

**16** But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear.

**17** For, amen, I say to you, many prophets and just men have desired to see the things that you see, and have not seen them, and to hear the things that you hear and have not heard them.

**18** Hear you therefore the parable of the sower.

**19** When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, there cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart: this is he that received the seed by the way side.

**20** And he that received the seed upon stony ground, is he that heareth the word, and immediately receiveth it with joy.

**21** Yet hath he not root in himself, but is only for a time: and when there ariseth tribulation and persecution because of the word, he is presently scandalized.

**22** And he that received the seed among thorns, is he that heareth the word, and the care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choketh up the word, and he becometh fruitless.

**23** But he that received the seed upon good ground, is he that heareth the word, and understandeth, and beareth fruit, and yieldeth the one

an hundredfold, and another sixty, and another thirty.

**24** Another parable he proposed to them, saying: The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man that sowed good seeds in his field.

**25** But while men were asleep, his enemy came and oversowed cockle among the wheat and went his way.

**26** And when the blade was sprung up, and had brought forth fruit, then appeared also the cockle.

**27** And the servants of the goodman of the house coming said to him: Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? whence then hath it cockle?

**28** And he said to them: An enemy hath done this. And the servants said to him: Wilt thou that we go and gather it up?

**29** And he said: No, lest perhaps gathering up the cockle, you root up the wheat also together with it.

**30** Suffer both to grow until the harvest, and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers: Gather up first the cockle, and bind it into bundles to burn, but the wheat gather ye into my barn.

**31** Another parable he proposed unto them, saying: The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field.

**32** Which is the least indeed of all seeds; but when it is grown up, it is greater than all herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come, and dwell in the branches thereof.

**33** Another parable he spoke to them: The kingdom of heaven is like to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened.

**34** All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the multitudes: and without parables he did not

speak to them.

**35** That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.

**36** Then having sent away the multitudes, he came into the house, and his disciples came to him, saying: Expound to us the parable of the cockle of the field.

**37** Who made answer and said to them: He that soweth the good seed, is the Son of man.

**38** And the field, is the world. And the good seed are the children of the kingdom. And the cockle, are the children of the wicked one.

**39** And the enemy that sowed them, is the devil. But the harvest is the end of the world. And the reapers are the angels.

**40** Even as cockle therefore is gathered up, and burnt with fire: so shall it be at the end of the world.

**41** The Son of man shall send his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all scandals, and them that work iniquity.

**42** And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**43** Then shall the just shine as the sun, in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

**44** The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in a field. Which a man having found, hid it, and for joy thereof goeth, and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

**45** Again the kingdom of heaven is like to a merchant seeking good pearls.

**46** Who when he had found one pearl of great price, went his way, and sold all that he had, and bought it.

**47** Again the kingdom of heaven is like to a net cast into the sea, and gathering together of all kind of fishes.

**48** Which, when it was filled, they drew out, and sitting by the shore, they chose out the good into vessels, but the bad they cast forth.

**49** So shall it be at the end of the world. The angels shall go out, and shall separate the wicked from among the just.

**50** And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**51** Have ye understood all these things? They say to him: Yes.

**52** He said unto them: Therefore every scribe instructed in the kingdom of heaven, is like to a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure new things and old.

**53** And it came to pass: when Jesus had finished these parables, he passed from thence.

**54** And coming into his own country, he taught them in their synagogues, so that they wondered and said: How came this man by this wisdom and miracles?

**55** Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brethren James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Jude:

**56** And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence therefore hath he all these things?

**57** And they were scandalized in his regard. But Jesus said to them: A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

**58** And he wrought not many miracles there, because of their unbelief.

## Chapter 14

At the time Herod the Tetrarch heard the fame of Jesus.

**2** And he said to his servants: This is John the Baptist: he is risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works shew forth themselves in him.

**3** For Herod had apprehended John and bound him, and put him into prison, because of Herodias, his brother's wife.

**4** For John said to him: It is not lawful for thee to have her.

**5** And having a mind to put him to death, he feared the people: because they esteemed him as a prophet.

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

**7** Whereupon he promised with an oath, to give her whatsoever she would ask of him.

**8** But she being instructed before by her mother, said: Give me here in a dish the head of John the Baptist.

**9** And the king was struck sad: yet because of his oath, and for them that sat with him at table, he commanded it to be given.

**10** And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

**11** And his head was brought in a dish: and it was given to the damsel, and she brought it to her mother.

**12** And his disciples came and took the body, and buried it, and came and told Jesus.

**13** Which when Jesus had heard, he retired from thence by boat, into a desert place apart, and the multitudes having heard of it, followed him on foot out of the cities.

**14** And he coming forth saw a great multitude, and had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

**15** And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying: This is a desert place, and the hour is now past: send away the multitudes, that going into the towns, they may buy themselves victuals.

**16** But Jesus said to them, They have no need to go: give you them to eat.

**17** They answered him: We have not here, but five loaves, and two fishes.

**18** He said to them: Bring them hither to me.

**19** And when he had commanded the multitudes to sit down upon the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes.

**20** And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up what remained, twelve full baskets of fragments.

**21** And the number of them that did eat, was five thousand men, besides women and children.

**22** And forthwith Jesus obliged his disciples to go up into the boat, and to go before him over the water, till he dismissed the people.

**23** And having dismissed the multitude, he went into a mountain alone to pray. And when it was evening, he was there alone.

**24** But the boat in the midst of the sea was tossed with the waves: for the wind was contrary.

**25** And in the fourth watch of the night, he came to them walking upon the sea.

**26** And they seeing him walk upon the sea, were troubled, saying: It is an apparition. And they cried out for fear.

**27** And immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying: Be of good heart: it is I, fear ye not.

**28** And Peter making answer, said: Lord, if it be thou, bid me come to thee upon the waters.

**29** And he said: Come. And Peter going down out of the boat, walked upon the water to come to Jesus.

**30** But seeing the wind strong, he was afraid: and when he began to sink, he cried out, saying: Lord, save me.

**31** And immediately Jesus stretching forth his hand took hold of him, and said to him: O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt?