

brethren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed. {12:21} And the second took her, and died, neither left he any seed: and the third likewise. {12:22} And the seven had her, and left no seed: last of all the woman died also. {12:23} In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. {12:24} And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? {12:25} For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven. {12:26} And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I [am] the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? {12:27} He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

{12:28} And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? {12:29} And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments [is,] Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: {12:30} And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. {12:31} And the second [is] like, [namely] this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. {12:32} And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: {12:33} And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love [his] neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. {12:34} And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him [any question].

{12:35} And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? {12:36} For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. {12:37} David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he [then] his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

{12:38} And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and [love] salutations in the marketplaces, {12:39} And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: {12:40} Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

{12:41} And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. {12:42} And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. {12:43} And he called [unto him] his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: {12:44} For all [they] did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, [even] all her living.

{13:1} And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings [are here!] {13:2} And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown

down. {13:3} And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, {13:4} Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? {13:5} And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any [man] deceive you: {13:6} For many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ;] and shall deceive many. {13:7} And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for [such things] must needs be; but the end [shall] not [be] yet. {13:8} For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these [are] the beginnings of sorrows.

{13:9} But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. {13:10} And the gospel must first be published among all nations. {13:11} But when they shall lead [you,] and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. {13:12} Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against [their] parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. {13:13} And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

{13:14} But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: {13:15} And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter [therein,] to take any thing out of his house: {13:16} And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. {13:17} But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! {13:18} And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. {13:19} For [in] those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. {13:20} And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days. {13:21} And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here [is] Christ; or, lo, [he is] there; believe [him] not: {13:22} For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were] possible, even the elect. {13:23} But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

{13:24} But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, {13:25} And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. {13:26} And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. {13:27} And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. {13:28} Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: {13:29} So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, [even] at the doors. {13:30} Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. {13:31} Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

{13:32} But of that day and [that] hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. {13:33} Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. {13:34} [For the Son of man is] as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. {13:35} Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: {13:36} Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. {13:37} And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

{14:1} After two days was [the feast of] the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put [him] to death. {14:2} But they said, Not on the feast [day,] lest there be an uproar of the people.

{14:3} And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured [it] on his head. {14:4} And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? {14:5} For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. {14:6} And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. {14:7} For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. {14:8} She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. {14:9} Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, [this] also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

{14:10} And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. {14:11} And when they heard [it,] they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

{14:12} And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover? {14:13} And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. {14:14} And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? {14:15} And he will shew you a large upper room furnished [and] prepared: there make ready for us. {14:16} And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. {14:17} And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. {14:18} And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me. {14:19} And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, [Is] it I? and another [said, Is] it I? {14:20} And he answered and said unto them, [It is] one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. {14:21} The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

{14:22} And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and

blessed, and brake [it,] and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. {14:23} And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave [it] to them: and they all drank of it. {14:24} And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. {14:25} Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

{14:26} And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. {14:27} And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. {14:28} But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. {14:29} But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet [will] not I. {14:30} And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, [even] in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. {14:31} But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all. {14:32} And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. {14:33} And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; {14:34} And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. {14:35} And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. {14:36} And he said, Abba, Father, all things [are] possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. {14:37} And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? {14:38} Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly [is] ready, but the flesh [is] weak. {14:39} And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. {14:40} And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. {14:41} And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take [your] rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. {14:42} Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

{14:43} And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priest and the scribes and the elders. {14:44} And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead [him] away safely. {14:45} And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him.

{14:46} And they laid their hands on him, and took him. {14:47} And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. {14:48} And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and [with] staves to take me? {14:49} I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. {14:50} And they all forsook him, and fled. {14:51} And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about [his] naked [body;] and the young men laid hold on him: {14:52} And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

{14:53} And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders

and the scribes. {14:54} And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. {14:55} And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. {14:56} For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. {14:57} And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, {14:58} We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. {14:59} But neither so did their witness agree together. {14:60} And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what [is it which] these witness against thee? {14:61} But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? {14:62} And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. {14:63} Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? {14:64} Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. {14:65} And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

{14:66} And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: {14:67} And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. {14:68} But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. {14:69} And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is [one] of them. {14:70} And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art [one] of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth [thereto.] {14:71} But he began to curse and to swear, [saying,] I know not this man of whom ye speak. {14:72} And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

{15:1} And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried [him] away, and delivered [him] to Pilate. {15:2} And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest [it.] {15:3} And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing. {15:4} And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. {15:5} But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled. {15:6} Now at [that] feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. {15:7} And there was [one] named Barabbas, [which lay] bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. {15:8} And the multitude crying aloud began to desire [him to do] as he had ever done unto them. {15:9} But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? {15:10} For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy. {15:11} But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. {15:12} And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do [unto him] whom ye call the King of the Jews? {15:13} And they cried out again, Crucify him. {15:14} Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he

done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

{15:15} And [so] Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged [him,] to be crucified. {15:16} And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band. {15:17} And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his [head,] {15:18} And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! {15:19} And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing [their] knees worshipped him. {15:20} And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. {15:21} And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. {15:22} And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. {15:23} And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received [it] not. {15:24} And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. {15:25} And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. {15:26} And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. {15:27} And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. {15:28} And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. {15:29} And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest [it] in three days, {15:30} Save thyself, and come down from the cross. {15:31} Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save. {15:32} Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him. {15:33} And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. {15:34} And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? {15:35} And some of them that stood by, when they heard [it,] said, Behold, he calleth Elias. {15:36} And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put [it] on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. {15:37} And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. {15:38} And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

{15:39} And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God. {15:40} There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome; {15:41} (Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

{15:42} And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, {15:43} Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. {15:44} And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling [unto him] the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. {15:45} And when he knew [it] of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. {15:46} And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in

the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. {15:47} And Mary Magdalene and Mary [the mother] of Joses beheld where he was laid.

{16:1} And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the [mother] of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. {16:2} And very early in the morning the first [day] of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. {16:3} And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? {16:4} And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. {16:5} And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. {16:6} And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. {16:7} But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. {16:8} And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any [man;] for they were afraid.

{16:9} Now when [Jesus] was risen early the first [day] of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. {16:10} [And] she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. {16:11} And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

{16:12} After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. {16:13} And they went and told [it] unto the residue: neither believed they them.

{16:14} Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. {16:15} And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. {16:16} He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. {16:17} And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; {16:18} They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

{16:19} So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. {16:20} And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with [them,] and

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{1:1} Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, {1:2} Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; {1:3} It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, {1:4} That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

{1:5} There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife [was] of the daughters of Aaron, and her name [was] Elisabeth. {1:6} And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. {1:7} And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were [now] well stricken in years. {1:8} And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, {1:9} According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. {1:10} And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. {1:11} And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. {1:12} And when Zacharias saw [him,] he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. {1:13} But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. {1:14} And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. {1:15} For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. {1:16} And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. {1:17} And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. {1:18} And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. {1:19} And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. {1:20} And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. {1:21} And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. {1:22} And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. {1:23} And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. {1:24} And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, {1:25} Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on [me,] to take away my reproach among men. {1:26} And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, {1:27} To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name [was] Mary. {1:28} And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, [thou that art] highly favoured, the Lord [is] with thee: blessed [art] thou among women. {1:29} And when she saw [him,] she was troubled at his saying, and

cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. {1:30} And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. {1:31} And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. {1:32} He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: {1:33} And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. {1:34} Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? {1:35} And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. {1:36} And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. {1:37} For with God nothing shall be impossible. {1:38} And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. {1:39} And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; {1:40} And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. {1:41} And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: {1:42} And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed [art] thou among women, and blessed [is] the fruit of thy womb. {1:43} And whence [is] this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? {1:44} For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. {1:45} And blessed [is] she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. {1:46} And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, {1:47} And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. {1:48} For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. {1:49} For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy [is] his name. {1:50} And his mercy [is] on them that fear him from generation to generation. {1:51} He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. {1:52} He hath put down the mighty from [their] seats, and exalted them of low degree. {1:53} He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. {1:54} He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of [his] mercy; {1:55} As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. {1:56} And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house. {1:57} Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. {1:58} And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. {1:59} And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. {1:60} And his mother answered and said, Not [so;] but he shall be called John. {1:61} And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. {1:62} And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. {1:63} And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. {1:64} And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue [loosed,] and he spake, and praised God. {1:65} And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. {1:66} And all they that heard [them] laid [them] up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him. {1:67} And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied,

saying, {1:68} Blessed [be] the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, {1:69} And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; {1:70} As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: {1:71} That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; {1:72} To perform the mercy [promised] to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; {1:73} The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, {1:74} That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, {1:75} In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. {1:76} And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; {1:77} To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, {1:78} Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, {1:79} To give light to them that sit in darkness and [in] the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. {1:80} And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

{2:1} And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. {2:2} ([And] this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) {2:3} And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. {2:4} And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) {2:5} To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. {2:6} And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. {2:7} And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. {2:8} And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. {2:9} And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. {2:10} And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. {2:11} For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. {2:12} And this [shall be] a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. {2:13} And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, {2:14} Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. {2:15} And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. {2:16} And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. {2:17} And when they had seen [it,] they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. {2:18} And all they that heard [it] wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. {2:19} But Mary kept all these things, and pondered [them] in her heart. {2:20} And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. {2:21} And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. {2:22} And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present [him] to the Lord;

{2:23} (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) {2:24} And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. {2:25} And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name [was] Simeon; and the same man [was] just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. {2:26} And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. {2:27} And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, {2:28} Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, {2:29} Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: {2:30} For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, {2:31} Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; {2:32} A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. {2:33} And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. {2:34} And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this [child] is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; {2:35} (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. {2:36} And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; {2:37} And she [was] a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served [God] with fastings and prayers night and day. {2:38} And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. {2:39} And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. {2:40} And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. {2:41} Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. {2:42} And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. {2:43} And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not [of it.]{2:44} But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among [their] kinsfolk and acquaintance. {2:45} And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. {2:46} And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. {2:47} And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. {2:48} And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. {2:49} And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? {2:50} And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. {2:51} And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. {2:52} And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

{3:1} Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, {3:2} Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of