1:1 In [the] beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1:2 He was with God in [the] beginning.

1:3 Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made.

1:4 In Him was life, and [that] life was the light of men.

1:5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness {has} not overcome it.

1:6 There came a man who was sent from God. His name [was] John.

1:7 He came as a witness to testify about the Light, so that through him everyone might believe.

1:8 He himself was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

1:9 The TRUE Light who gives light to every man was coming into the world.

1:10 He was in the world, and [though] the world was made through Him, the world {did} not recognize Him.

1:11 He came to [His] own, and [His] own {did} not receive Him.

1:12 But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—

1:13 [children] born not of blood, nor of [the] desire [or] will of man, but [born] of God.

1:14 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, [the] glory of [the] one and only Son from [the] Father, full of grace and truth.

1:15 John testified concerning Him. He cried out, saying, “This is He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.��

1:16 From His fullness we {have} all received grace upon grace.

1:17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

1:18 No one has ever seen God, [but the] one and only Son, [ who is Himself ] God [and] is at the Father’s side, has made [Him] known.

1:19 And this was John’s testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, “Who are you?”

1:20 He did not refuse to confess, but openly declared, “I am not the Christ.”

1:21 “Then who [are you]?” they inquired. “Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.”

1:22 So they said to him, “Who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

1:23 [John] replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet: “I [am] the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for [the] Lord.’”

1:24 Then the Pharisees who had been sent

1:25 asked him, “Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

1:26 “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands [One] you {do} not know.

1:27 [He is] the One who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

1:28 All this happened at Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

1:29 The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

1:30 This is He of whom I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’

1:31 I myself {did} not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water [was] that He might be revealed to Israel.”

1:32 Then John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and resting on Him.

1:33 I myself {did} not know Him, but the [One who] sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘[The man] on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is He who will baptize with [the] Holy Spirit.�

1:34 I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

1:35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

1:36 When he saw Jesus walking by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

1:37 And when the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

1:38 Jesus turned and saw them following. “What do you want?” He asked. They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are You staying?”

1:39 “Come and see,” He replied. So they went and saw where He was staying, and spent that day with Him. It was about [the] tenth hour.

1:40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John’s [ testimony ] and followed [Jesus].

1:41 He first found [his] brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated as Christ).

1:42 [Andrew] brought him to Jesus, [who] looked at him [and] said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated as Peter).

1:43 The next day [Jesus] decided to set out for Galilee. Finding Philip, [He] told him, “Follow Me.”

1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the [same] town as Andrew and Peter.

1:45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the [One] Moses wrote about in the Law, [ the One] the prophets [foretold]— Jesus of Nazareth, [the] son of Joseph.�

1:46 “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.

1:47 [When] Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, He said of him, “Here [is] a true Israelite, in whom there is no deceit.”

1:48 “How do You know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”

1:49 “Rabbi,” Nathanael answered, “You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

1:50 Jesus said to him, “Do you believe just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”

1:51 Then He declared, “Truly, truly, I tell you, you will see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

2:1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there,

2:2 and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

2:3 When [the] wine ran out, Jesus’ mother said to Him, “They have no more wine.”

2:4 “Woman, why [does this concern] us?” Jesus replied. “My hour {has} not yet come.”

2:5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.”

2:6 Now six stone water jars had been set there for the Jewish [rites of] purification. [Each] could hold from twenty to thirty gallons.

2:7 Jesus told [the servants], “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to [the] brim.

2:8 “Now draw [some] out,” He said, “and take [it] to the master of the banquet.” They [did so],

2:9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not know where it was {from}, but the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then [he] called the bridegroom [aside]

2:10 and said, “Everyone serves the fine wine first, and then the cheap [wine] after [the guests] are drunk. [But] you have saved the fine wine until now!”

2:11 Jesus performed this, the first of His signs, at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

2:12 After this, He went down to Capernaum [with] His mother and brothers and His disciples, and they stayed there a few days.

2:13 When the Jewish Passover was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2:14 In the temple courts He found [men] selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers seated [at their tables].

2:15 [So] He made a whip out of cords [and] drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle. He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned [their] tables.

2:16 To those selling doves He said, “Get these out of here! How dare you turn My Father’s house {into} a marketplace!”

2:17 His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for Your house will consume Me.”

2:18 On account of this, the Jews demanded, “What sign can You show us to prove Your [ authority ] to do these things?”

2:19 Jesus answered, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again.”

2:20 “This temple {took} forty-six years to build,” the Jews replied, “and You are going to raise it up in three days?”

2:21 But [Jesus] was speaking about the temple [of] His body.

2:22 After He was raised from [the] dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

2:23 While He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw [the] signs He was doing [and] believed in His name.

2:24 But Jesus {did} not entrust Himself to them, for He knew all [men].

2:25 He {did} not need any testimony about man, for He knew what was in [a] man.

3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

3:2 He came to [Jesus] at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that [You are] a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform [the] signs You are doing if God were not with him.�

3:3 Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

3:4 “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Can he enter his mother’s womb a second time to be born?”

3:5 Jesus answered,, “Truly, truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and [the] Spirit.

3:6 Flesh is born of flesh, [but] spirit is born of the Spirit.

3:7 Do not be amazed that I said, ‘You must be born again.’

3:8 The wind blows where it wishes. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes {from} [or] where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.�

3:9 “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

3:10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and you do not understand these things?

3:11 Truly, truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, and yet you people do not accept our testimony.

3:12 If I have told you {about} earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you {about} heavenly things?

3:13 No one has ascended into heaven except the [One who] descended from heaven— the Son of Man.

3:14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

3:15 that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave [His] one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

3:17 For God {did} not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

3:18 Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

3:19 And this is the verdict: The Light has come into the world, but men loved the darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil.

3:20 Everyone who does evil hates the Light, and {does} not come into the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

3:21 But whoever practices the truth comes into the Light, so that it may be seen clearly that [what] he has done has been accomplished in God.”

3:22 After this, Jesus and His disciples went into the Judean countryside, [where] He spent some time with them and baptized.

3:23 Now John was also baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because [the] water was plentiful there, and [people] kept coming to be baptized.

3:24 (For John {had} not yet been thrown into prison.)

3:25 A dispute arose between John’s disciples [and] [a certain] Jew over [the issue of] ceremonial washing.

3:26 So [John’s disciples] came to [him] and said, “Look, Rabbi, the [One who] was with you beyond the Jordan, the One you testified about— He is baptizing, and everyone is going to Him.�

3:27 John replied, “A man can receive only what is given him from heaven.

3:28 You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but am sent ahead of Him.’

3:29 The bride belongs to [the] bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom stands and listens for him, [and] is overjoyed [to hear] the bridegroom’s voice. That joy [is] mine, [and] it is now complete.

3:30 He must increase; I [must] decrease.

3:31 The [One who] comes from above is above all. The [one who] is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks [as one] from the earth. The [One who] comes from heaven is above all.

3:32 He testifies to what He has seen and heard, yet no one accepts His testimony.

3:33 Whoever accepts His testimony has certified that God is truthful.

3:34 For the [One] whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for [God] gives the Spirit without limit.

3:35 The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in His hands.

3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever rejects the Son will not see life. Instead, the wrath of God remains on him.�

4:1 When Jesus realized that the Pharisees were aware that [He] was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John

4:2 (although [it was] not Jesus who baptized, but His disciples),

4:3 He left Judea and returned to Galilee.

4:4 Now He had to pass through Samaria.

4:5 So He came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

4:6 Since Jacob’s well was there, Jesus, weary from [His] journey, sat down by the well. It was about [the] sixth hour.

4:7 [When] a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”

4:8 ( His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

4:9 “You are a Jew,” said the woman. “How {can} You ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

4:10 Jesus answered, “If you knew the gift of God and who is asking you [for] a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.�

4:11 “Sir,” the woman replied, “You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where then will You get [this] living water?

4:12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us [this] well and drank from it himself, [as did] his sons and his livestock?�

4:13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.

4:14 But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a fount of water springing up to eternal life.�

4:15 The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water so that I will not get thirsty [and] have to keep coming here to draw [water].”

4:16 [Jesus] told her, “Go, call your husband and come [back].”

4:17 “I have no husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said to her, “You are correct {to say} that you have no husband.

4:18 In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. You have spoken truthfully.”

4:19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I see that You are a prophet.

4:20 Our forefathers worshiped on this mountain, but you [ Jews ] say that the place where [one] must worship is in Jerusalem.”

4:21 “Believe Me, woman,” Jesus replied, “a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

4:23 But a time is coming and {has} now come when the TRUE worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such as these to worship Him.

4:24 God [is] Spirit, and [His] worshipers must worship Him in spirit and [in] truth.”

4:25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah” ( called Christ) “is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.”

4:26 Jesus answered, “I who speak to you am [He].”

4:27 Just then, His disciples returned and were astonished that He was speaking with a woman. But no one asked [Him], “What do You want [from her]?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

4:28 Then the woman left her water jar, went back into the town, and said to the people,

4:29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”

4:30 [So] they left the town and made their way toward [Jesus].

4:31 Meanwhile, the disciples urged Him, “Rabbi, eat [something].”

4:32 But He told them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing [about].”

4:33 So the disciples asked one another, “[Could] someone have brought Him food?”

4:34 Jesus explained, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.

4:35 {Do} you not say, ‘There are still four months [until] the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are ripe for harvest.

4:36 {Already} the reaper draws [his] wages and gathers a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together.

4:37 For in this case the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true.

4:38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the hard work, and {now} you have taken up their labor.”

4:39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in [Jesus] because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”

4:40 So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them, and He stayed two days.

4:41 And many more believed because of His message.

4:42 They said to the woman, “We now believe not only because of your words; we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this [man] truly is the Savior of the world.”

4:43 After two days, [Jesus] left for Galilee.

4:44 Now [He] Himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in [his] own country.

4:45 Yet when He arrived, the Galileans welcomed Him. They had seen all the great things He had done in Jerusalem at the feast, for they had gone [there] as well.

4:46 So once again He came to Cana in Galilee, where He had turned the water {into} wine. And there was a royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.

4:47 [When] he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Him to come down and heal his son, who was about to die.

4:48 Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe.”

4:49 “Sir,” the official said, “come down before my child dies.”

4:50 “Go,” said Jesus. “Your son will live.” The man took Jesus at His word and departed.

4:51 And while he {was} still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was alive.

4:52 So he inquired as to the hour when [his son] had recovered, and they told him, “The fever left him yesterday [at the] seventh hour.”

4:53 Then the father realized that this was the very hour in which Jesus had told him, “Your son will live.” And he and all his household believed.

4:54 This [was] now [the] second sign [that] Jesus performed after coming from Judea into Galilee.

5:1 Some time later there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

5:2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool with five covered colonnades, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda.

5:3 On these [ walkways ] lay a great number of the sick, [the] blind, [the] lame, [and the] paralyzed.

5:4 For during [a certain] season an angel descended into the pool and stirred the water. Therefore he who first entered after the stirring of the water was made well from whatever disease he was held by at the time.

5:5 One man there had been [an] invalid [for] thirty-eight years.

5:6 When Jesus saw him lying [there] and realized that he had spent a long time [in this condition], He asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

5:7 “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am on my way, someone else goes in before me.”

5:8 Then Jesus told him, “Get up, pick up your mat, and walk.”

5:9 Immediately the man was made well, and he picked up his mat and began to walk. Now this happened on the Sabbath day,

5:10 so the Jews said to the [man] who had been healed, “This is [the] Sabbath! It is unlawful for you to carry your mat.”

5:11 But he answered, “The [man who] made me well told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

5:12 “Who is [this] man who told you to pick [it] up and walk?” they asked.

5:13 But the [man who] was healed {did} not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away [while the] crowd was there.

5:14 Afterward, Jesus found [the man] at the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Stop sinning, or something worse may happen to you.�

5:15 [And] the man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

5:16 Now because [Jesus] was doing these things on [the] Sabbath, the Jews began to persecute [Him].

5:17 But Jesus answered them, “To this very day My Father is at His work, and I too am working.”

5:18 Because of this, the Jews tried all the harder to kill Him. Not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

5:19 So Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself, unless He sees the Father doing [it]. For whatever [the Father] does, the Son also does.

5:20 The Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. And to your amazement, He will show Him even greater works than these.

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5:22 Furthermore, the Father judges no one, but has assigned all judgment to the Son,

5:23 so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

5:24 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and {will} not come under judgment. Indeed, he has crossed over from death to life.

5:25 Truly, truly, I tell you, [the] hour is coming and has now [come] when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

5:26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so also He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.

5:27 And He has given Him authority to execute judgment, because He is [the] Son of Man.

5:28 {Do} not be amazed at this, for [the] hour is coming when all who [are] in [their] graves will hear His voice

5:29 and come out— those who have done good to [the] resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to [the] resurrection of judgment.

5:30 I can do nothing by Myself; I judge only as I hear. And My judgment is just, because I do not seek My [own] will, but the will of [Him who] sent Me.

5:31 If I testify about Myself, My testimony is not valid.

5:32 There is another who testifies about Me, and I know that [His] testimony about Me is valid.

5:33 You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth.

5:34 [Even though] I {do} not accept human testimony, I say these things so that you may be saved.

5:35 [John] was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you were willing for a season to bask in his light.

5:36 But I have testimony more substantial than that of John. For the works that the Father has given Me to accomplish— the very works I am doing— testify about Me that the Father has sent Me.

5:37 And [the] Father who sent Me has Himself testified about Me. You have never heard His voice nor seen His form,

5:38 [nor] [does] His word abide in you, because you {do} not believe the [One] He sent.

5:39 You pore over the Scriptures because you presume that by them you possess eternal life. These are the [very words that] testify about Me,

5:40 yet you refuse to come to Me to have life.

5:41 I do not accept glory from men,

5:42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God within you.

5:43 I have come in My Father’s name, and you have not received Me; [but] if someone else comes in [his] own name, you will receive him.

5:44 How can you believe if you accept glory from one another, yet do not seek the glory that [comes] from the only God?

5:45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, in whom you have put your hope.

5:46 If you had believed Moses, you would believe Me, because he wrote about Me.

5:47 But since you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?”

6:1 After this, Jesus crossed to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (that [is], [the Sea] of Tiberias).

6:2 A large crowd followed Him because they saw the signs He had performed on the sick.

6:3 Then Jesus went up on the mountain and sat down with His disciples.

6:4 Now the Jewish Feast of the Passover was near.

6:5 [When] Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where can we buy bread for these [people] to eat?”

6:6 But He was asking this to test him, for He knew what He was about to do.

6:7 Philip answered, “Two hundred denarii would not [buy] enough bread for each {of them} to have a small [piece].”

6:8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him,

6:9 “Here is a boy [with] five barley loaves and two small fish. But what [ difference ] will these make among so many?”

6:10 “Have the [people] sit down,” Jesus said. Now there was plenty of grass in [that] place, so the men sat down, about five thousand [of them].

6:11 Then Jesus took the loaves and the fish, gave thanks, [and] distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

6:12 And when everyone was full, He said to His disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over, so that nothing will be wasted.”

6:13 So they collected [them] and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

6:14 [When] the people saw the sign that [Jesus] had performed, they began to say, “Truly this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

6:15 Then Jesus, realizing that they were about to come and make Him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by Himself.

6:16 When evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,

6:17 got into a boat, [and] started across the sea to Capernaum. It was already dark, and Jesus had not yet gone out to them.

6:18 A strong wind was blowing and the sea grew agitated.

6:19 [When] they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the sea— and they were terrified.

6:20 But [Jesus] spoke up: “It is I; {do} not be afraid.”

6:21 Then they were willing to take Him into the boat, and at once the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

6:22 The next day, the crowd that had remained on the other side of the sea realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not boarded [it] {with} His disciples, but [they] had gone away alone.

6:23 However, [some] boats from Tiberias arrived near the place they had eaten the bread [after] the Lord had given thanks.

6:24 So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum to look for [Him].

6:25 [When] they found Him on the other side of the sea, they asked Him, “Rabbi, when did You get here?”

6:26 Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, [it is] not because you saw [these] signs [that] you are looking for Me, but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

6:27 {Do} not work [for] food that perishes, but [for] food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on Him God the Father has placed His seal of approval.�

6:28 Then they inquired, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”

6:29 Jesus replied, “The work of God is this: to believe in the [One] He has sent.”

6:30 So they asked Him, “What sign then {will} You perform, so that we may see [it] and believe You? What will You do?

6:31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

6:32 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, [it was] not Moses [who] gave you the bread from heaven, but [it is] My Father [who] gives you the TRUE bread from heaven.

6:33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

6:34 “Sir,” they said, “give us this bread at all times.”

6:35 Jesus answered, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst.

6:36 But [as] I told you, you have seen Me and still {you do} not believe.

6:37 Everyone the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the [one who] comes to Me I will never drive away.

6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My [own] will, but [to do] the will of Him who sent Me.

6:39 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of those He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day.

6:40 For it is My Father’s will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.�

6:41 At this, the Jews began to grumble about [Jesus] because He had said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

6:42 They were asking, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then can He say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

6:43 “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus replied.

6:44 “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.

6:45 It is written in the Prophets: ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from [Him] comes to Me—

6:46 not that anyone has seen the Father except the [One who] is from God; [only] He has seen the Father.

6:47 Truly, truly, I tell you, he who believes has eternal life.

6:48 I am the bread of life.

6:49 Your forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died.

6:50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat of it and not die.

6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And [this] bread, which I will give for the life of the world, is My flesh.�

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6:53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man, you have no life in you.

6:54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

6:55 For My flesh is real food, and My blood is real drink.

6:56 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in him.

6:57 Just as the living Father sent Me and I live because of the Father, so also the [one who] feeds on Me will live because of Me.

6:58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike [your] forefathers, [who] ate [ the manna ] and died, the [one who] eats this bread will live forever.”

6:59 [Jesus] said this while teaching in [the] synagogue in Capernaum.

6:60 On hearing [it], many of His disciples said, “This is a difficult teaching. Who can accept it?”

6:61 Aware that His disciples were grumbling about this [ teaching ], Jesus asked them, “{Does} this offend you?

6:62 Then what [ will happen ] if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before?

6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

6:64 However, there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus had known from [the] beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him.)

6:65 Then [Jesus] said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless the Father has granted it to him.”

6:66 From that [time on], many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him.

6:67 So Jesus asked the Twelve, “Do you want to leave too?”

6:68 Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have [the] words of eternal life.

6:69 We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God.”

6:70 Jesus answered them, “{Have} I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!”

6:71 He was speaking about Judas, [the son] of Simon Iscariot. For [although] [Judas was] one of the Twelve, {he was} later to betray [Jesus].

7:1 After this, Jesus traveled throughout Galilee. He did not want to travel in Judea, because the Jews [there] were trying to kill Him.

7:2 However, the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near.

7:3 So [Jesus’] brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go to Judea, so that Your disciples [there] may see [the] works You are doing.

7:4 For no one [who] wants to be [known] publicly acts in secret. Since You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world.”

7:5 For [even] His [own] brothers did {not} believe in Him.

7:6 Therefore Jesus told them, “Although your time is always at hand, My time {has} not yet come.

7:7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me, because I testify that its works are evil.

7:8 Go up to the feast on your own. I {am} not going up to this feast, because My time {has} not yet come.”

7:9 Having said [this], [Jesus] remained in Galilee.

7:10 But [after] His brothers had gone up to the feast, He also went— not publicly, but in secret.

7:11 So the Jews were looking for Him at the feast and asking, “Where is He?”

7:12 Many in the crowds were whispering about Him. Some said, “He is a good [man].” But others replied, “No, He deceives the people.”

7:13 Yet no one would speak publicly about Him for fear of the Jews.

7:14 About halfway through the feast, Jesus went up to the temple courts and began to teach.

7:15 The Jews were amazed [and] asked, “How {did} this [man] attain [such] learning without having studied?”

7:16 “My teaching is not My own,” Jesus replied. “[It comes] from Him who sent Me.

7:17 If anyone desires to do His will, he will know whether [My] teaching is from God or [whether] I speak on My own.

7:18 He who speaks on his own [authority] seeks [his] own glory, but He who seeks the glory of the [One who] sent Him is a man of truth; in Him there is no falsehood.

7:19 {Has} not Moses given you the Law? Yet not one of you keeps [it]. Why are you trying to kill Me?”

7:20 “You have a demon,” the crowd replied. “Who is trying to kill You?”

7:21 Jesus answered them, “I did one miracle, and you are all astonished.

7:22 [But] because Moses gave you circumcision, you circumcise a boy on [the] Sabbath (not that it is from Moses, but from the patriarchs.)

7:23 If a boy can be circumcised on [the] Sabbath so that the Law of Moses {will} not be broken, [why] are you angry with Me for making [the] whole man well on the Sabbath?

7:24 Stop judging by outward appearances, [and start] judging justly.”

7:25 Then some of the [people] of Jerusalem began to say, “Isn’t this [the man] they are trying to kill?

7:26 Yet here He is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying [anything] to Him. {Have} the rulers truly recognized that this is the Christ?

7:27 But we know where this [man] is {from}. When the Christ comes, no one will know where He is {from}.”

7:28 Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “You know Me, and you know where I am {from}. I have not come on My own accord, but He who sent Me is true. You {do} not know Him,

7:29 but I know Him, because I am from Him and He sent Me.”

7:30 So they tried to seize Him, but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour {had} not yet come.

7:31 Many in the crowd, however, believed in Him and said, “When the Christ comes, will He perform more signs than this [man]?”

7:32 [When] the Pharisees heard the crowd whispering these things about [Jesus], [they] and the chief priests sent officers to arrest Him.

7:33 So Jesus said, “I am with you only a little while longer, and then I am going to the [One who] sent Me.

7:34 You will look for Me, [but] you will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.”

7:35 At this, the Jews said to one another, “Where {does} He intend to go that we will not find Him vvv? Will He go where the Jews are dispersed among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks?

7:36 What does He mean by saying, ‘You will look for Me, [but] you will not find Me,’ and, ‘Where I am, you cannot come’?”

7:37 On the last [and] greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and called out in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

7:38 Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said: ‘Streams of living water will flow from [within] him.’”

7:39 He was speaking about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. For [the] Spirit had not yet [been given], because Jesus {had} not yet been glorified.

7:40 On hearing these words, [some] of the people said,, “This is truly the Prophet.”

7:41 Others declared, “This is the Christ.” But still others asked, “[How can] the Christ come from Galilee?

7:42 Doesn’t the Scripture say that the Christ will come from the line of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?”

7:43 So there was division in the crowd because of [Jesus].

7:44 Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid a hand on Him.

7:45 Then the officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees, [who] asked them, “Why didn’t you bring Him {in}?”

7:46 “Never {has} anyone spoken like this man!” the officers answered.

7:47 “{Have} you also been deceived?” replied the Pharisees.

7:48 “{Have} any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in Him?

7:49 But this crowd that does not know the Law, they are under a curse.”

7:50 Nicodemus, who had gone to [Jesus] earlier, [and who himself] was one of them, asked,

7:51 “{Does} our law convict a man without first hearing from him to determine what he has done?”

7:52 “Aren’t you also from Galilee?” they replied. “Look into it, and you will see that no prophet comes out of Galilee.”

7:53 Then each went to his own home.

8:1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

8:2 Early in the morning He went [back] into the temple courts. All the people came to Him, and He sat down to teach them.

8:3 The scribes and Pharisees, however, brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before them

8:4 [and] said, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

8:5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such [a woman]. So what do You say?”

8:6 They said this to test Him, in order to have [a basis] for accusing Him. But Jesus bent down [and] began to write on the ground with [His] finger.

8:7 When they continued to question Him, He straightened up and said to them, “[Let] him who is without sin among you [be] the first to cast a stone at her.”

8:8 And again He bent down [and] wrote on the ground.

8:9 When they heard this, they began to go away one by one, beginning with the older ones, until only Jesus was left, with the woman standing [there].

8:10 Then Jesus straightened up [and] asked her, “Woman, where are your accusers? {Has} no one condemned you?”

8:11 “No one, Lord,” she answered. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Now go and sin no more.”

8:12 Once again, Jesus spoke to [the people] [and] said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.�

8:13 So the Pharisees said to Him, “You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not valid.”

8:14 Jesus replied, “Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is valid, because I know where I came {from} and where I am going. But you {do} not know where I came {from} or where I am going.

8:15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.

8:16 But even if I do judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone [ when I judge ]; I am with the Father, [who] sent Me.

8:17 Even in your [own] Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid.

8:18 I am [One] who testifies about Myself, and the Father, [who] sent Me, [also] testifies about Me.”

8:19 “Where is Your Father?” they asked Him. “You do not know Me [or] My Father,” Jesus answered. “If you knew Me, you would know My Father as well.”

8:20 He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts, near the treasury. Yet no one seized Him, because His hour {had} not yet come.

8:21 Again He said to them, “I am going away, and you will look for Me, [but] you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.”

8:22 So the Jews began to ask, “Will He kill Himself, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’?”

8:23 Then He told them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

8:24 That is why I told you that you would die in your sins. For unless you believe that I am [He], you will die in your sins.”

8:25 “Who are You?” they asked. “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning,” Jesus replied.

8:26 “I have much to say about you and [much] to judge. But the [One who] sent Me is truthful, and what I have heard from Him, I tell the world.�

8:27 They did not understand that He was telling them [about] the Father.

8:28 So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am [He], and [that] I do nothing on My own, but speak exactly what the Father has taught Me.

8:29 He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, because I always do what pleases Him.”

8:30 As [Jesus] spoke these things, many believed in Him.

8:31 So [He] said to the Jews [who] had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples.

8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

8:33 “We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered. “We have never been slaves to [anyone]. How {can} You say [we] will be set free?”

8:34 Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

8:35 A slave {is} not a permanent member of the family, [but] a son belongs [to it] forever.

8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

8:37 I know you are Abraham’s descendants, but you are trying to kill Me because My word has no place within you.

8:38 I speak of what I have seen in the presence of the Father, and you do what you have heard from [your] father.”

8:39 “Abraham is our father,” they replied. “If you were children of Abraham,” said Jesus, “you would do the works of Abraham.

8:40 But now you are trying to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham never did such a thing.

8:41 You are doing the works of your father.” “We are not illegitimate children,” they declared. “Our only Father [is] God [Himself].”

8:42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on My own, but He sent Me.

8:43 Why do you not understand what I am saying? [It is] because you are unable to accept My message.

8:44 You belong to [your] father, the devil, and you want to carry out [his] desires. He was a murderer from [the] beginning, refusing to uphold the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks [his] native [ language], because he is a liar and the father of [lies].

8:45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me!

8:46 Which of you can prove Me guilty of sin? If I speak [the] truth, why {do} you not believe Me?

8:47 Whoever belongs to God hears the words of God. The reason you {do} not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

8:48 The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right to say that You are a Samaritan and You have a demon?”

8:49 “I {do} not have a demon,” Jesus replied, “but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

8:50 I {do} not seek My [own] glory. There is One who seeks [it], and He is the Judge.

8:51 Truly, truly, I tell you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.”

8:52 “Now we know that You have a demon!” declared the Jews. “Abraham died, and so did the prophets, yet You say that anyone who keeps [Your] word will never taste death.

8:53 Are You greater than our father Abraham? [He] died, [as did] the prophets. Who do You claim to be?”

8:54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory means nothing. The [One who] glorifies Me is My Father, [of] whom you say ‘He is our God.�

8:55 You do not know Him, but I know Him. If I said I did not know Him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know Him, and I keep His word.

8:56 Your father Abraham was overjoyed to see My day. He saw [it] and was glad.”

8:57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years [old], and You have seen Abraham?”

8:58 “Truly, truly, I tell you,” Jesus declared, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

8:59 At this, they picked up stones to throw at Him. But Jesus was hidden and went out of the temple area.

9:1 Now as [Jesus] was passing by, He saw a man blind from birth,

9:2 and His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this [man] or his parents, that he was born blind?”

9:3 Jesus answered, “Neither this [man] nor his parents sinned, but [this happened] so that the works of God would be displayed in him.

9:4 While it is daytime, we must do the works of Him who sent Me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

9:5 While I am in the world, I am [the] light of the world.”

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9:7 Then He told him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So [the man] went and washed, and came [back] seeing.

9:8 At this, [his] neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging began to ask, “Isn’t this the [man who] used to sit and beg?”

9:9 Some claimed that he was, but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” [But the man] kept saying, “I am [the one].”

9:10 “How then {were} your eyes opened?” they asked.

9:11 He answered, “The man they call Jesus made [some] mud and anointed my eyes, and He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed [and] received my sight.�

9:12 “Where is He?” they asked. “I do not know,” he answered.

9:13 They brought to the Pharisees [the man] who had been blind.

9:14 Now [the] day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened his eyes was a Sabbath.

9:15 So the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. [The man] answered, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and [now] I can see.”

9:16 Because of this, some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man perform such signs?” And there was division among them.

9:17 So once again they asked the [man who had been] blind, “What {do} you say about Him, since [it was] your eyes He opened?” “He is a prophet,” [the man] replied.

9:18 The Jews still {did} not believe that [the man] had been blind and had received his sight until they summoned [his] parents

9:19 and asked, “Is this your son, [the one] you say was born blind? So how [is it that] he can now see?”

9:20 His parents answered, “We know he is our son, and [we know] he was born blind.

9:21 But how he can now see or who opened his eyes, we {do} not know. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.”

9:22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already determined that anyone who confessed [Jesus] [as the] Christ would be put out of the synagogue.

9:23 That was why his parents said, “He is old enough. Ask him.”

9:24 So a second time they called for the man who had been blind and said, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”

9:25 He answered, “Whether He is a sinner I do not know. [There is] one [thing] I do know: I was blind, [but] now I see!”

9:26 “What did He do to you?” they asked. “How did He open your eyes?”

9:27 He replied, “I already told you and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear [it] again? {Do} you also want to become His disciples?”

9:28 Then they heaped insults on him and said, “You are His disciple; we are disciples of Moses.

9:29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this [man] is {from}.”

9:30 “That is remarkable indeed!” the man said. “You {do} not know where He is {from}, and yet He opened my eyes.

9:31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but He does listen to the one who worships [Him] and does His will.

9:32 Never before {has} anyone heard of opening [the] eyes of a man born blind.

9:33 If this [man] were not from God, He could do no such thing.”

9:34 They replied, “You were born in utter sin, and you are instructing us?” And they threw him out.

9:35 [When] Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, He found [the man] [and] said, “{Do} you believe in the Son of Man?”

9:36 “Who is He, Sir?” he replied. “[Tell me] so that I may believe in Him.”

9:37 “You have already seen Him,” Jesus answered. “He is the [One] speaking with you.”

9:38 “Lord, I believe,” he said. And he worshiped [Jesus].

9:39 Then Jesus declared, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind may see and those who see may become blind.”

9:40 [Some] of the Pharisees who were with Him heard this, and they asked Him, “Are we blind too?”

9:41 “If you were blind,” Jesus replied, “you would not be guilty of sin. But since you claim [you] can see, your guilt remains.”

10:1 “Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber.

10:2 But the [one who] enters by the gate is [the] shepherd of the sheep.

10:3 The gatekeeper opens [the gate] for him, and the sheep listen for his voice. He calls [his] own sheep by name and leads them out.

10:4 When he has brought out all [his] own, he goes on ahead of them, and [his] sheep follow him because they know his voice.

10:5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will flee from him because they do not recognize [his] voice.”

10:6 Jesus spoke to them [using] this illustration, but they {did} not understand what He was telling them.

10:7 So [He] said to them again, “Truly, truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

10:8 All who came before Me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

10:9 I am the gate. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture.

10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have [it] in all its fullness.

10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

10:12 The hired hand is not [the] shepherd, [and] the sheep are not his own. [When] he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf pounces on them and scatters [the flock].

10:13 [ The man runs away ] because he is a hired servant and is unconcerned for the sheep.

10:14 I am the good shepherd. I know My [sheep] and My [sheep] know Me,

10:15 just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep.

10:16 I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them in as well, and they will listen to My voice. Then there will be one flock [and] one shepherd.

10:17 The reason the Father loves Me [is] that I lay down My life in order to take it up again.

10:18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father.�

10:19 Again there was division among the Jews because of [Jesus’] message.

10:20 Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and insane. Why would you listen to Him?”

10:21 [But] others replied, “These are not the words of [a man] possessed by a demon. Can a demon open [the] eyes of [the] blind?”

10:22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

10:23 and Jesus was walking in the temple courts in Solomon’s Colonnade.

10:24 So the Jews gathered around Him and demanded, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

10:25 “I already told you,” Jesus replied, “but you did not believe. The works I do in My Father’s name testify on My behalf.

10:26 But because you are not My sheep, you refuse to believe.

10:27 My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.

10:28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them out of My hand.

10:29 My Father who has given [them] to Me is greater than all. No one can snatch [them] out of [My] Father’s hand.

10:30 I and the Father are one.”

10:31 At this, the Jews again picked up stones to stone Him.

10:32 [But] Jesus responded, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone Me?”

10:33 “We are not stoning You for [any] good work,” said the Jews, “but for blasphemy, because You, who are a man, declare Yourself to be God.”

10:34 Jesus replied, “Is it not written in your Law: ‘I have said you are gods’?

10:35 If he called them gods to whom the word of God came— and the Scripture cannot be broken—

10:36 [ then what about the One ] whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world? How then {can} you accuse [Me] of blasphemy for stating that I am [the] Son of God?

10:37 If I am not doing the works of My Father, [then] {do} not believe Me.

10:38 But if I am doing [them], even though you do not believe Me, believe the works [themselves], so that you may know and understand that the Father [is] in Me, and I am in the Father.�

10:39 At this, they tried again to seize Him, but He escaped their grasp.

10:40 Then [Jesus] went back across the Jordan to the place where John had first been baptizing, and He stayed there.

10:41 Many came to Him and said, “Although John never performed a sign, everything [he] said about this [man] was true.”

10:42 And many in that place believed in [Jesus].

11:1 At this time a [man] [named] Lazarus was sick. [He lived in] Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

11:2 ( Mary, whose brother Lazarus was sick, would [later] anoint the Lord with perfume and wipe His feet with her hair.)

11:3 So the sisters sent word to [Jesus], “Lord, the [one] You love is sick.”

11:4 [When] Jesus heard [this], He said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, [it is] for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.�

11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

11:6 So on hearing that [Lazarus] was sick, He stayed where He was for two days,

11:7 and then He said to the disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

11:8 “Rabbi,” [they] replied, “the Jews just tried to stone You, and You are going back there?”

11:9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? If anyone walks in the daytime, he will not stumble, because he sees by the light of this world.

11:10 But if anyone walks at night, he will stumble, because he has no light.”

11:11 After He had said this, He told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going [there] to wake him up.”

11:12 His disciples replied, “Lord, if he is sleeping, he will get better.”

11:13 They thought that [Jesus] was talking about actual sleep, but [He] was speaking about the death of [Lazarus].

11:14 So Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead,

11:15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

11:16 Then Thomas called Didymus said to [his] fellow disciples, “{Let} us also go, so that we may die with Him.”

11:17 [When] Jesus arrived, He found that [Lazarus] had already spent four days in the tomb.

11:18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, a little less than two miles away,

11:19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them in the loss of [their] brother.

11:20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him; but Mary stayed at home.

11:21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

11:22 But even now I know that God will give You whatever You ask [Him].”

11:23 “Your brother will rise again,” Jesus told her.

11:24 Martha replied, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

11:25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies.

11:26 And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

11:27 “Yes, Lord,” she answered, “I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

11:28 [After] [Martha] had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside to tell her, “The Teacher is here and is asking for you.”

11:29 And when [Mary] heard this, she got up quickly and went to Him.

11:30 Now Jesus {had} not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met Him.

11:31 [When] the Jews who were in the house consoling [Mary] saw how quickly [she] got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

11:32 When Mary came to Jesus [and] saw Him, she fell at His feet [and] said, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother {would} not have died.”

11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her {also} weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

11:34 “Where have you laid him?” He asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they answered.

11:35 Jesus wept.

11:36 Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”

11:37 But some of them asked, “Could not this [man] who opened the eyes of the blind also have kept [Lazarus] from dying?”

11:38 Jesus, once again deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave [with] a stone laid across [the entrance].

11:39 “Take away the stone,” Jesus said. “Lord, by now he stinks,” said Martha, the sister of the dead [man]. “It has already been four days.”

11:40 Jesus replied, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

11:41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted His eyes upward and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

11:42 I knew that You always hear Me, but I say [this] for the benefit of the people standing [here], so they may believe that You sent Me.”

11:43 [After Jesus] had said this, He called out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

11:44 The [man who] had been dead came out [with his] hands and feet bound in strips of linen, and his face wrapped in a headcloth. “Unwrap him and let him go,” Jesus told them.

11:45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen what [Jesus] did, believed in Him.

11:46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

11:47 Then the chief priests and Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, “What are we to do? This man is performing many signs.

11:48 If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and [our] nation.”

11:49 But one of them, [named] Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all!

11:50 You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people [than that] the whole nation perish.”

11:51 [Caiaphas] did not say this on his own. Instead, [as] high priest that year, he was prophesying that Jesus would die for the nation,

11:52 and not only for the nation, but also [for] the scattered children of God, to gather [them] together into one.

11:53 So from that day {on} they plotted to kill Him.

11:54 As a result, Jesus no longer went about publicly among the Jews, but He withdrew to a town called Ephraim in an area near the wilderness. [And] He stayed there with the disciples.

11:55 Now the Jewish Passover was near, and many [people] went up from the country to Jerusalem to purify themselves before the Passover.

11:56 They kept looking for Jesus and asking one another [as] they stood in the temple courts, “What do you think? Will He come to the feast at all?”

11:57 But the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that anyone [who] knew where He was must report [it], so that they could arrest Him.

12:1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, [the hometown of] Lazarus, whom [He] had raised from [the] dead.

12:2 So they hosted a dinner for [Jesus] there. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him.

12:3 Then Mary took about a pint of expensive perfume, made of pure nard, [and] she anointed Jesus’ feet and wiped [them] with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

12:4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was going to betray Him, asked,

12:5 “Why wasn’t this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and [the money] given to [the] poor?”

12:6 [Judas] did not say this because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. As keeper of the money bag, he used to take from what was put into [it].

12:7 “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “She was intended to keep [this perfume] to prepare for the day of My burial.

12:8 The poor you will always have with you, but {you will} not always have Me.”

12:9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews learned that [Jesus] was there. And they came not only because of [Him], but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from [the] dead.

12:10 [So] the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well,

12:11 for on account of him many of the Jews were deserting [them] and believing in Jesus.

12:12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

12:13 They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting: “Hosanna!” “Blessed is He who comes in [the] name of [the] Lord!” “[ Blessed is ] the King of Israel!”

12:14 Finding a young donkey, Jesus sat on it, as it is written:

12:15 “Do not be afraid, O daughter of Zion. See, your King is coming, seated on the colt of a donkey.”

12:16 At first His disciples {did} not understand these things, but after Jesus was glorified they remembered what had been done to Him, [ and they realized] that these very things had also {been} written about Him.

12:17 Meanwhile, many people continued to testify that they had been with [Jesus] when He called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from [the] dead.

12:18 That is also why the crowd went out to meet Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.

12:19 Then the Pharisees said to one another, “You can see that this is doing you no good. Look [how] the whole world has gone after Him!”

12:20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the feast.

12:21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and requested of him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.”

12:22 Philip relayed [this appeal] to Andrew, [and both of them] went and told Jesus.

12:23 But Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

12:24 Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground [and] dies, it remains only [a seed]; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

12:25 Whoever loves his life will lose it, [but] whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

12:26 If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, My servant will be as well. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

12:27 Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? No, it is for this purpose that I have come to this hour.

12:28 Father, glorify Your name!” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified [it], and I will glorify [it] again.”

12:29 The crowd standing [there] heard [it] [and] said that it had thundered. Others said that an angel had spoken to Him.

12:30 In response, Jesus said, “This voice was not for My benefit, but yours.

12:31 Now judgment is upon this world; now the prince of this world will be cast out.

12:32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all [men] to Myself.”

12:33 He said this to indicate the kind of death He was going to die.

12:34 The crowd replied, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever. [So] how {can} you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?�

12:35 Then Jesus told them, “[For] a little while longer, the Light will be among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you. The [one who] walks in the darkness {does} not know where he is going.

12:36 While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of light.” [After] Jesus had spoken these things, He went away [and] was hidden from them.

12:37 Although [Jesus] had performed so many signs in their presence, they still did not believe in Him.

12:38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message? And to whom {has} the arm of [the] Lord been revealed?”

12:39 For this reason they were unable to believe. For again, Isaiah says:

12:40 “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so that they cannot see with [their] eyes, and understand with [their] hearts, and turn, and I would heal them.”

12:41 Isaiah said these things because he saw [Jesus’] glory and spoke about Him.

12:42 Nevertheless, many of the leaders believed in Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess [Him], for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue.

12:43 For they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

12:44 Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in Me {does} not believe in Me [alone], but in the [One who] sent Me.

12:45 And whoever sees Me sees the [One who] sent Me.

12:46 I have come into the world [as] a light, so that no one who believes in Me should remain in darkness.

12:47 As for anyone who hears My words and {does} not keep [them], I {do} not judge him. For I have not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

12:48 There is a judge [for] the [one who] rejects Me and does not receive My words: The word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

12:49 I {have} not spoken on My own, but the Father [who] sent Me has commanded Me what to say and how to say it.

12:50 And I know that His command leads to eternal life. So I speak exactly what the Father has told Me to say.”

13:1 [It was] now just before the Passover Feast, [and] Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world [and return] to the Father. Having loved [His] own who [were] in the world, He loved them to [the] very end.

13:2 The evening meal was underway, [and] the devil {had} already put into the heart of Judas, [the son] of Simon Iscariot, to betray [Jesus].

13:3 [Jesus] knew that the Father had delivered all things into [His] hands, and that He had come from God and was returning to God.

13:4 [So] He got up from the supper, laid aside [His] outer garments, and wrapped a towel {around} His {waist}.

13:5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and dry [them] with the towel that was around Him.

13:6 He came to Simon Peter, who asked Him, “Lord, are You going to wash my feet?”

13:7 Jesus replied, “You {do} not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

13:8 “Never shall You wash my feet!” Peter told Him. Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me.”

13:9 “[Then,] Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not only my feet, but [my] hands and [my] head as well!”

13:10 Jesus told him, “Whoever has already bathed needs only to wash [his] feet, [and] he will be completely clean. And you are clean, though not all [of you].”

13:11 For He knew who would betray Him. That is why He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

13:12 When [Jesus] had washed their feet and put on His outer garments, He reclined with them again [and] asked, “Do you know what I have done for you?

13:13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and rightly [so], because I am.

13:14 So if I, [your] Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.

13:15 I have set you an example so that you should do as I have done for you.

13:16 Truly, truly, I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor [is] a messenger greater than the [one who] sent him.

13:17 If you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

13:18 I am not speaking about all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the Scripture: ‘The [one who] eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.�

13:19 I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it comes to pass, you will believe that I am [He].

13:20 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever receives the one I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the [One who] sent Me.”

13:21 [After] Jesus had said [this], He became troubled in spirit and testified, “Truly, truly, I tell you, one of you will betray Me.”

13:22 The disciples began to look at one another, perplexed as to which of them He meant.

13:23 One of His disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at [His] side.

13:24 So Simon Peter motioned to him to ask [Jesus] which one He was talking about.

13:25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked, “Lord, who is it?”

13:26 Jesus answered, “It is the [one] to whom I give [this] piece [of bread] after I have dipped [it].” Then He dipped the piece [of bread] and gave [it] to Judas [son] of Simon Iscariot.

13:27 [And when Judas had taken] the piece [of bread], Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to [Judas], “What you are about to do, do quickly.”

13:28 But no one [at the table] knew why [Jesus] had said this to him.

13:29 Since Judas kept the money bag, some thought that Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the feast, or to give something to the poor.

13:30 As soon as he had received the piece [of bread], [Judas] went out [into the] night.

13:31 When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.

13:32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify [the Son] in Himself— and will glorify Him at once.

13:33 Little children, I am with you only a little while longer. You will look for Me, and as I said to the Jews, so now I say to you: ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.�

13:34 A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another.

13:35 By this all [men] will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”

13:36 “Lord, where are You going?” Simon Peter asked. Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow Me now, but you will follow later.”

13:37 “Lord,” said Peter, “why can’t I follow You now? I will lay down my life for You.”

13:38 “Will you lay down your life for Me?” Jesus replied. “Truly, truly, I tell you, [before] [the] rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.

14:1 {Do} not {let} your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe in Me as well.

14:2 In My Father’s house are many rooms. If [it were] not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am.

14:4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

14:5 “Lord,” said Thomas, “we do not know where You are going, [so] how can we know the way?”

14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

14:7 If you had known Me, you would know My Father as well. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.”

14:8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”

14:9 Jesus replied, “Philip, I have been with you all this time, and still you do not know Me? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How {can} you say, �Show us the Father�?

14:10 Do you not believe that I [am] in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I say to you, I do not speak on My own. Instead, {it is} the Father dwelling in Me, performing His works.

14:11 Believe Me that I [am] in the Father and the Father [is] in Me— or at least believe on account of the works themselves.

14:12 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I am doing. He will do even greater [things] than these, because I am going to the Father.

14:13 And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14:14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do [it].

14:15 If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

14:16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever—

14:17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot receive [Him], because it neither sees Him nor knows [Him]. But you do know Him, for He abides with you and will be in you.

14:18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

14:19 In a little while, the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live.

14:20 On that day you will know that I [am] in My Father, and you [are] in Me, and I [am] in you.

14:21 Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the [one who] loves Me. The [one who] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.�

14:22 Judas (not Iscariot) asked Him, “Lord, why are You going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?”

14:23 Jesus replied, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him.

14:24 Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words. The word that you hear is not My own, but [it is ] from the Father who sent Me.

14:25 All this I have spoken to you [while] I am still with you.

14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you.

14:27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I {do} not give to you as the world gives. {Do} not {let} your hearts be troubled; {do} not be afraid.

14:28 You heard Me say, ‘I am going away, and I am coming [back] to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

14:29 And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe.

14:30 I will {not} speak with you much [longer], for the prince of this world is coming, and he has no claim on Me.

14:31 But I do exactly what the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Get up! Let us go on from here.

15:1 I am the TRUE vine, and My Father is the keeper of the vineyard.

15:2 He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, and every [branch] that does bear fruit, He prunes to make it even more fruitful.

15:3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

15:4 Remain in Me, and I {will remain} in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, neither [can] you [bear fruit] unless you remain in Me.

15:5 I am the vine [and] you [are] the branches. The [one who] remains in Me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing.

15:6 If anyone {does} not remain in Me, {he is} like a branch that is thrown away and withers. [Such branches] are gathered up, thrown into the fire, and burned.

15:7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

15:8 This [is to] My Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, [proving] yourselves to be My disciples.

15:9 As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Remain in My love.

15:10 If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and remain in His love.

15:11 I have told you these things so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

15:12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that [he] lay down his life for his friends.

15:14 You are My friends if you do what I command you.

15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant {does} not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything I have learned from My Father I have made known to you.

15:16 You {did} not choose Me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit— fruit that will remain— so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you.

15:17 This is My command to you: Love one another.

15:18 If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me [first].

15:19 If you were of the world, [it] would love [you] [as] its own. Instead, the world hates you, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.

15:20 Remember the word that I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you as well; if they kept My word, they will keep yours as well.

15:21 But they will treat you like this on account of My name, because they do not know the [One who] sent Me.

15:22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin.

15:23 Whoever hates Me hates My Father as well.

15:24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father.

15:25 But [this is] to fulfill [what] is written in their Law: ‘They hated Me without reason.’

15:26 When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father— the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father— He will testify about Me.

15:27 And you also must testify, because you have been with Me from [the] beginning.

16:1 I have told you these things so that you will not fall away.

16:2 They will put you out of the synagogues. In fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.

16:3 They will do these things because they have not known the Father [or] Me.

16:4 But I have told you these things so that when their hour comes, you will remember that I told you [about] them. I did not tell you these things from [the] beginning, because I was with you.

16:5 Now, however, I am going to Him who sent Me; yet none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’

16:6 Instead, your hearts are filled with sorrow because I have told you these things.

16:7 But I tell you the truth, it is for your benefit that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

16:8 And [when] He comes, He will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

16:9 in regard to sin, because they do not believe in Me;

16:10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me;

16:11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world has been condemned.

16:12 I still have much to tell you, but you cannot yet bear [to hear it].

16:13 However, when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, and He will declare to you what is to come.

16:14 He will glorify Me by taking from what [is] Mine and disclosing [it] to you.

16:15 Everything that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said that [the Spirit] will take from what [is] Mine and disclose [it] to you.

16:16 In a little [while] you will see Me no more, and then after a little [while] you will see Me.”

16:17 Then [some] of His disciples asked one another, “Why is He telling us, ‘In a little [while] you will not see Me, and then after a little [while] you will see Me’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?�

16:18 They kept asking, “Why is He saying, ‘a little [while]’? We do not understand what He is saying.”

16:19 Aware that they wanted to question Him, [Jesus] said to them, “Are you asking one another why I said, ‘In a little [while] you will not see Me, and then after a little [while] you will see Me’?

16:20 Truly, truly, I tell you, you will weep and wail [while] the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

16:21 A woman has pain in childbirth because her time has come; but when she brings forth [her] child, she forgets [her] anguish because of [her] joy that a child has been born into the world.

16:22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

16:23 In that day you will {no longer} ask Me [anything]. Truly, truly, I tell you, whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you.

16:24 Until now you have not asked [for anything] in My name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

16:25 I have spoken these things to you in figures of speech. A time is coming when I will no longer speak to you [this way], but will tell you plainly about the Father.

16:26 In that day you will ask in My name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf.

16:27 For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God.

16:28 I came from the Father and entered the world. In turn, I will leave the world and go to the Father.”

16:29 His disciples said, “See, now You are speaking plainly and without figures of speech.

16:30 Now we understand that You know all things and that You have no need for anyone to question You. Because of this, we believe that You came from God.”

16:31 “Do you finally believe?” Jesus replied.

16:32 “Look, an hour is coming and has already come when you will be scattered, each to [his] own [home], {and} you will leave Me all alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

16:33 I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take courage; I have overcome the world!”

17:1 [When] Jesus had spoken these things, He lifted up His eyes to heaven [and] said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that [Your] Son may glorify You.

17:2 For You granted Him authority over all humanity, so that He may give eternal life [to] all those You have given Him.

17:3 Now this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only TRUE God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.

17:4 I have glorified You on earth by accomplishing the work You gave Me to do.

17:5 And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world existed.

17:6 I have revealed Your name to those You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

17:7 Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You.

17:8 For I have given them the words You gave Me, and they have received [them]. They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

17:9 I ask on their behalf. I do not ask on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those You have given Me; for they are Yours.

17:10 All I have is Yours, and [all] You have [is] Mine; and in them I have been glorified.

17:11 I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by Your name, [the name] You gave Me, so that they may be one as We [are one].

17:12 While I was with them, I protected and preserved them by Your name, [the name] You gave Me. Not one of them has been lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

17:13 But now I am coming to You, and I am saying these things [while I am] in the world, so that they may have My joy fulfilled within them.

17:14 I have given them Your word and the world has hated them; for they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17:15 I am not asking that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil [one].

17:16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.

17:18 As You sent Me into the world, I {have} also sent them into the world.

17:19 For them I sanctify Myself, so that they too may be sanctified by [the] truth.

17:20 I am not asking on behalf of them alone, but also on behalf of those who will believe in Me through their message,

17:21 that all of them may be one, as You, Father, [are] in Me, and I [am] in You. [May] they also be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

17:22 I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one as We [are] one—

17:23 I in them and You in Me— that they may be perfectly united, so that the world may know that You sent Me and have loved them just as You have loved Me.

17:24 Father, I want [those] You have given Me to be with Me where I am, that they may see [the] glory You gave Me because You loved Me before [the] foundation of [the] world.

17:25 Righteous Father, although the world {has} not known You, I know You, and [they] know that You sent Me.

17:26 And I have made Your name {known} to them and will continue to make [it] known, so that the love You have for Me may be in them, and I in them.”

18:1 [When] Jesus had spoken these [words], [He] went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where [they] entered a garden.

18:2 Now Judas, His betrayer, also knew the place, because Jesus {had} often met there with His disciples.

18:3 So Judas brought a band of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. They arrived [at the garden] [carrying] lanterns, torches, and weapons.

18:4 Jesus, knowing all that was coming upon Him, stepped forward and asked them, “Whom are you seeking?”

18:5 “Jesus of Nazareth,” they answered. [Jesus] said, “I am [He].” And Judas, His betrayer, was standing [there] with them.

18:6 When [Jesus] said, “I am [He],” they drew back and fell to [the] ground.

18:7 So He asked them again, “Whom are you seeking?” “Jesus of Nazareth,” they answered.

18:8 “I told you that I am [He],” Jesus replied. “So if you are looking for Me, let these [men] go.”

18:9 This was to fulfill the word He had spoken: “I have not lost one of those You have given Me.”

18:10 Then Simon Peter drew [his] sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus.

18:11 “Put [your] sword back in [its] sheath!” Jesus said to Peter. “Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given Me?”

18:12 Then the band of soldiers, [with] [its] commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him.

18:13 They brought [Him] first to Annas, who was [the] father-in-law of Caiaphas, [the] high priest [that] year.

18:14 Caiaphas was the [one] who had advised the Jews that it would be better if one man died for the people.

18:15 Now Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he also went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.

18:16 But Peter stood outside at the door. Then the disciple who was known to the high priest went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter [in].

18:17 At this, the servant girl watching the door said to Peter, “Aren’t you also [one] of this man’s disciples?” “I am not,” he answered.

18:18 Because it was cold, the servants and officers were standing around a charcoal fire they had made to keep warm. And Peter was also standing with them, warming himself.

18:19 Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching.

18:20 “I have spoken openly to the world,” Jesus answered. “I always taught in [the] synagogues and at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret.

18:21 Why are you asking Me? Ask those who heard My message. Surely they know what I said.”

18:22 [When] [Jesus] had said [this], one of the officers standing nearby slapped [Him] in the face [and] said, “{Is} this how You answer the high priest?”

18:23 Jesus replied, “If I said [something] wrong, testify to what was wrong. But if [I spoke] correctly, why did you strike Me?”

18:24 Then Annas sent Him, [ still ] bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

18:25 Simon Peter was still standing and warming himself. So they asked him, “Aren’t you also [one] of His disciples?” He denied [it] and said, “I am not.”

18:26 One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of [the man] whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Didn’t I see you with Him in the garden?”

18:27 Peter denied [it] once more, and immediately a rooster crowed.

18:28 Then they led Jesus away from Caiaphas into the Praetorium. By now it was early morning, and [the Jews] {did} not enter the Praetorium to avoid being defiled [and unable] to eat the Passover.

18:29 So Pilate went out to them and asked, “What accusation are you bringing against this man?”

18:30 “If He were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed Him over to you.”

18:31 “You take Him and judge Him by your [own] law,” Pilate told them. “We are not permitted to execute anyone,” the Jews replied.

18:32 This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to indicate the kind of death He was going to die.

18:33 Pilate went back into the Praetorium, summoned Jesus, and asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

18:34 “{Are} you saying this on your own,” Jesus asked, “or {did} others tell you about Me?”

18:35 “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your [own] people and chief priests handed You {over} to me. What have You done?”

18:36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world; if [it] were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now, My kingdom is not of this realm.�

18:37 “Then You are a king!” Pilate said. “You say that I am a king,” Jesus answered. “For this reason I was born and have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice.”

18:38 “What is truth?” Pilate asked. And having said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against Him.

18:39 But it is your custom that I release to you one [prisoner] at the Passover. So then, do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”

18:40 “Not this [man],” they shouted, “but Barabbas!” (Now Barabbas was an insurrectionist.)

19:1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had [Him] flogged.

19:2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns, put [it] on His head, and dressed Him in a purple robe.

19:3 And they went up to Him {again and again}, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and slapping Him in the face.

19:4 [Once] again Pilate came out and said to [the Jews], “Look, I am bringing Him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against Him.�

19:5 [When] Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, [Pilate] said to them, “[Here is] the man!”

19:6 As soon as the chief priests and officers saw Him, they shouted, “Crucify [Him]! Crucify [Him]!” “You take Him and crucify [Him],” Pilate replied, “for I find no basis for a charge against Him.”

19:7 “We have a law,” answered the Jews, “and according to [that] law He must die, because He declared Himself {to be} [the] Son of God.”

19:8 When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid,

19:9 and he went back into the Praetorium. “Where are You from?” he asked. But Jesus gave no answer.

19:10 So Pilate said to Him, “Do You refuse to speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?”

19:11 Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the [one who] handed Me over to you is {guilty of} greater sin.”

19:12 From then on, Pilate tried to release Him, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you release this [man], you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who declares himself a king is defying Caesar.�

19:13 [When] Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat on [the] judgment seat at a place called [the] Stone Pavement, [which] in Aramaic [is] Gabbatha.

19:14 It was the day of Preparation for the Passover, about the sixth hour. And [Pilate] said to the Jews, “Here is your King!”

19:15 At this, they shouted, “Away with Him! Away [with Him]! Crucify Him!” “Shall I crucify your King?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” replied the chief priests.

19:16 Then [Pilate] handed [Jesus] over to be crucified, [and] [the soldiers] took [Him] {away}.

19:17 Carrying [His] own cross, He went out to [The] Place of the Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

19:18 [There] they crucified Him, and with Him two others, [one] on each side, [with] Jesus in the middle.

19:19 Pilate also had a notice posted on the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

19:20 Many of the Jews read this sign, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, [and] Greek.

19:21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “{Do} not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but only that He said, ‘I am [the] King of the Jews.’�

19:22 Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

19:23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided His garments [into] four parts, [one] for each soldier, [with] the tunic [remaining]. [It] was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

19:24 So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it. Instead, let us cast lots to see who [will get] it.” This was to fulfill the Scripture: “They divided My garments among them, and cast lots for My clothing.” So that [is what] the soldiers did.

19:25 Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother and [her] sister, [as well as] Mary the [wife] of Clopas and Mary Magdalene.

19:26 [When] Jesus saw [His] mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to [His] mother, “Woman, here [is] your son.”

19:27 Then He said to the disciple, “Here [is] your mother.” So from that hour, [this] disciple took her into [his] [home].

19:28 After this, knowing that everything had now been accomplished, [and] to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

19:29 A jar of sour wine was sitting [there]. So they soaked a sponge [in the] wine, put [it] on a stalk of hyssop, [and] lifted it to [His] mouth.

19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished.” And bowing [His] head, He yielded up [His] spirit.

19:31 It was [the] day of Preparation, [and] [the next] day was a High Sabbath. In order that the bodies would not remain on the cross during the Sabbath, the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and [the bodies] removed.

19:32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first [man] who had been crucified with [Jesus], and [those] of the other.

19:33 But when they came to Jesus [and] saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

19:35 The [one who] saw [it] has testified to this, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling [the] truth, so that you also may believe.

19:36 Now these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of His bones will be broken.”

19:37 And, as another Scripture says: “They will look on the [One] they have pierced.”

19:38 Afterward, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus (but secretly for fear of the Jews), asked Pilate to let him remove the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed His body.

19:39 Nicodemus, who had previously come to [Jesus] at night, also brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

19:40 So they took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, according to [the] Jewish burial custom.

19:41 Now there was a garden in the place where [Jesus] was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

19:42 And because it was the Jewish day of Preparation [and] the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

20:1 Early [on] the first [day] of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the [entrance].

20:2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,” she said, “and we do not know where they have put Him!”

20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out for the tomb.

20:4 The two were running together, [but] the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

20:5 He bent down [and] looked in at the linen cloths lying [there], but he did not go in.

20:6 Simon Peter arrived just after him. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying [there].

20:7 The face cloth that had been around [Jesus’] head was rolled up, lying separate from the linen cloths.

20:8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in. And he saw and believed.

20:9 For they still did not understand from the Scripture that [Jesus] had to rise from [the] dead.

20:10 Then the disciples returned to their [homes].

20:11 But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. [And] as she wept, she bent down [to look] into the tomb,

20:12 and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and [the other] at the feet.

20:13 “Woman, why are you weeping?” they asked. “Because they have taken my Lord {away},” she said, “and I do not know where they have put Him.”

20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing [there]; [but] she did not recognize that it was Jesus.

20:15 “Woman, why are you weeping?” Jesus asked. “Whom are you seeking?” Thinking He was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried Him off, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him.”

20:16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned [and] said to Him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

20:17 “{Do} not cling to Me,” Jesus said, “for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go and tell My brothers, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.�”

20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!” And [she told them] [what] He had said to her.

20:19 It was the first day of [the] week, [and that] very evening, while the disciples were [together] with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them. �Peace [be] with you!� He said to them.

20:20 [After] He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Again Jesus said to them, “Peace [be] with you. As the Father has sent Me, so also I am sending you.”

20:22 [When] He had said this, He breathed on [them] and said, “Receive [the] Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you withhold [forgiveness] from anyone, it is withheld.”

20:24 Now Thomas called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with [the disciples] when Jesus came.

20:25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “Unless I see the nail marks in His hands, and put my finger [where] the nails [have been], and put my hand into His side, I will never believe.”

20:26 Eight days later, His disciples were once again inside [with] the doors locked, and Thomas [was] with them. Jesus came and stood among them and said, �Peace [be] with you.�

20:27 Then [Jesus] said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at My hands. Reach out your hand and put [it] into My side. Stop doubting and believe.�

20:28 Thomas replied, “My Lord and my God!”

20:29 Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed [are] those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

20:30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book.

20:31 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

21:1 Later, by the Sea of Tiberias, Jesus again revealed Himself to the disciples. He made [Himself] known in this way:

21:2 Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the [sons] of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

21:3 Simon Peter told them, “I am going fishing.” “We will go with you,” they said. [So] they went out and got into the boat, [but] caught nothing that night.

21:4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples {did} not recognize that it was Jesus.

21:5 So [He] called out to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” “No,” they answered.

21:6 He told them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find [some].” So they cast [it there], and they were unable to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

21:7 Then [the] disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on [his] outer garment (for he had removed it ) and jumped into the sea.

21:8 The other disciples came [ashore] in the boat. They dragged in the net full of fish, for they were not far from land, only about a hundred yards.

21:9 When they landed, they saw a charcoal fire there [with] fish on it, and [some] bread.

21:10 Jesus told them, “Bring [some] of the fish you have just caught.”

21:11 So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore. [It was] full of large fish, 153 {}, but even with so many, the net was not torn.

21:12 “Come, have breakfast,” Jesus said to them. None of the disciples dared to ask Him, “Who are You?” They knew it was the Lord.

21:13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave [it] to them, and [He did] the same with the fish.

21:14 This [was] now the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from [the] dead.

21:15 When they had finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon [son] of John, do you love Me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he answered, “You know I love You.” [Jesus] replied, “Feed My lambs.”

21:16 [Jesus] asked a second time, “Simon [son] of John, do you love Me?” “Yes, Lord,” he answered, “You know I love You.” [Jesus] told him, “Shepherd My sheep.”

21:17 [Jesus] asked a third time, “Simon [son] of John, do you love Me?” Peter was deeply hurt that [Jesus] had asked him a third time, “Do you love Me?” “Lord, You know all things,” he replied. “You know I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.

21:18 Truly, truly, I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and walked where you wanted; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead [you] where you do not want to go.�

21:19 [Jesus] said this to indicate [the kind of] death by which [Peter] would glorify God. And [after] He had said this, He told him, “Follow Me.”

21:20 Peter turned [and] saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following [them]. [He was the one] who had leaned back [against Jesus] at the supper to ask, “Lord, who is going to betray You?�

21:21 [When] [Peter] saw him, [he] asked, “Lord, what about [him]?”

21:22 Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain until I return, what [is that] to you? You follow Me!”

21:23 Because of this, the rumor spread among the brothers that this disciple {would} not die. However, Jesus did not say that he would not die, but only, “If I want him to remain until I return, what [is that] to you?�

21:24 This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who has written [them down]. And we know that his testimony is true.

21:25 There are many more things that Jesus did. If all of them were written down, I suppose that not even the world itself would have space for the books that would be written.