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²Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

³Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

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

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

⁵Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse,

⁶and Jesse the father of King David.

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¹The ^[a]record of the genealogy of ^[b]Jesus the ^[c]Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

²Abraham fathered Isaac, Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob fathered ^[d]Judah and his brothers. ³Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez fathered Hezron, and Hezron fathered ^[e]Ram.

⁴Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmon. ⁵Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab, Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth, and Obed fathered Jesse.

⁶Jesse fathered David the king.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,
7Solomon the father of Rehoboam,
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,
Abijah the father of Asa,
8Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,
Jehoram the father of Uzziah,
9Uzziah the father of Jotham,
Jotham the father of Ahaz,
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,
10Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,
Manasseh the father of Amon,
Amon the father of Josiah,
11and Josiah the father of Jeconiah ° and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.
12After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
13Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,
Abihud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,
14Azor the father of Zadok,

David fathered Solomon by [f]her *who had been the wife* of Uriah. 7Solomon fathered Rehoboam, Rehoboam fathered Abijah, and Abijah fathered [g]Asa. 8Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat fathered [h]Joram, and Joram fathered Uzziah. 9Uzziah fathered [i]Jotham, Jotham fathered Ahaz, and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah.
10Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, Manasseh fathered [j]Amon, and Amon fathered Josiah. 11Josiah fathered [k]Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

12After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah fathered [l]Shealtiel, and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel.

13Zerubbabel fathered [m]Abihud, Abihud fathered Eliakim, and Eliakim fathered Azor.

Zadok the father of Akim,
Akim the father of Elihud,
15Elihud the father of
Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of
Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob,
16and Jacob the father of
Joseph, the husband of
Mary, and Mary was the
mother of Jesus who is
called the Messiah.

17Thus there were
fourteen generations in all
from Abraham to David,
fourteen from David to the
exile to Babylon, and
fourteen from the exile to
the Messiah.

Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

18This is how the birth of
Jesus the Messiah came
about ^d: His mother Mary
was pledged to be married
to Joseph, but before they
came together, she was
found to be pregnant
through the Holy Spirit.
19Because Joseph her
husband was faithful to the
law, and yet ^e did not want to
expose her to public
disgrace, he had in mind to
divorce her quietly.

14Azor fathered Zadok,
Zadok fathered Achim, and
Achim fathered Eliud. **15**Eliud
fathered Eleazar, Eleazar
fathered Matthan, and
Matthan fathered Jacob.
16Jacob fathered Joseph the
husband of Mary, by whom
Jesus was born, who is
called the [n]Messiah.

17So all the generations from
Abraham to David are
fourteen generations; from
David to the deportation to
Babylon, fourteen
generations; and from the
deportation to Babylon to the
[o]Messiah, fourteen
generations.

Conception and Birth of Jesus

18Now the birth of Jesus the
[p]Messiah was as follows:
when His mother Mary had
been [q]betrothed to Joseph,
before they came together
she was found to be
pregnant by the Holy Spirit.
19And her husband Joseph,
since he was a righteous
man and did not want to
disgrace her, planned to
[r]send her away secretly.
20But when he had thought
this over, behold, an angel of
the Lord appeared to him in a

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, ^f because he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" ^g (which means "God with us").

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus

dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for [s] the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a Son; and you shall name Him Jesus, for [t] He will save His people from their sins." 22 Now all this [u] took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through [v] the prophet would be fulfilled: 23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL [w] CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM [x] IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." 24 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, 25 [y] but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he named Him Jesus.

Matthew 2

The Magi Visit the Messiah

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi ^a from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has

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The Visit of the Magi

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, [a] magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is He who has been

been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

3When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

4When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." b "

7Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child

born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." 3When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the [b]Messiah was to be born. 5They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written [c]by [d]the prophet:

6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR FROM YOU WILL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.' "

7Then Herod secretly called for the magi and determined from them the exact [e]time the star appeared. 8And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him."

9After hearing the king, they went on their way; and behold, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on ahead of them until it came to a stop over *the place* where the Child was *to be found*. 10When they saw the

was. **10**When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

11On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

12And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Escape to Egypt

13When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

14So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, **15**where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." ^c

star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and **[f]**worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12**And after being warned *by God* in a dream not to return to Herod, *the magi* left for their own country by another way.

The Escape to Egypt

13Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him."

14So **[g]**Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. **15**He **[h]**stayed there until the death of Herod; *this happened* so that what had been spoken by the Lord through **[i]**the prophet would be fulfilled: "OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON."

Herod Slaughters Babies

16When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

17Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18"A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

The Return to Nazareth

19After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt **20**and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

21So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. **22**But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go

16Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent *men* and killed all the boys who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity **17**who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

17Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

18"A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH, WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING, RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN; AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED, BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE."

19But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord **20***appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." **21**So **22**[k]Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. **22**But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was

there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

afraid to go there. Then after being warned *by God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, ²³and came and settled in a city called Nazareth. *This happened* so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: "He will be called a Nazarene."

Matthew 3

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'
" ^a

⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their

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The Preaching of John the Baptist

¹Now in those days John the Baptist ^[a]came, ^[b]preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven ^[c]is at hand." ³For this is the one referred to ^[d]by Isaiah the prophet when he said,

"THE VOICE OF ONE
^[e]CALLING ^[f]OUT IN THE
WILDERNESS,
'PREPARE THE WAY OF
THE LORD,
MAKE HIS PATHS
STRAIGHT!'" ⁴Now John

himself had ^[g]a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵At that time Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan; ⁶and they were being baptized by him in

sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

7But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

8Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 10The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11"I baptize you with ^b water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with ^c the Holy Spirit and fire.

12His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

7But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for [h]baptism, he said to them, "You [i]offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

8Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance; 9and do not assume that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father'; for I tell you that God is able, from these stones, to raise up children for Abraham.

10And the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit is being cut down and thrown into the fire.

11"As for me, I baptize you [j]with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you [k]with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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

The Baptism of Jesus

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. **14**But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

15Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

16As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17**And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 4

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

1Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted ^a by the devil. **2**After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3**The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

The Baptism of Jesus

13Then Jesus *arrived from Galilee at the Jordan, *coming* to John to be baptized by him. **14**But John tried to preventHim, saying, "I have *the* need to be baptized by You, and yet You are coming to me?" **15**But Jesus, answering, said to him, "Allow *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he *allowed Him. **16**After He was baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and [j]he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and [m]settling on Him, **17**and behold, a voice from the heavens said, "This is [n]My belovedSon, with whom I am well pleased."

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The Temptation of Jesus

1Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2**And after He had fasted for forty days and forty nights, He [a]then became hungry. **3**And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." **4**But He answered and said,

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'^b"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'^d"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'^e"

"It is written: 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

5 Then the devil *took Him along into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and he *said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written:

'HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS ORDERS CONCERNING YOU';

and

'ON *THEIR* HANDS THEY WILL LIFT YOU UP, SO THAT YOU DO NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"

7 Jesus said to him, "[b]On the other hand, it is written: 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

8 Again, the devil *took Him along to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; 9 and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and [c]worship me." 10 Then Jesus *said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND [d]SERVE HIM

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Jesus Begins to Preach

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.

13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—
16 the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.” ^f

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

ONLY.” 11 Then the devil*left Him; and behold, angels came and *began to serve* Him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; 13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. 14 *This happened* so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled:

15 “THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI,
[e] BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE [f] GENTILES—
16 THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.”

17 From that time Jesus began to [g] preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven [h] is at hand.”

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

18As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20At once they left their nets and followed him.

21Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Heals the Sick

23Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. 24News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed

The First Disciples

18Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19And He *said to them, “[j]Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people.” 20Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

21Going on from there He saw two other brothers, [j]James the son of Zebedee, and his brother [k]John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets; and He called them.

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

Ministry in Galilee

23Jesus was going about in all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the [j]gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

24And the news about Him spread throughout Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and severe pain, demon-possessed, people with epilepsy, and people who were paralyzed;

them. ²⁵Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, ⁹ Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

Matthew 5

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

and He healed them. ²⁵Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and *the* Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and Judea, and *from* beyond the Jordan.

Matthew 5

The Sermon on the Mount; The Beatitudes

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the ^[a]mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.²And He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying,

³"^[b]Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the ^[c]gentle, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in this same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Disciples and the World

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how [d] can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by people.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a [e] hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor do *people* light a lamp and put it under a [f] basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 Your light must shine

before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

The Fulfillment of the Law

17“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

17“Do not presume that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. 18For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not [g]the smallest letter or stroke of a letter shall pass from the Law, until all is accomplished! 19Therefore, whoever nullifies one of the least of these commandments, and teaches [h]others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever [i]keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20“For I say to you that unless your righteousness far surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Murder

21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder,'^a and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'

22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister^{b c} will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,'^d is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you,
24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Personal Relationships

21 "You have heard that [j]the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MURDER,' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be answerable to the court.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be answerable to the court; and whoever says to his brother, '[k]You good-for-nothing,' shall be answerable to [j]the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the [m]fiery hell. 23 Therefore, if you are presenting your [n]offering at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you,
24 leave your [o]offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your [p]offering. 25 [q]Come to good terms with your accuser quickly, while you are with him on the way to court, so that your accuser will not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will not be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last [r]quadrans.

Adultery

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’^e 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’; 28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 Now if your right eye is causing you to sin, tear it out and throw it away from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your *body*, [s] than for your whole body to be thrown into [t]hell. 30 And if your right hand is causing you to sin, cut it off and throw it away from you; for it is better for you [u] to lose one of the parts of your *body*, [v] than for your whole body to go into [w]hell.

Divorce

31 “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’^f 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

31 “Now it was said, ‘WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY IS TO GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE’; 32 but I say to you that everyone who [x] divorces his wife, except for *the* reason of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a [y] divorced woman commits adultery.

Oaths

33“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ 34But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. ^g

Eye for Eye

38“‘You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ^h 39But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. 40And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

33“Again, you have heard that [z]the ancients were told, ‘[aa]YOU SHALL NOT [ab]MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR [ac]VOWS TO THE LORD.’ 34But I say to you, take no oath at all, neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, nor [ad]by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING. 36Nor shall you take an oath by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. 37But make sure your statement is, ‘[ae]Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is [af]of evil *origin*.

38“‘You have heard that it was said, ‘EYE FOR EYE, and TOOTH FOR TOOTH.’ 39But I say to you, do not show opposition against an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other toward him also. 40And if anyone wants to sue you and take your [ag]tunic, let him have your [ah]cloak also. 41Whoever [ai]forces you to go one mile, go with him two. 42Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

Love for Enemies

43“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor ⁱ and hate your enemy.’ **44**But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45**that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **46**If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? **47**And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? **48**Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 6

Giving to the Needy

1“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by

43“You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’ **44**But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45**so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.**46**For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors, do they not do the same? **47**And if you greet only your brothers *and* sisters, what more are you doing *than* others? Even the Gentiles, do they not do the same? **48**Therefore you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 6

Charitable Giving to the Poor and Prayer

1“Take care not to practice your righteousness in the sight of people, to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

2“So when you [a]give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, so that they will

others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **3**But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **4**so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Prayer

5“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **6**But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. **7**And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. **8**Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

be praised by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. **3**But when you **[b]**give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **4**so that your charitable giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

5“And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they **[c]**will be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. **6**But as for you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what *is done* in secret will reward you.

7“And when you are praying, do not use thoughtless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. **8**So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

9“This, then, is how you should pray:

“ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

11Give us today our daily bread.

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

13And lead us not into temptation, ^a but deliver us from the evil one. ^b ’

14For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Fasting

16“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18so that it will not be

The Lord’s Prayer

9“Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father, who is in heaven,

[d]Hallowed be Your name.

10[e]Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

[f]On earth as it is in heaven.

11‘Give us this day [g]our daily bread.

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

13‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from [h]evil.[i]’

14For if you forgive *other* people for their

[j]offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15But if you do not

forgive *other* people, then your Father Will not forgive your [k]offenses.

Fasting; The True Treasure; Wealth

16“Now whenever you fast, do not make a gloomy face as the hypocrites *do*, for they [l]distort their faces so that they will be noticed by people when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 17But as for you, when you fast, [m]anoint your head and wash your face, 18so that your fasting

obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Treasures in Heaven

19“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20**But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, ^c your whole body will be full of light. **23**But if your eyes are unhealthy, ^d your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Do Not Worry

25“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,

will not be noticed by people but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

19“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20**But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; **21**for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22“The eye is the lamp of the body; so then, if your eye is ^[n]clear, your whole body will be full of light. **23**But if your eye is ^[o]bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and ^[p]wealth.

The Cure for Anxiety

25“For this reason I say to you, ^[q]do not be worried

what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **27** Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. **29** Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **30** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry

about your [r]life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather *crops* into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they? **27** And which of you by worrying can add a single [s]day to his [t]life’s span? **28** And why are you worried about clothing? Notice how the lilies of the field grow; they do not labor nor do they spin *thread for cloth*, **29** yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you? You of little faith! **31** Do not worry then, saying, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear for clothing?’ **32** For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But [u]seek first [v]His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be [w]provided to you.

about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 7

Judging Others

1“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. **2**For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?**4**How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? **5**You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

6“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

34“So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will **[x]**worry about itself. **[y]**Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 7

Judging Others

1“Do not **[a]**judge, so that you will not be judged. **2**For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and **[b]**by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. **3**Why do you look at the **[c]**speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? **4**Or how **[d]**can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the **[e]**speck out of your eye,’ and look, the log is in your own eye? **5**You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the **[f]**speck out of your brother’s eye!

6“Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Ask, Seek, Knock

7“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! 12So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

The Narrow and Wide Gates

13“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Prayer and the Golden Rule

7“[g]Ask, and it will be given to you; [h]seek, and you will find; [i]knock, and it will be opened to you. 8For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9Or what person is there among you [j]who, when his son asks for a loaf of bread, [k]will give him a stone? 10Or [l]if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? 11So if you, *despite* being [m]evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

12“In everything, therefore, [n]treat people the same way you want [o]them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The Narrow and Wide Gates

13“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

True and False Prophets

15“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

True and False Disciples

21“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ 23Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

A Tree and Its Fruit

15“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16You will [p]know them by their fruits. [q]Grapes are not gathered from thorn *bushes*, nor figs from thistles, are they? 17So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bears good fruit. 19Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20So then, you will [r]know them by their fruits.

21“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. 22Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many [s]miracles?’ 23And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’

The Wise and Foolish Builders

24“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25**The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. **26**But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. **27**The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

28When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, **29**because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

The Two Foundations

24“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and [t]acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25**And the rain fell and the [u]floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. **26**And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not [v]act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. **27**And the rain fell and the [w]floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and its collapse was great.”

28[x]When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; **29**for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Matthew 8

Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

¹When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. ²A man with leprosy ^a came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

³Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. **“I am willing,”** he said. **“Be clean!”** Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. ⁴Then Jesus said to him, **“See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”**

The Faith of the Centurion

⁵When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. ⁶“Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

⁷Jesus said to him, **“Shall I come and heal him?”**

⁸The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to

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¹When ^[a]Jesus came down from the mountain, ^[b]large crowds followed Him. ²And a man with ^[c]leprosy came to Him and ^[d]bowed down before Him, and said, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” ³^[e]Jesus reached out with His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus*⁵said to him, “See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the ^[f]offering that Moses Commanded, as a testimony to them.”

The Centurion’s Faith

⁵And when ^[g]Jesus entered Capernaum, a ^[h]centurion came to Him, begging Him, ⁶and saying, “^[i]Lord, my ^[j]servant is lying paralyzed at home, terribly tormented.”

⁷Jesus *⁸said to him, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸But the centurion replied, “^[k]Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just ^[l]say the word, and my ^[m]servant will be healed. ⁹For

have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. **9**For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

10When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. **11**I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. **12**But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

13Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

Jesus Heals Many

14When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. **15**He touched her hand and the

I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." **10**Now when Jesus heard *this*, He was amazed and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith [n]with anyone in Israel. **11**And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and [o]recline *at the table* with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; **12**but the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **13**And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; [p]it shall be done for you as you have believed." And the [q]servant was healed at that very [r]moment.

Peter's Mother-in-law and Many Others Healed

14When Jesus came into Peter's [s]home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever. **15**And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and [t]waited on Him. **16**Now

fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.

16 When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.

17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.” ^b

The Cost of Following Jesus

18 When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. 19 Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”

20 Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

21 Another disciple said to him, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

22 But Jesus told him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

when evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. 17 *This happened* so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled: “HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR ILLNESSES AND [u]CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES.”

Discipleship Tested

18 Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave orders to depart to the other side *of the sea*. 19 Then a scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.” 20 And Jesus *said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the sky *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

21 And another of the disciples said to Him, “Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.” 22 But Jesus *said to him, “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

Jesus Calms the Storm

23Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. **24**Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. **25**The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

26He replied, "**You of little faith, why are you so afraid?**" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

27The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Jesus Restores Two Demon-Possessed Men

28When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, ^c two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. **29**"What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"

Jesus Calms the Storm

23When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

24And behold, a **[v]**violent storm developed on the sea, so that the boat was being covered by the waves; but *Jesus* Himself was asleep.

25And they came to *Him* and woke Him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing!" **26**He **said* to them, "Why are you

[w]afraid, you men of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and **[x]**it became perfectly calm. **27**The men were amazed, and said, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Jesus Sends Demons into Pigs

28And when He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men confronted Him as they were coming out of the tombs. *They were* so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way. **29**And they cried out, saying, "**[y]**What business do You have with us, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before **[z]**the time?" **30**Now

30 Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. 31 The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs."

32 He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. 33 Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men.

34 Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

there was a herd of many pigs feeding at a distance from them. 31 And the demons begged Him, saying, "If You *are going to* cast us out, send us into the herd of pigs." 32 And He said to them, "Go!" And they came out and went into the pigs; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and [aa]drowned in the waters. 33 And the herdsmen ran away, and went to the city and reported everything, [ab]including what had happened to the demon-possessed men.

34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they pleaded with Him to leave their region.

Matthew 9

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

1 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town.

2 Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

Matthew 9

A Paralyzed Man Healed

1 Getting into a boat, *Jesus* crossed over *the Sea of Galilee* and came to His own city.

2 And they brought to Him a paralyzed man lying on a stretcher. And seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man who was paralyzed, "Take courage, [a]son; your sins are forgiven." 3 And some of the

3At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!”

4Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “**Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? **5**Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? **6**But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.**” So he said to the paralyzed man, “**Get up, take your mat and go home.**” **7**Then the man got up and went home. **8**When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

The Calling of Matthew

9As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “**Follow me,**” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

10While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. **11**When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your

scribes said **[b]**to themselves, “This man is blaspheming!”

4And Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? **5**For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? **6**But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—then He ***said** to the paralyzed man, “Get up, pick up your stretcher and go home.” **7**And he got up and **[c]**went home. **8**But when the crowds saw *this*, they were **[d]**awestruck, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Matthew Called

9As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting in the tax collector’s office; and He ***said** to him, “Follow Me!” And he got up and followed Him.

10Then it happened that as **[e]**Jesus was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold, many tax collectors and **[f]**sinners come and *began* dining with Jesus and His disciples. **11**And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, “Why is your Teacher eating with the tax

teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

12On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’^a For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Jesus Questioned About Fasting

14Then John’s disciples came and asked him, “How is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?”

15Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

16“**No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse.** 17**Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.**”

collectors and sinners?”

12But when *Jesus* heard *this*, He said, “*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. 13Now go and learn [g]what this means: ‘I DESIRE[h] COMPASSION, [j]RATHER THAN SACRIFICE,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

The Question about Fasting

14Then the disciples of John *came to Him, asking, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?” 15And Jesus said to them, “The [j]attendants of the groom cannot mourn as long as the groom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the groom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. 16But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for [k]the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results. 17Nor do *people* put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

18 While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." **19** Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

20 Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. **21** She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

22 Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

23 When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, **24** he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. **25** After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. **26** News of this spread through all that region.

Miracles of Healing

18 While He was saying these things to them, behold, **[i]** a *synagogue* **[m]** official came and **[n]** bowed down before Him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will become alive again."

19 Jesus got up from *the table* and *began to* accompany him, along with His disciples.

20 And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind Him, and touched the **[o]** border of His **[p]** cloak; **21** for she was **[q]** saying **[r]** to herself, "If I only touch His cloak, I will **[s]** get well." **22** But Jesus, turning and seeing her, said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has **[t]** made you well." And **[u]** at once the woman was **[v]** made well.

23 When Jesus came into the **[w]** official's house and saw the flute players and the crowd in noisy disorder, **24** He said, "Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep." And they *began* laughing at Him. **25** But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl **[x]** got up. **26** And this news spread throughout that land.

Jesus Heals the Blind and the Mute

27As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

28When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

29Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; **30**and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." **31**But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

32While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. **33**And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

27As Jesus went on from there, two men who were blind followed Him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" **28**And after He entered the house, the men who were blind came up to Him, and Jesus *said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They *said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

29Then He touched their eyes, saying, "[y]It shall be done for you according to your faith." **30**And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows about this!" **31**But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout that land.

32And as they were going out, behold, a demon-possessed man who was unable to speak [z]was brought to Him.

33And after the demon was cast out, the man who was *previously* unable to speak talked; and the crowds were amazed, *and were* saying, "Nothing like this has ever [aa]been seen in Israel." **34**But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

34 But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."

The Workers Are Few

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, "**The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.**"

35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

36 Seeing the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were **[ab]**distressed and downcast, like sheep **[ac]**without a shepherd. **37** Then He *said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. **38** Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Matthew 10

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Matthew 10

The Twelve Disciples; Instructions for Service

1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and

2These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

5These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. 6Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. 7As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

9"Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— 10no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. 11Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. 12As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. 14If anyone will not

to heal every disease and every sickness.

2Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; and [a]James the son of Zebedee, and his brother [b]John; 3Philip and [c]Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; [d]James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4Simon the [e]Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who also betrayed Him.

5These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying, "Do not go on a road [f]to Gentiles, and do not enter a city of Samaritans; 6but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7And as you go, [g]preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven [h]has come near.' 8Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse those with leprosy, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. 9Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, 10or a [i]bag for *your* journey, or even two [j]tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is deserving of his [k]support. 11And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay [l]at his house until you leave *that* city. 12As you enter the [m]house, give it your [n]greeting. 13If the

welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. **15** Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

16 "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. **17** Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. **18** On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. **19** But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, **20** for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

21 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will

house is worthy, see *that* your *blessing of peace* comes upon it. But if it is not worthy, [o]take back your *blessing of peace*. **14** And whoever does not receive you nor listen to your words, as you leave that house or city, shake the dust off your feet. **15** Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for *the* land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment, than for that city.

A Hard Road Ahead of Them

16 "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be as wary as serpents, and as innocent as doves. **17** But be on guard against people, for they will hand you over to *the* courts and flog you in their synagogues; **18** and you will even be brought before governors and kings on My account, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. **19** But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given you in that hour. **20** For it is not you who are speaking, but *it is* the Spirit of your Father who is speaking [p] in you.

21 "Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father

rebel against their parents and have them put to death.

22 You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 23 When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

his child; and children will rise up against parents and [q]cause them to be put to death. 22 And you will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

23 "But whenever they persecute you in [r]one city, flee to the [s]next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish *going through the cities of Israel* until the Son of Man comes.

The Meaning of Discipleship

24 "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

24 "A [t]disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he may become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house [u]Beelzebul, how much more *will they insult* the members of his household!

26 "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. 27 What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. 28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather,

26 "So do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27 What I tell you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in your ear, proclaim on the housetops. 28 And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who

be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. 30And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

32"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. 33But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

34"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35For I have come to turn

" 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— 36a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' °

37"Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy

is able to destroy both soul and body in [v]hell. 29Are two sparrows not sold for an [w]assarion? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30But even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31So do not fear; you are more valuable than a great number of sparrows.

32"Therefore, everyone who [x]confesses Me before people, I will also confess [y]him before My Father who is in heaven.33But whoever denies Me before people, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

34"Do not think that I came to [z]bring peace on the earth; I did not come to [aa]bring peace, but a sword. 35For I came to TURN A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINSTHER MOTHER-IN-LAW; 36and A PERSON'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

37"The one who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and the one who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38And the one who does not take his cross and follow after Me is

of me. **39**Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

40“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. **41**Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. **42**And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

Matthew 11

Jesus and John the Baptist

1After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. ^a

2When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples **3**to ask

not worthy of Me. **39**The one who has found his [ab]life will lose it, and the one who has lost his [ac]life on My account will find it.

The Reward for Service

40“The one who [ad]receives you [ae]receives Me, and the one who [af]receives Me [ag]receives Him who sent Me. **41**The one who [ah]receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and the one who [ai]receives a righteous person in the name of a righteous person shall receive a righteous person’s reward. **42**And whoever gives one of these [aj]little ones just a cup of cold *water* to drink in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Matthew 11

John’s Questions

1When Jesus had finished [a]giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He went on from there to teach and [b]preach in their cities.

2Now *while* in prison, John heard about the works of Christ, and he sent *word* by his disciples, **3**and said to

him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

4 Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy ^b are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 6 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written:

" 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ^c

11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet

Him, "Are You the Coming One, or are we to [c]look for someone else?" 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: 5 *those who are BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and those who limp walk, those with leprosy are cleansed and those who are deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the POOR HAVE THE [d]GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.* 6 And blessed is [e]any person who does not [f]take offense at Me."

Jesus' Tribute to John

7 As these *disciples of John* were going away, Jesus began speaking to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 [g]But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft *clothing*? Those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' [h]palaces! 9 [i]But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and *one who is* more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it [j]is written:

'BEHOLD, I AM SENDING MY MESSENGER [k]AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.' 11 Truly I say to

whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. **12**From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, ^d and violent people have been raiding it. **13**For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. **14**And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. **15**Whoever has ears, let them hear.

16“To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

17“ ‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

18For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ **19**The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. **12**And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has been treated violently, and violent men take it by force. **13**For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. **14**And if you are willing to accept *it*, *John* himself is Elijah who ^[j]was to come. **15**The one who has ears to hear, ^[m]let him hear.

16“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces, who call out to the other children, **17**and say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a song of mourning, and you did not ^[n]mourn.’ **18**For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon!’ **19**The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a ^[o]heavy drinker, a friend of tax collectors and ^[p]sinners!’ And yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

Woe on Unrepentant Towns

20 Then Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent.

21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. **22** But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

23 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. ^e For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. **24** But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

The Father Revealed in the Son

25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. **26** Yes,

The Unrepenting Cities

20 Then He began to reprimand the cities in which most of His [q]miracles were done, because they did not repent. **21** “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the [r]miracles that occurred in you had occurred in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in [s]sackcloth and ashes.

22 Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on *the* day of judgment than for you. **23** And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades! For if the [t]miracles that occurred in you had occurred in Sodom, it would have remained to this day.

24 Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on *the* day of judgment, than for you.”

Come to Me

25[u] At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent, and have revealed them to infants. **26** Yes, Father, for this way was well pleasing in

Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

27“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30**For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Your sight. **27**All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son determines to reveal *Him*.

28“Come to Me, all [v]who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29**Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND [w]REST FOR YOUR SOULS. **30**For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light.”

Matthew 12

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

1At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. **2**When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.”

3He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his

Matthew 12

Sabbath Questions

1[a]At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of *grain* and eat. **2**Now when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath!” **3**But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions— **4**how he entered the house of God,

companions were hungry?
4He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests.
5Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? 6I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. 7If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,'^a you would not have condemned the innocent.

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

9Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, 10and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”

11He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out?
12How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

and they ate the [b]consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? 5Or have you not read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple [c]violate the Sabbath, and yet are innocent? 6But I say to you that *something* greater than the temple is here. 7But if you had known what this [d]means: 'I DESIRE [e]COMPASSION, [f]RATHER THAN SACRIFICE,' you would not have condemned [g]the innocent.

Lord of the Sabbath

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

9Departing from there, He went into their synagogue. 10And a man *was there* whose hand was withered. And they questioned [h]Jesus, asking, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might bring charges against Him. 11But He said to them, “What man [i]is there among you who [j]has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? 12How much more valuable then is a person than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do [k]good on the Sabbath.”
13Then He *said to the man, “Stretch out your hand!” He

13 Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. 14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

God’s Chosen Servant

15 Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. 16 He warned them not to tell others about him. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

18 “Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

19 He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory.

21 In his name the nations will put their hope.”^b

stretched it out, and it was restored to [n]normal, like the other. 14 But the Pharisees went out and [m]conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

15 But Jesus, [n]aware of *this*, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all, 16 and warned them not to [o]tell who He was.

17 *This happened* so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled:

18 “BEHOLD, MY
[p]SERVANT WHOM I
[q]HAVE CHOSEN;
MY BELOVED IN WHOM
MY SOUL [r]DELIGHTS;
I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT
UPON HIM, AND HE
WILL PROCLAIM
[s]JUSTICE TO THE
[t]GENTILES.

19 “HE WILL NOT
QUARREL, NOR CRY
OUT; NOR WILL ANYONE
HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE
STREETS.

20 “A BENT REED HE
WILL NOT BREAK OFF,
AND A DIMLY BURNING
WICK HE WILL NOT
EXTINGUISH,
UNTIL HE [u]LEADS
[v]JUSTICE TO VICTORY.

21 “AND IN HIS NAME
THE [w]GENTILES WILL
HOPE.”

Jesus and Beelzebul

22 Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. 23 All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."

25 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? 27 And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. 28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

29 "Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his

The Pharisees Rebuked

22 Then a demon-possessed man *who was* blind and unable to speak was brought to [x] Jesus, and He healed him so that the man who was unable to speak talked and [y] could see. 23 And all the crowds were amazed and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, "This man casts out demons only by [z] Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."

25 And knowing their thoughts, *Jesus* said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and no city or house divided against itself will stand.

26 And if Satan is casting out Satan, he [aa] has become divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?

27 And if by [ab] Beelzebul I cast out the demons, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore, they will be your judges. 28 But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

29 Or, how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first ties up the strong

possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

30“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. **31**And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. **32**Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

33“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. **34**You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. **35**A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. **36**But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have

man? And then he will plunder his house.

The Unpardonable Sin

30The one who is not with Me is against Me; and the one who does not gather with Me scatters.

31“Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. **32**And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Words Reveal Character

33“Either [ac]assume the tree *to be* good as well as its fruit good, or [ad]assume the tree *to be* bad as well as its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. **34**You [ae]offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, express *any* good things? For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart. **35**The good person brings out of *his* good treasure good things; and the evil person brings out of *his* evil treasure evil things. **36**But I tell you that *for* every [af]careless word that people [ag]speak, they will give an

spoken. **37**For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

The Sign of Jonah

38Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.”

39He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. **40**For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. **41**The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here. **42**The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.

43“When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it

account of it on *the* day of judgment. **37**For [ah]by your words you will be justified, and [ai]by your words you will be condemned.”

The Desire for Signs

38Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, “Teacher, we want to see a [aj]sign from You.” **39**But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation craves a [ak]sign; and so no [al]sign will be given to it except the [am]sign of Jonah the prophet; **40**for just as JONAH WAS IN THE STOMACH OF THE SEA MONSTER FOR THREE DAYSAND THREE NIGHTS, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.

41The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, *something* greater than Jonah is here. **42***The* Queen of *the* South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, *something* greater than Solomon is here.

43“Now when the unclean spirit comes out of a person,

goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. 44Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order.45Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

46While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. 47Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

48He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" 49Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. 50For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find *it*. 44Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'; and when it comes, it finds *it* unoccupied, swept, and put in order. 45Then it goes and brings along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they come in and live there; and the last *condition* of that person becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation."

Changed Relationships

46While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. 47[[an]Someone said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak to You."48But [ao]Jesus replied to the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother, and who are My brothers?" 49And extending His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold: My mother and My brothers! 50For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother, and sister, and mother."

Matthew 13

The Parable of the Sower

1That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. **2**Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. **3**Then he told them many things in parables, saying: **"A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4**As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5**Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6**But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7**Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. **8**Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. **9**Whoever has ears, let them hear."**

Matthew 13

Jesus Teaches in Parables

1On that day Jesus had gone out of the house and was sitting by the sea. **2**And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.

3And He told them many things in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow; **4**and as he sowed, some *seeds fell* beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. **5**Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and they sprang up immediately, because they had no depth of soil. **6**But after the sun rose, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. **7**Others fell **[a]**among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choke them out. **8**But others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty *times as much*. **9**The one who has ears, **[b]**let him hear."

10The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

11He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 13This is why I speak to them in parables:

"Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

14In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

" 'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

15For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' "

An Explanation for Parables

10And the disciples came up and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11And [c]Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. 12For whoever has, to him *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. 13Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14And [d]in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,

'[e]YOU SHALL KEEP ON LISTENING, [f]BUT SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND; AND

[g]YOU SHALL KEEP ON LOOKING, [h]BUT SHALL NOT PERCEIVE; 15FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART, AND RETURN, AND I

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

17For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

18“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the

WOULD HEAL THEM.’

16But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. 17For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.

The Sower Explained

18“Listen then to the parable of the sower. 19When anyone hears the [j]word of the kingdom and does not understand *it*, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one sown *with seed* beside the road. 20The one sown *with seed* on the rocky places, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution occurs because of the [j]word, immediately he [k]falls away. 22And the one sown *with seed* among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word, and the anxiety of the [j]world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it [m]becomes unfruitful. 23But

word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

The Parable of the Weeds

24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. **25** But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. **26** When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

28 “ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

29 “ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and

the one sown *with seed* on the good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces, some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty *times as much*.”

Weeds among Wheat

24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven ^[n]is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. **25** But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed ^[o]weeds among the wheat, and left. **26** And when the ^[p]wheat sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also became evident.

27 And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? ^[q]How then does it have weeds?’ **28** And he said to them, ‘^[r]An enemy has done this!’ The slaves *said to him, ‘Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?’ **29** But he *said, ‘No; while you are gathering up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. **30** Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat

tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’ ”

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

31 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds ^b of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. 35 So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.” ^c

into my barn.’ ”

The Mustard Seed

31 He presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a person took and sowed in his field; 32 and this is smaller than all the *other* seeds, but when it is *fully* grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that THE BIRDS OF THE SKY come and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES.”

The Leaven

33 He spoke another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like [s]leaven, which a woman took and hid in three [t]saga of flour until it was all leavened.”

34 All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak anything to them without a parable. 35 *This was* so that what was spoken through the prophet would be [u]fulfilled:

“I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES;
I WILL PROCLAIM THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.”

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

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

37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. **38** The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, **39** and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. **41** The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. **42** They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

The Weeds Explained

36 Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the [v]weeds of the field." **37** And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, **38** and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the weeds are the sons of the evil one; **39** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the [w]end of the age; and the reapers are angels. **40** So just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the [x]end of the age. **41** The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom [y]all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, **42** and they will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH LIKE THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. The one who has ears, [z]let him hear.

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

47 “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

Hidden Treasure

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid *again*; and from [aa]joy over *it* he goes and sells everything that he has, and buys that field.

A Costly Pearl

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold everything that he had and bought it

A Dragnet

47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered *fish* of every kind; 48 and when it was filled, they pulled it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good *fish* into containers, but the bad they threw away. 49 So it will be at the [ab]end of the age: the angels will come forth and remove the wicked from among the righteous, 50 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 “Have you understood all these things?” They *said to Him, “Yes.” 52 And [ac]Jesus said to them, “Therefore

“Yes,” they replied.

52He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

A Prophet Without Honor

53When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. **54**Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. **55**“Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? **56**Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” **57**And they took offense at him.

But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.”

58And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure new things and old.”

Jesus Revisits Nazareth

53When Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there. **54**And He came to [ad]His hometown and *began teaching* them in their synagogue, with the result that they were astonished, and said, “Where *did* this man *acquire* this wisdom and *these* [ae]miraculous powers? **55**Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is His mother not called Mary, and His brothers, James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? **56**And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then *did* this man *acquire all* these things?” **57**And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not dishonored except in his [af]hometown and in his *own* household.” **58**And He did not do many [ag]miracles there because of their unbelief.
