## According to Mark

Mark 1:1-20

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus the anointed. Just as it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "See, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way; a voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Make ready the way of the Lord, 5 make straight his paths," John was, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of conversion for the release of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the Jerusalemites were going out to him, and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with 10 camel's hair and a leather belt around his loins, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, saying, "The one stronger than me is coming after me, of whom I am not competent to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I baptized you with water; he will baptize you in the holy spirit." 15 And it was in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of the Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. And immediately as he was coming up from the water, he saw the heavens tearing and the spirit like a dove coming down to him. And a voice was from the heavens, "You are my Son, the 20 Beloved; in you I am well pleased." And immediately the spirit drives him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by the satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels served him. After the handing over of John, Jesus came into the Galilee, proclaiming the good news of 25 God and saying, "The time has been completed and the kingdom of God is at hand; convert and believe in the good news." And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting in the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Come here after me and I 30 will make you become fishermen of people." And immediately leaving their nets they followed him. And going forward a little, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, and

they were in the boat mending the nets, and immediately

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1 he called them. And leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, they followed after him. They entered into Capernaum, and immediately on the sabbath he entered into the synagogue and taught. And they were amazed at his 5 teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he shrieked, saying, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." And 10 Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silenced, and come out from him!" And attacking him and screaming with a loud voice, the unclean spirit came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned one another, saying, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! And he orders the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And the word of it went out immediately everywhere in the whole region around the Galilee. And immediately upon leaving the synagogue they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying down with a fever, and 20 immediately they told him about her. And he came and raised her, taking her by the hand; and the fever left her, and she served them. When evening came—when the sun had set they brought to him all who were sick or demon-possessed. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he 25 cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. Early in the day, while it was still very dark, rising he went out and departed to a wilderness place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those with him 30 pursued him, and finding him, they say to him, "Everyone is seeking you." And he says to them, "Let us go elsewhere into the neighboring villages, so that I may proclaim there also; for I came out for this." And he went proclaiming into their synagogues in all the Galilee and casting out demons.

Mark 1:40-2:14

1 And a leper comes towards him imploring him and kneeling and saying to him, "If you choose, you can cleanse me." And moved with pity, stretching out his hand he touched and says to him, "I choose; be cleansed!" And immediately the leprosy departed 5 from him, and he was cleansed. And admonishing him immediately he drove him out and says to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and bring for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a witness to them." But going out he began to proclaim freely and to spread 10 the word, so that he could no longer enter into a town openly, but was out in the wilderness places; and they came to him from everywhere. And entering back into Capernaum after some days, it became known that he is in the house. And many gathered so that there was no longer any room, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. And they come bearing to him a paralyzed man, taken up by four. And unable to bring to him because of the crowd, they unroofed the roof where he was; and after digging they lower the mattress where the paralytic was lying. And Jesus, seeing their faith, says to the paralytic, "Child, 20 your sins are released." Now some of the scribes were there, sitting and considering in their hearts, "Why does this man speak in this way? He blasphemes; who is able to release sins but the one God?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they were pondering in this way among themselves, says to them, 25 "Why do you ponder these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are released,' or to say, Rise and take up your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to release sins on earth"—he says to the paralytic— "I say to you, rise, take up your mat and go to your 30 home." And he arose, and immediately took up the mat and went out before all, so that they were all astounded and praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" And he went out again alongside the sea, and all the crowd came toward him, and

he taught them. And as he was passing by, he saw Levi (or James)

Mark 2:14-3:1

1 son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he says to him, "Follow me." And rising, he followed him. And he is reclining for a meal in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many, and they followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, seeing that he eats with sinners and tax collectors, were saying to his disciples, "He eats with tax collectors and sinners." And having heard, Jesus says to them, "The healthy do not have need of a doctor, but those who are sick; I have not come to call the 10 righteous but sinners." And John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they come and say to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "The sons of the bridal chamber cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can 15 they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. No one sews a patch of unshrunken cloth on an old garment; otherwise, the fullness takes up from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear 20 occurs. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the wineskins; but new wine into new wineskins." One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and his disciples began to make the way picking heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to 25 him, "Look, why are they doing what is not permitted on the sabbath?" And he says to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and those with him had need and hungered, how he entered into the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the loaves of the Presence, which it is not permitted to eat except for the priests, and also he gave to those 30 who were with him?" And he said to them, "The sabbath was made for the person, and not the person for the sabbath; for this reason the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." And he entered again into the synagogue. And a man was there who had

1 a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he will cure him on the sabbath, so that they might denounce him. And he says to the man having the withered hand, "Rise to the middle." And he says to them, "Is it permitted on the sabbath to do good or 5 to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. And looking around at them with anger, grieved at the hardness of their hearts, he says to the man, "Stretch out the hand." And he stretched out his hand and it was restored. And going out, the Pharisees immediately gave council with the Herodians against 10 him, how they would kill him. And Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from the Galilee followed him, and from Judea and from Jerusalem and from the Idumea and on the other side of the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon a great multitude, hearing what he was doing, came toward 15 him. And he spoke to his disciples so that a small boat would be ready for him because of the crowd, lest they press upon him; for he had healed many, so that whoever had diseases fell upon him so that they might touch him. And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, fell down before him and shrieked, saying, "You are 20 the Son of God!" And he censured them strongly so that they would not make him manifest. He went up to the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he made twelve, whom he also named apostles, so that they would be with him, and so that he could send them out to 25 proclaim and to have authority to cast out demons. And he made the twelve and gave the name "Rock" to Simon, and James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, and to them he gave the names "Boanerges," that is, "sons of thunder"; and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and 30 Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanean, and Judas Iscariot, who handed him over. And he comes home; and the crowd comes together again, so that it was not possible for them any longer to eat bread. And when

his family (or friends?) heard it, they went out to take control of

Mark 3:21-4:7

him, for they were saying, "He has lost his senses." But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said that "He has Beelzebul," and that "by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And summoning them, he spoke to them in parables: "How is Satan able to cast out Satan? And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom is not able to stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if the satan rose up against himself and was divided, he is not able to stand, but has an end. But no one is able, having entered a strong 10 man's house, to plunder his property unless first he binds the strong man; and then he will plunder the house. Truly I say you, all the sins and all the blasphemies that might be blasphemed will be released for the sons of men; but whoever blasphemes against the holy spirit does not have release for the ages, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." And his mother comes and his brothers; and standing outside, they sent out to him, calling him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they say to him, "Look, your mother and your brothers and your sisters outside are seeking you." And answering them he 20 says, "Who is my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in a circle around him, he says, "Look—my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, this one is my brother and sister and mother." And again he began to teach alongside the sea. And the largest crowd gathers around him, so 25 that having embarked in a boat he sits on the sea, and all the crowd was beside the sea on the land. And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he was saying to them: "Listen! See, the sower went out to sow. And it happened in the sowing that some seed fell alongside the way, and the birds 30 came and ate it up. And other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much earth, and it sprang up immediately, since it did not have depth of soil; and when the sun rose, it was burned up; and since it did not have root, it was dried up. And other seed fell into the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it

1 did not produce fruit. And other seeds fell into the good earth and produced fruit, coming up and increasing and bearing thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." And he said, "He who has ears to hear, hear!" And when he was alone, those around 5 him together with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables, so that 'those looking may look, and not see, and those hearing may hear, and not understand, lest they turn around and it be released 10 for them." And he says to them, "Do you not know this parable, and how will you understand any of the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones alongside the way: wherever the word is sown and whoever hears, the satan immediately comes and seizes the word sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: those who hear the word and immediately receive it with joy, and do not have roots in themselves, but are short-lived; then, when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they are led into sin. Others are those sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the 20 word, but the anxieties of the present age, and the deception of wealth, and the cravings for the other things come in and choke the word, and it becomes fruitless. And those are the ones sown on the good earth, those who hear the word and receive and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." And he said to 25 them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not so that it might be placed on the lampstand? For it is not hidden, except to be made manifest; nor is anything made hidden but to come to manifestation. If one has ears to hear, hear!" And he said to them, "Consider what you 30 hear. By the measure you measure, it will be measured to you and added to you. For to the one who has it will be given, and from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him." And he said, "With regard to the kingdom of God, it is as if a man would cast the seed on the earth, and would

Mark 4:27-5:5

sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow long, he does not know how. The earth bears fruit by itself, first the grass, then the head, then the full grain in the head. Then when the fruit permits, immediately he sends out the sickle, because the harvest time has come." And he said, "How shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable should we propose for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown on the earth, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; and when it is sown it comes up and becomes the greatest of all herbs, and makes large branches, so that the birds of the air can roost in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear; he did not speak to them except in parables, but privately he explained everything to his own disciples. And he says to them on that day, when evening had come, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was, and other boats were with him. And a great windstorm begins, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. And they wake him and say to 20 him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And having been awakened he rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Silence! Be muzzled!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you timid? Do you not yet have faith?" And they were profoundly frightened and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" And they came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. And when he came out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit accosted him, who made his dwelling among the tombs; and not 30 even with a chain could anyone any longer bind him, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but the chains were torn apart by him, and the shackles were shattered; and no one was strong enough to tame him; and continually night and day

among the tombs and in the mountains he was shrieking and

Mark 5:5-24

1 cutting himself up with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and prostrated himself before him; and shrieking with a great cry he says, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you by God, do not torture 5 me!" For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, the unclean spirit!" And he asked him, "What is your name?" And he says to him, "My name is Legion, for we are many." And he implored him earnestly so that he would not send them out of the region. Now there on the hillside a large herd of pigs was grazing; 10 and they implored him, saying, "Send us into the pigs, so that we might enter them." And he permitted them. And the unclean spirits came out and entered into the pigs; and the herd, about two thousand, rushed down the cliff into the sea, and were drowned in the sea. And those herding them fled and reported it in the city and among the farms; and they came to see what it is that had happened, and they come to Jesus and see the demonpossessed man sitting, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion and they were frightened. And those who had seen what had happened to the demon-possessed man and 20 concerning the pigs described it to them. And they began to implore him to depart from their region. And as he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons implored him that he might be with him. And Jesus did not release him, but says to him, "Go to your home to yours, and 25 report to them how much the Lord has done for you, and how much he has shown mercy to you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus did for him; and everyone was amazed. And after Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he 30 was alongside the sea. And one of the synagogue leaders named Jairus comes and seeing him falls at his feet and implores him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come so that you might lay the hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him. And a large crowd follow-

Mark 5:24-6:1

ed him and pressed in on him. And a woman is hemorrhaging for twelve years and suffering much under many healers and had spent all that she had and had gained nothing but rather was worse off, and having heard about Jesus and having come up from behind in the crowd touched his cloak; for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." And immediately the spring of her blood dried up; and she knew in body that she had been healed of her scourge. And immediately Jesus, knowing within himself that power had gone forth from him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you, and you say, 'Who touched me?" And he looked all around to see who had done this. Now the woman, frightened and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell before him, and told him the whole truth. So he said to her, "Daughter, your belief has made you well; go in peace, and be healed from your scourge." While he was still speaking, they came from the synagogue leader's saying, "Your daughter has died. Why still trouble the teacher?" But Jesus, overhearing the news they were speaking, 20 says to the synagogue leader, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow together with him except the Rock and James and John the brother of James. And they come into the house of the synagogue leader, and he sees a commotion, and weeping and much keening, and entering he says to them, "Why 25 do you make a commotion and weep? The child has not died but sleeps." And they laughed at him. Then he cast them all out, and took the father of the child and the mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. And seizing the child's hand he says to her, "Talitha cum," which is translated, "Girl, I say 30 to you, rise!" And immediately the girl arose and walked about; for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were profoundly astonished. And he ordered them strongly that no one should know this, and said to give her something to eat. And he went out from there and comes to his home town, and his

1 disciples follow him. And when the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many hearing were thunderstruck, saying, "Where did this guy get these things, and what is the wisdom that has been given to this guy, and the deeds of power 5 such as these being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they were scandalized by him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown, and among his relatives, 10 and in his house." And he was unable to do any deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. And he went around the villages in a circuit, teaching. And he calls the twelve to himself and began to send them forth two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits, and he ordered them that they should take nothing on the way except a staff alone; no bread, no bag, no money in the belt; but to put on sandals and "you are not to put on two tunics." And he said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there. And if any place 20 does not welcome you and does not listen to you, as you leave from there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a witness against them." And they went out and proclaimed that all should convert, and they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many sick people and cured them. King Herod heard of it, for his 25 name had become known, and they were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and because of this the powers are at work in him." But others were saying, "It is Elijah"; and others were saying, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets." But when Herod heard, he said, "The one whom I beheaded, John, 30 this one has been raised." For he—that is Herod--sent forth and seized John and bound him in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of Philip his brother, because he had married her. For John had said to Herod, "It is not permitted for you to have the wife of your brother." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and

Mark 6:19-36

1 wanted to kill him, but she was unable; for Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and he protected him, and when he heard him, he was very much at a loss, and yet he listened to him gladly. And a suitable time came when Herod 5 on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and commanders and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and those reclining at the table. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he swore to her much, "Whatever you ask 10 me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." And immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want at once for you to give me on a platter the head of John the Baptist." The king was deeply grieved, yet he did not want to refuse her because of the oaths and the recliners. And immediately the king sent forth a soldier, commanding him to bring his head. And he went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. And when his disciples heard, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. And the apostles gathered around Jesus, and reported to him all that they did and that they taught. And he says to them, "Come here, you as I, by yourselves, to a wilderness place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no suitable time even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a wilderness place by themselves. And many saw them going and found out, and they ran there together by land from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he disembarked, he saw a great crowd; and he was moved with pity for them, because they were 30 like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. And when much time had already passed, his disciples came to him and said, "The place is a wilderness, and much time already (has passed); dismiss them so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves something

1 to eat." But answering he said to them, "You give them to eat." And they say to him, "Are we to go and buy bread for two hundred denarii and give to them to eat?" But he says to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go see." And when they found 5 out, they say, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to have everyone recline in groups on the green grass. And they sat down group by group by hundreds and fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves into pieces, and gave to his disciples to set before 10 them; and he divided the two fish among all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up pieces the fullness of twelve baskets, and of the fish. And those eating the loaves were five thousand men. And immediately he compelled his disciples to embark in the boat and go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismisses the crowd. And after saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land. And when he saw them harassed in the rowing, for there was a wind against them, he came towards them around the fourth watch of 20 the night walking on the sea, and he wanted to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and shrieked; for all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke with them and says to them, "Be courageous, it is I; do not fear." And he went up toward them into the boat and the wind ceased, and they were profoundly astonished beyond measure within themselves; for they did not understand about the loaves, but their heart was hardened. And when they had crossed over to the land, they came into Gennesaret and dropped anchor. When they got out of the boat, 30 they recognized him immediately, and ran around that whole region and began to carry about the sick on mattresses to wherever they heard that he was. And wherever he entered, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the tassel of his

Mark 6:56-7:20

1 cloak; and those who touched it were healed. And the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him. And when they see some of his disciples, that they are eating with common hands, that is, unwashed—for the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash the hands with a fist, adhering to the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat from the marketplace unless they baptize; and there are many other traditions that they adhere to: the baptizing of cups and pitchers and bronze vessels and couches—and the Pharisees and 10 the scribes ask him, "Why do your disciples not behave according to the tradition of the elders, but eat the bread with common hands?" He said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written that 'This people honors me with lips, but their heart is far distant from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as teachings the commands of humans.' Abandoning the commandment of God, you adhere to human tradition." And he said to them, "Well do you annul the commandment of God in order to maintain your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and 'Whoever speaks evil of father or 20 mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a person tells the father or the mother, "Corban (that is, gift) is whatever support you might have had from me"—you no longer permit to do anything for the father or the mother, voiding the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many similar 25 things such as this." And he called the crowd back and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that can defile him going into him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile a person." And when he entered into a house from the crowd, his disciples asked him the parable. And he says to them, "Then are you also senseless? Do you not understand that everything that goes into a person from outside is unable to defile him, since it does not enter in his heart but in the stomach, and goes out in the toilet (thus declaring all foods clean)?" And he said that, "What goes out from the person,

1 that defiles the person. For from within, from the heart of the person, that evil thoughts go out: fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, desires to have more, evil [acts], treachery, indecency, an evil eye, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evil things go 5 out from within, and defile the person." And rising from there he went out to the region of Tyre. And entering into a house, he wanted no one to know, but he was not able to escape notice; but immediately, a woman who had heard about him, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, came and fell at his feet. Now the 10 woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by nationality; and she asked him to cast out the demon from her daughter. And he said to her, "First let the children be satisfied, for it is not fitting to take the bread of the children and throw it to the dogs." But answering she says to him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat from the crumbs of the children." And he said to her, "For this word, you may go—the demon has gone out from your daughter." And going out to her house, she found the child lying on the bed, and the demon had gone out. And going back out from the region of Tyre, he went through Sidon towards the Sea 20 of Galilee, through the region of Decapolis. And they bring to him a deaf man who was speaking with difficulty; and they beg him to lay the hand on him. And taking him away from the crowd by himself, he put his fingers into his ears, and spitting, touched his tongue, and looking up to the heavens he groaned and says to 25 him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, and the chain on his tongue was released, and he spoke properly. And he ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more abundantly they proclaimed it. And amazed beyond all measure, they were saying, "He has done everything 30 well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the speechless to speak." In those days when there was again a great crowd and it did not have anything to eat, he called the disciples and says to them, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they are with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away

Mark 8:3-23

hungry to their home, they will become exhausted on the way and some of them have come from a great distance." His disciples answered him, "From where will someone be able to feed these with bread in the desert?" And he asked them, "How many loaves 5 do you have?" They said, "Seven." And he orders the crowd to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, and after giving thanks, he broke and gave to his disciples so that they would distribute; and they distributed to the crowd. And they had a few small fish; and after blessing them, he said that 10 distribute these also. They ate and were filled; and they took up leftovers of fragments—seven baskets. Now there were about four thousand. And he sent them away. And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha. And the Pharisees came out and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven, testing him. And groaning from his spirit, he says, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly I tell you, if a sign be given to this generation [may God do x to me (Semitic phrasing)]." And he left them, and embarking again, he went across to the other side. And they had 20 forgotten to bring bread; and they did not have bread except one [loaf] with them in the boat. And he gave instructions to them, saying, "Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod." They discussed with one another, because they have no bread. And knowing, he says to them, "Why are you 25 discussing that you do not have bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Do you have your hearts hardened? Having eyes, you do not see? And having ears, and you do not hear? And do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?" 30 They say to him, "Twelve." "When the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?" And they say to him, "Seven." And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?" And they come to Bethsaida. They bring a blind man to him and beg him to touch him. And taking hold of the

1 hand of the blind man, he led him out of the village; and after spitting in his eyes and laying hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" And the man looked up and said, "I see men like trees, that I see walking." Then he laid his hands on his eyes 5 again; and he saw clearly and was restored, and he saw everything clearly. And he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village." Jesus went out, and his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?" They 10 spoke to him, saying, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Answering, Peter says to him, "You are the Messiah." And he rebuked them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise up. He said the thing quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and says, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not committed to the things 20 of God but to the things of man." And calling the crowd with his disciples, he said to them, "If any want to follow behind me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever would lose their life for me, and for the gospel, will save it. For what 25 does it benefit man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Indeed, what can a man exchange for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his father with the holy angels." And he said 30 to them, "Truly I say to you, that there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God coming in power." Six days later, Jesus takes along Peter and James and John, and leads them up in a high mountain apart, alone. And he was transfigured before them, and his outer

Mark 9:3-21

garment became glistening intensely white, such as no bleacher on earth could thus bleach them. And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter says to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three 5 dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to reply, for they were terrified. And there was a cloud overshadowing them, and there was a voice from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly, looking around, they saw no one any more, but only Jesus with 10 them. And as they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. And they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what is the rising from the dead. And questioning him, they say, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" He said to them, "Elijah is coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to suffer many things and be treated with contempt? Well, I say to you that Elijah has come, and they did to him what they wished, as it is written about him." When they came to the 20 disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes questioning them. And immediately, when the whole crowd saw him, they became very agitated, and running forward they greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you questioning about with them?" And one from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you having a mute spirit; and whenever it seizes him, it throws him down; and he foams at the mouth and grinds the teeth and withers/stiffens; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they did not have the power." Answering them he says, "Faithless generation, how long will I be 30 among you? How long must I endure you? Bring him to me." And they brought him to him. And seeing him, the spirit immediately convulsed him, and falling to the ground he rolled, foaming at the mouth. And he asked his father, "How much time is it since this has been happening to him?" And he said, "From

Mark 9:21-41

1 childhood. And many times it even cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him; but if you are able, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can?!—All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately crying out, the father of 5 the little child said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Jesus, seeing that a crowd came running together, rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" And crying out and convulsing him greatly, it came out, and he became like a corpse, 10 so that the many said that "He is dead." But Jesus, taking his hand, and raised him up, and he rose. And when he had entered a house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why were we unable to cast it out?" And he said to them, "By no means can this kind come out except through prayer." And going out from there they passed through the Galilee, and he did not want anyone to know; for he was teaching his disciples, and said to them that "The Son of Man is to be handed over into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise." They did not understand the expression and they feared to ask him. And they 20 came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. And having sat down, he called the twelve, and says to them, "Whoever wants to be first shall be last of all and servant of all." And taking a little child, he stood him in their midst, and hugging him said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and 30 we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for there is no one who will do a deed of power in my name and be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you are in the name of [the]

Mark 9:41-10:14

- 1 Messiah, truly I say to you, will by no means lose his reward. And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe [in me] to stumble, it is better for him if a great donkey-millstone is hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your
- hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into the life deformed than to have two hands and to go to gehenna, to the inextinguishable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into the life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into gehenna. And
- lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into gehenna. And
  if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out; it is better for you
  to enter the kingdom of God one-eyed than to have two eyes and
  to be thrown into gehenna, where their worm doesn't die, and the
  fire is not quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is
  good; but if salt becomes salt-less, with what will you season it?
- Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." And from there he rose and went into the region of Judea and Perea, and crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them. And Pharisees approached, asking him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce a woman?," testing him.
- Answering, he said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

  They said, "Moses allowed [a man] to write a notice of divorce and to divorce her." Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. From the beginning of creation, 'Male and female he created them.' 'For
- this reason a man will leave his father and the mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall be in one flesh,' so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has yoked together, no man shall separate." And in the house the disciples questioned him again about this. And he says to them,
- "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And they were bringing little children to him so that he would touch them; the disciples rebuked them.

  When Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the

1 little children come to me; do not stop them; for the kingdom of God is to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not welcome the kingdom of God as a little child will not enter it."

And hugging [them], he blessed them, putting his hands on them.

5 And as he was going on a journey, a man ran up and, kneeling before him, asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud;

Honor your father and the mother." He said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You lack one thing; go—what you own, sell and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in

heaven; then come, follow me." Shocked by the statement, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions. And looking around, Jesus says to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. And responding, Jesus says to them

again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly shocked, saying to one another, "Then who can be saved?"

Looking at them, Jesus says, "For men it is impossible, but not for

25 God; all things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him,

"Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said,
"Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers
or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and
for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold
now in this time houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and
children and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come

eternal life. Many who are first will be last, and the last first."

They were on the way, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was
going before them, and they were amazed, and those who

Mark 10:32-51

followed were afraid. And taking the twelve aside again he began to tell them what was to happen to him: "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; and 5 they will hand him over to the Gentiles and they will mock him and spit upon him and flog him and kill him, and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him, saying to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He said to them, "What do you want 10 [me] to do for you?" They said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you're asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to him, "We are able." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism I am baptized with, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or left is not mine to give, but for those prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be indignant with James and John. And calling them to him, Jesus says to them, "You know that those 20 appearing to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and 25 to give his life a ransom for many." And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho and his disciples and a considerable crowd, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the way. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and to say, "Son of David, Jesus, have mercy 30 on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And standing still, Jesus said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he calls you." So throwing off his outer cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. And responding to him,

1 Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My master, let me see again." And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has saved you." And immediately he saw again and followed him on the way. And when they drew near to 5 Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sends two of his disciples and says to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there on which no man has ever sat; untie and bring it. And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord 10 needs it and immediately sends it back here." And they went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street, and untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them just as Jesus said; and they allowed them. And they bring the colt to Jesus and 15 throw their outer cloaks on it; and he sat on it. And many spread their outer cloaks in the road, and others leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those going ahead and those following were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of 20 our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" And he entered Jerusalem and the temple and, when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. And on the next day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree in the distance having leaves 25 he went, if perhaps he would find anything on it, and coming to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the time for figs. And responding, he said to it, "No longer to the ages will anyone eat fruit from you." And his disciples heard. And they come into Jerusalem. And entering the temple he began to cast out those 30 selling and those buying in the temple, and the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling doves he overturned; and he would not allow anyone to carry any vessel through the temple. He was teaching and saying to them, "Is it not written that, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all

Mark 11:17-12:4

the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they were looking for a way to kill him; for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed by his teaching. And when it became late, they went out of the city. And when they passed by early in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. And Peter remembered and says to him, "My master, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." And responding, Jesus says to them, "Have faith in God. Truly I say to you that if someone says to this no mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if he does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will be, it will be done for him. On account of this I say to you, everything that you pray for and ask, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, pardon, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father who is in the heavens may also pardon you your offenses." And they came again into Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him and said to him, "By what authority do you do these things? Or who gave 20 you this authority so that you do these things?" Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John: from heaven or from man? Answer me." And they argued with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then 25 did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin'?" they feared the crowd, for all took John as truly a prophet. So answering Jesus, they say, "We do not know." And Jesus says to them, "Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things." And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a 30 vineyard, put a fence around it and dug a wine trough, and built a watchtower; and he leased it out to tenant farmers and went on a journey. At the (right) time, he sent a slave to the tenants to take from the tenants from the produce of the vineyard; and taking him, they beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent

- to them another slave; that one they beat over the head and insulted. And he sent another, and that one they killed—and many others: some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. He sent him at the end to them, saying,
- They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' And taking him they killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the master of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.
- 10 Have you not read this scripture: 'The stone that the builders rejected, this one has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this occurred, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" And they wanted to seize him, but they feared the crowd, for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them. So leaving him, they went
- away. And they send to him some of the Pharisees and of the Herodians so that they might catch him unawares in speech. And coming, they say to him, "Teacher, we know that you are truthful, and you don't concern yourself with anyone('s opinion); for you do not regard the outer appearance of a person, but teach the
- way of God in truth. Is it permitted to give census to Caesar, or not? Should we give, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why do you test me? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." They brought. And he says to them, "Whose image is this, and inscription?" They answered,
- "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at him. And Sadducees come to him, who say there is no resurrection, and asked him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if someone's brother dies, leaving behind a wife and not
- leaving a child, his brother shall take the wife and raise up seed for his brother. There were seven brothers; and the first took a wife and, dying, did not leave seed; and the second took her and died without leaving seed; and the third likewise; and the seven did not leave seed. At the end of all the woman died. In the

Mark 12:23-40

resurrection [when they rise] whose will the woman be? For the seven had this wife." Jesus said to them, "Is not this the reason you err, knowing neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are 5 married, but are like angels in the heavens. And concerning the dead that they are raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, about the bush, how God spoke to him saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living; you err greatly." And one of the scribes 10 approached, hearing them debating, seeing that he answered them rightly, asked him, "What is the first commandment of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all 15 your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is not another commandment greater than these." And then the scribe said to him, "Rightly, Teacher, have you truly said that 'he is one, and there is not another except him'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the 20 understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—is greater than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And Jesus, seeing that he answered thoughtfully, said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one any longer dared to question him. And continuing, Jesus 25 spoke, teaching in the temple: "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself said in the Holy Spirit, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right, until I put your enemies under your feet." David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And a great crowd was listening to him with pleasure. And in his teaching, he said, "Watch out for the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and greetings in the market-places, and the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at the banquets! They devour the houses of widows and for the sake of appearance pray long (prayers). They will receive

1 the greater judgment." And sitting down opposite the treasury, he watched how the crowd put metal (coins) into the treasury. Many rich people put in much. And some poor widow came and put in two leptas, which is a penny. And calling his disciples he said to them, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her lack has put in everything she had, all of her livelihood." And when he is coming out of the temple, one of his disciples says to him, 10 "Teacher, look what great stones and what great buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these large buildings? Not one stone will be left here on stone, which will not be thrown down." And when he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him in private, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Jesus began to say to them, "Watch out that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name saying that 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be 20 alarmed; it must occur, but it is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in places; there will be famines. These things are the beginning of the birth pangs. You—watch out for yourselves; for they will hand you over to councils, and in synagogues you will be beaten; and before rulers and kings you will stand because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all the nations. And when they arrest and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you will say; but whatever is given you at that hour, say this, for it is not you who 30 speak, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will hand over brother to death, and a father (his) child, and children will rise against parents and put them to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end, this one will be saved. But when you see the abomination of

Mark 13:14-35

desolation set up where it ought not (to be)—let the reader understand—then those in Judea will flee to the mountains; the one on the roof should not go down or enter or take anything away from his house; the one in the field should not turn back to 5 get his outer garment. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that it may not be in winter. For in those days there will be affliction, such as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. And if the Lord had not shortened 10 the days, no flesh would be saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he has cut short those days. And at that time if anyone says to you, 'Look! Here is the Messiah! Look—there!' do not believe. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and give signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But you watch out; I have told you everything beforehand. But in those days, after that affliction, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens' will be shaken. And then they will see 'the son of man coming in clouds' with 20 great power 'and glory.' And then he will send out the angels, and gather together [his] elect from the four winds, from the top of earth to the top of heaven. From the fig tree learn the parable: when already its branch becomes tender and puts forth the leaves, you understand that summer is near. And just so you, 25 when you see these things occurring, you understand that he is near, at the doors. Truly I say to you that this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Concerning that day or the hour no one knows, neither the angels 30 in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Watch out, be alert; for you do not know when the (right) time is. Just like a man away on a journey leaves his house and gives his slaves the power, to each his work, and commands the doorkeeper to keep awake, therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of

Mark 13:35-14:16

1 the house comes, whether in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at first (light), lest coming suddenly he might find you sleeping. What I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." It was two days before the Passover and the Unleavened Bread. And the 5 chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to seize Jesus by treachery and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, lest there be an uproar among the people." And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, while he was reclining, a woman came holding an alabaster jar of ointment of nard— 10 genuine, very costly—she smashed the jar and poured down over him, on his head. Some were indignant among each other: "Why was there this waste of ointment? For this ointment could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scoffed at her. But Jesus said, "Leave her; why do make 15 troubles for her? She has done a good work for me. For always you have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but me you do not always have. What she was able to do she did; she anticipated to anoint my body for burial. Truly I say to you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the 20 whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her." And Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to hand him over to them. And when they heard, they rejoiced, and promised to give him silver. And he sought how he would hand him over opportunely. And on the 25 first day of the Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples say to him, "Where do you want us to go prepare so that you might eat the Passover?" And he sends two of his disciples, and says to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever 30 he enters, say to the owner of the house that 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" And this [man] will show you a large room upstairs, spread, ready. And there, make preparations for us." And the disciples went out and went into the city, and found just as he

Mark 14:16-38

told them; and they prepared the Passover. And when evening came, he came with the twelve. And when they had reclined and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, one of you will hand me over, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping with me into the bowl. For the Son of Man goes as it is written concerning him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is handed over; it would be good for that man not to have been born." And while they were 10 eating, he took bread; after blessing he broke and gave to them and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup; after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I say to you that I will never again drink of the produce of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." And after singing praise, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus says to them that "You will all stumble, as it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised, I will go before you to the 20 Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even if all stumble, but I will not." And Jesus says to him, "Truly I say to you that you today, this very night, before twice the cock crows, three times you will deny me." He said emphatically, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said likewise. And they went to a place 25 called Gethsemane; and he says to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." And taking along Peter and James and John with him, he began to be agitated and distressed and says to them, "My soul is deeply grieved,' even to death; remain here, and stay awake." And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if 30 it is possible, the hour might pass from him, and he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you; take away this cup from me; but, not what I want, but what you." And he comes and finds them sleeping, and says to Peter, "Simon, you sleep? Are you not strong enough to keep awake one hour? Be awake and pray, so

that you may not come into the test; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again going away he prayed, saying the same word. And again coming he found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down; and they did not know what to reply to him.

And he comes a third time and says to them, "You sleep indefinitely and you rest? Received in full; the hour has come; the son of man is handed over into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go. See, my betrayer has drawn near." And immediately, while he is still speaking, arrives Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given it a signal,

scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given it a signal, saying to them, "The one I will kiss is the one; seize him and lead him away securely." And coming (and) immediately approaching, he says, "Master!" and kissed him. They laid hands on him and seized him. One of those who had been standing near drew the sword (and) struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

sword (and) struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear And responding Jesus said to them, "As against a bandit have you come out with swords and clubs to apprehend me? Every day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me; but so that the scriptures be fulfilled." And leaving him, all fled.

And some young man was following with him, wearing a linen cloth on his nakedness. They seized him; leaving behind the linen cloth, he fled naked. And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes are

assembled. And Peter had followed him from a distance, right inside into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the assistants and warming himself at the light. Now the chief priests and all the council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, and they did not find. For many gave false testimony against him, and the testimonies were

many gave false testimony against him, and the testimonies were not the same. And some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying that "We heard him saying that 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another, not made with hands." And not even so was their

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testimony the same. And standing up in the middle the high priest asked Jesus, saying, "Do you not answer anything? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and says to him, "Are 5 you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am; and you will see 'the son of man' seated at the right of the power, and 'coming with the clouds of the heaven." Tearing his outer garment, the high priest says, "Why do we have further need of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy; how does it appear to 10 you?" All of them pronounced him liable for death. And some began to spit on him, to cover his face, and to beat him, and to say to him, "Prophesy!" And assistants also took him with slaps. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came. And seeing Peter warming himself, 15 gazing at him she says, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. [And a cock crowed.] And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders that "This one is one of them." But again he 20 denied. And after a little while again the bystanders said to Peter, "Truly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to curse, and to swear that "I do not know this man of who you speak." And immediately a cock crowed for the second time. And Peter was reminded of the word that Jesus said to him, that "Before the cock crows twice, three times you will deny me," and beating himself and wept. And immediately at first (light), the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and binding Jesus, they led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, "You are the King of the Jews?" Answering him, he says, "You say." And the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate again asked him, saying, "Do you not answer anything? Look how much they accuse you." But Jesus answered nothing any further, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a

1 prisoner for them whom they requested. There was a man called Barabbas imprisoned with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. And the crowd came up and began to demand just as he usually did. Pilate answered them, saying, "Do 5 you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests incited the crowd so that instead he would release Barabbas for them. Answering again, Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with the King of the 10 Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to so (something) sufficient for the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and he handed Jesus over, after flogging him, to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard, that is, the (governor's) palace; and they call together the whole cohort. And they clothe him in purple; and after twisting a thorny crown, they put it on him. And they began to greet him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and they struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and kneeling, paid homage to 20 him. And after they mocked him, they stripped him (of) the purple and clothed him in his own outer garment. And they lead him out to crucify him. They requisition some passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the countryside, so that he would carry his cross; the father of Alexander and Rufus. And 25 they bring him to the place Golgotha, which is translated "place of (the) skull." And they gave him wine that had been treated with myrrh, which he did not take. And they crucify him, and 'divide his outer garment among them, casting lots for them,' who should take what. It was the third hour when they crucified him. 30 And there was the inscription of his charge that read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucify two bandits, one on the right and one on his left. Those who passed by blasphemed him, shaking their heads and saying, "Hah! The one who would

destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and

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come down from the cross!" And in the same way the chief priests ridiculing to each other with the scribes, were saying, "Others he saved; himself he is unable to save. Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we will see and believe." And those crucified with him also reviled him. And when it was the sixth hour, darkness came on the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And when some of 10 the bystanders heard, they said, "Listen, he calls Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Leave alone—let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus, letting out a loud cry, breathed out. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, 15 from top to bottom. When the centurion, who stood opposite him, saw that in this way he breathed out, he said, "Truly this man was a son of God!" And there were women looking on from a distance; and among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, who 20 when he was in the Galilee followed him and served him; and many other (women) who had come up with him to Jerusalem. And as it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent (member) of the council, who was himself looking 25 forward to the kingdom of God; he dared to go in to Pilate and demanded the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, asked him whether he had been dead for some time. And learning from the centurion, he gave the corpse to Joseph. And having purchased a linen cloth, 30 and taking down (the body), he wrapped him in the linen cloth, and put him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where (it) was laid. When the sabbath had passed, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of

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James, and Salome bought spices, so that going they might anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, they go to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away for us the stone from the door to the tomb?" And looking up, they see that the stone had been rolled back, for it was very large. Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right, dressed in a white robe; and they were alarmed. But he says to them, "Do not be alarmed; (it is) Jesus you seek, the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look—the place where they put him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to the Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." And going out, they fled from the tomb, for trembling had them and amazement; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were

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