

Q Passages

Q is a hypothetical document, and so it does not really have chapters and verses of its own. Scholars designate passages in Q by giving the chapter:verse designation of Luke's passage, since Luke's version of the sayings is more awkward than Matthew's and is therefore thought to be earlier and closer to the source. The translation below is from the 3rd edition of *The Complete Gospels*; page references are given to the fourth edition of *The Complete Gospels* as well.

PASSAGE A: Q 13:18-21

[CG 4th: 272-3; 3rd: 286-7]

Luke 13:18-21	Matt 13:31-33
<p>¹⁸ Then he would say:</p> <p>“What is God’s imperial rule like? What does it remind me of?”</p> <p>¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed that a man took and tossed into his garden.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">It</p> <p>grew</p> <p style="text-align: right;">and became a tree, and the birds of the sky roosted in its branches.”</p> <p>²⁰ He continued: “What does God’s imperial rule remind me of? ²¹ It is like leaven that a woman took and concealed in fifty pounds of flour until it was all leavened.”</p>	<p>³¹ He put another parable before them with these words:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Heaven’s imperial rule</p> <p style="text-align: center;">is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet, when it has grown up, it is the largest of garden plants, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come and roost in its branches.”</p> <p>³³ He told them another parable: “Heaven’s imperial rule is like leaven that a woman took and concealed in fifty pounds of flour until it was all leavened.”</p>

PASSAGE B: Q 17:34-35

[CG 4th: 276; 3rd: 296]

Luke 17:34-35	Matt 24:40-41
<p>³⁴ “I tell you, on that night there will be two on one couch: one will be taken and the other left.</p> <p>³⁵ There will be two women grinding together: one will be taken and the other left.”</p>	<p>⁴⁰ “Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.</p> <p>⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.”</p>

PASSAGE C: Q 7:35

[CG 4th: 267; 3rd: 266]

Jesus criticizes the “children of this generation” for rejecting both the ascetic John the Baptist and the indulgent Jesus, and concludes...

Luke 7:35	Matt 11:19
“Indeed, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”	“Indeed, wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

PASSAGE D: Q 10:21-22

[CG 4th: 268; 3rd: 269-70]

Luke 10:21-22	Matt 11:25-27
<p>²¹ At that moment Jesus was overjoyed by the holy spirit and said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned but revealed them to the untutored; yes indeed, Father, because this is the way you want it. ²¹ My Father has turned everything over to me. No one knows who the son is except the Father, or</p> <p style="text-align: right;">who the Father is</p> <p>except the son—and anyone to whom the son wishes to reveal him.”</p>	<p>²⁵ At that point Jesus responded, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned but revealed them to the untutored; ²⁶ yes indeed, Father, because this is the way you want it. ²⁷ My Father has turned everything over to me. No one knows the son except the Father, nor does anyone know the Father except the son—and anyone to whom the son wishes to reveal him.”</p>

PASSAGE E: Q 14:26-27 + 17:33

[CG 4th: 274; 3rd: 291]

Luke 14:26-27 + 17:33	Matt 10:37-39
<p>²⁶ “If any of you comes to me and does not hate your own father and mother</p> <p style="text-align: right;">and</p> <p>wife and children</p> <p style="text-align: right;">and brothers and sisters</p> <p>—yes, even your own life— you’re no disciple of mine.</p> <p>²⁷ Unless you carry your own cross and come along with me— you’re no disciple of mine.</p> <p>^{17:33} Whoever tries to hang onto life, will forfeit it, but whoever forfeits life will preserve it.”</p>	<p>³⁷ “If you love your father and mother more than me, you’re not worthy of me, if you love your son or daughter more than me,</p> <p>you’re not worthy of me.</p> <p>³⁸ Unless you take your cross and come along with me, you’re not worthy of me.</p> <p>³⁹ By finding your life, you’ll lose it, and by losing your life for my sake you’ll find it.”</p>

PASSAGE F: Q 14:11

[CG 4th: 274; 3rd: 289]

Luke 14:11 (cf. 18:14)	Matt 23:12 (cf. 18:4)
“Those who promote themselves will be demoted, and those who demote themselves will be promoted.”	“Those who promote themselves will be demoted, and those who demote themselves will be promoted.”