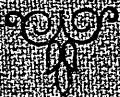




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## PREFACE

This arrangement of the Gospels is intended for students and readers of the Bible rather than for technical scholars. For them there are Harmonies and Synopses both in Greek and in English. The present volume reproduces the sections of the new edition of Burton and Mathews, *Life of Christ*. The headings are less formal than in many Harmonies and, it is hoped, will aid the student to gain the content of the sections themselves.

The text of Goodspeed's *American Translation* was chosen as an additional aid to those who wish to appreciate the freshness and vigor of the Gospel stories.

In accordance with the prevailing conclusions of New Testament scholars, no attempt is made to "harmonize" the Four Gospels, but the Gospel according to John is arranged independently as an interpretation given Jesus by the third generation of Christians.

The section headings are intended to help the student gain the point of view of the evangelist as the interpreter of the religious significance of the primitive messianic hope.

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BOOK 1  
THE CHRIST OF HISTORY  
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JESUS BEFORE HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY

§1. LUKE'S PREFACE

LUKE 1:1-4

1 Many writers have undertaken to compose accounts of the movement which has developed among us,  
2 just as the original eyewitnesses who became teachers of the message have handed  
3 it down to us. For that reason, Theophilus, and because I have investigated it all carefully from the beginning, I have determined to write a connected account of it for Your Excellency,  
4 so that you may be reliably informed about the things you have been taught.

§2. THE TWO GENEALOGIES OF JESUS

MATTHEW 1:1-17

1 The ancestry of Jesus Christ, who was descended from David, who was descended from Abraham.  
2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac of Jacob, and Jacob of Judah and  
3 his brothers, and Ju-

LUKE 3:23-38

23 Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the son, it was supposed, of Joseph, the son of  
24 Eli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son

dah of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. And Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron of Aram, and Aram of Aminadab, and Aminadab of Nahshon, and Nahshon of Salmon, and Salmon of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. And Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. And Obed was the father of Jesse, and Jesse of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother was Uriah's wife. And Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam of Abijah, and Abijah of Asa, and Asa of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat of Joram, and Joram of Uzziah, and Uzziah of Jotham, and Jotham of Ahaz, and Ahaz of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah of Manasseh, and Manasseh of Amon, and Amon of Josiah, and Josiah of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the period of the Babylonian Exile. After the Babylonian Exile, Jeconiah had a son named Shealtiel, and Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel of Abiud, and Abiud of Eliakim, and Eliakim of Azor, and Azor of Zadok,

25 of Joseph, the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, 26 the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, the son of Johanan, the son of Resa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Salathiel, the son of Neri, 28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, 29 the son of Jesus, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Symeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son 31 of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, 34 the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, the son of Serug, the son of Ragau, the son of Peleg, the son of Heber, the son of 36 Shelah, the son of

and Zadok of Achim,  
and Achim of Eliud,  
15 and Eliud of Eleazar,  
and Eleazar of Matt-  
han, and Matthan of  
16 Jacob, and Jacob of  
Joseph, the husband  
of Mary, who was the  
mother of Jesus called  
17 Christ. So the whole  
number of generations  
from Abraham to Da-  
vid is fourteen, and  
from David to the  
Babylonian Exile,  
fourteen, and from  
the Babylonian Exile  
to the Christ, four-  
teen.

Cainan, the son of  
Arphaxad, the son of  
Shem, the son of No-  
ah, the son of Lamech,  
37 the son of Methuse-  
lah, the son of Enoch,  
the son of Jared, the  
son of Maleleel, the  
38 son of Cainan, the son  
of Enosh, the son of  
Seth, the son of Adam,  
the son of God.

### §3. THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST FORETOLD TO ZECHARIAH

LUKE 1:5-25

5 In the days when  
Herod was king of  
Judea, there was a  
priest named Zechari-  
ah who belonged to the  
division of Abijah. His  
wife was also a de-  
scendant of Aaron, and  
her name was Eliza-  
6 beth. They were both  
upright in the sight of  
God, blamelessly ob-  
serving all the Lord's  
commands and re-  
7 quirements. They had  
no children, for Eliza-  
beth was barren; and  
they were both ad-  
8 vanced in life. Once  
when he was acting as  
priest before God,  
when his division was  
9 on duty, it fell to his  
lot, according to the  
priests' practice, to go  
into the sanctuary of

the Lord and burn the  
10 incense, while all the  
throng of people was  
outside, praying at  
the hour of the incense  
11 offering. And an an-  
gel of the Lord ap-  
peared to him, stand-  
ing at the right of the  
altar of incense.  
12 When Zechariah saw  
him he was startled  
and overcome with  
13 fear. And the angel  
said to him, "Do not  
be afraid, Zechariah,  
for your prayer has  
been heard. Your  
wife Elizabeth will  
bear you a son, and  
you are to name him  
14 John. This will bring  
gladness and delight  
to you, and many will  
rejoice over his birth.  
15 For he will be great in  
the sight of the Lord.  
He will drink no wine  
or strong drink, but  
he will be filled with  
the holy Spirit from  
16 his very birth, and he  
will turn many of  
Israel's descendants to  
the Lord their God.  
17 He will go before him  
with the spirit and the  
power of Elijah, to  
reconcile fathers to  
their children, and to  
bring the disobedient  
back to the wisdom of  
upright men, to make  
a people perfectly  
ready for the Lord."  
18 Zechariah said to the  
angel, "How am I to  
know that this is so?  
For I am an old man,

and my wife is advanced in life." The  
19 angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the very presence of God. I have been sent to speak to you and tell you this good  
20 news. Now you will keep silent and be unable to speak until the day when this happens, because you have not believed what I have said, for it will all be fulfilled in  
21 due time." The people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondering that he stayed so long in the sanctuary.  
22 But when he came out he could not speak to them, and they knew that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. For his part, he kept making signs to them, and remained dumb.  
23 And when his period of service was over, he went back to his  
24 home. Soon afterward his wife Elizabeth began to expect a child, and she kept herself in seclusion for  
25 five months. "This is what the Lord has done for me," she said, "now that he has deigned to remove the disgrace I have endured."



## §4. THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD TO MARY

LUKE 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a maiden there who was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The maiden's name was Mary. And the angel went into the town and said to her, "Good morning, favored woman! The Lord be with you!"

<sup>27</sup> But she was startled at what he said, and wondered what this greeting meant. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have gained God's approval. You are to become a mother and you will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his forefather David, and he will reign over Jacob's house forever; his reign will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, when I have no husband?"

<sup>28</sup> The angel answered, "The holy Spirit will come over you, and the power of the Most High will

overshadow you. For that reason your child will be called holy, and the Son of God.

<sup>36</sup> And your relative, Elizabeth, although she is old, is going to give birth to a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was said to be barren.

<sup>37</sup> For nothing is ever impossible for God."

<sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "I am the Lord's slave. Let it be as you say." Then the angel left her.

#### §5. THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD TO JOSEPH

MATTHEW 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> Now these were the circumstances of the birth of Jesus Christ. Mary, his mother, was engaged to Joseph, but before they were married it was found that she was about to become a mother through the influence of the holy Spirit.  
<sup>19</sup> But her husband, Joseph, was an upright man and did not wish to disgrace her, and he decided to break off the engagement privately.  
<sup>20</sup> But while he was thinking of doing this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said, "Joseph, descendant of David, do not fear to take Mary, your wife, to your home, for it is through

the influence of the holy Spirit that she is to become a mother.

21 She will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for it is he who is to save his people from their sins."

22 All this happened in fulfilment of what the Lord said through the prophet,

23 "The maiden will be pregnant and will have a son, And they will name him Immanuel"

—a word which means

24 "God with us." So when Joseph awoke from his sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him, and took his wife

25 to his home. But he did not live with her as a husband until she had had a son, and he named the child Jesus.

## §6. THE SONG OF MARY

LUKE 1:39-56

39 In those days Mary set out and hurried to the hill-country, to a town in Judah, and she went to Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the babe stirred within her. And Elizabeth was filled with the holy Spirit and she gave a great cry, and said,

- “You are the most  
favored of wom-  
en,  
And blessed is your  
child!  
43 Who am I,  
To have the mother  
of my Lord come  
to me?  
44 For the moment  
your greeting  
reached my ears,  
The child stirred  
with joy within  
me!  
45 Blessed is she who  
has believed,  
For what the Lord  
has promised her  
will be fulfilled!”  
46 And Mary said,  
“My heart extols the  
Lord,  
47 My spirit exults in  
God my Savior.  
48 For he has noticed  
his slave in her  
humble station,  
For from this time  
all the ages will  
think me fa-  
vored!  
49 For the Almighty  
has done wonders  
for me,  
How holy his name  
is!  
50 He shows his mercy  
age after age  
To those who fear  
him.  
51 He has done mighty  
deeds with his  
arm,  
He has routed the  
proud-minded,  
52 He has dethroned  
monarchs and ex-  
alted the poor,

- 53 He has satisfied the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty-handed.
- 54 He has helped his servant Israel, Remembering his mercy,
- 55 As he promised our forefathers  
To have mercy on Abraham and his descendants forever!"
- 56 So Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned home.

#### §7. THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

LUKE 1:57-80

- 57 Now the time came for Elizabeth's child to be born; and she gave birth to a son.
- 58 Her neighbors and relatives heard of the great mercy the Lord had shown her, and they came and congratulated her.
- 59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah, after
- 60 his father. But his mother said, "No! He is to be named
- 61 John." They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who bears that name."
- 62 But they made signs to the child's father and asked him what he wished to have the

- <sup>63</sup> child named. He asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they were all
- <sup>64</sup> amazed. Then his voice and the use of his tongue were immediately restored, and he blessed God
- <sup>65</sup> aloud. And all their neighbors were overcome with fear, and all over the hill-country of Judea all these
- <sup>66</sup> stories were told, and everyone who heard them kept them in mind, and said, "What is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him.
- <sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the holy Spirit and he uttered a divine message, saying,
- <sup>68</sup> "Blessings on the Lord, the God of Israel, Because he has turned his attention to his people, and brought about their deliverance,
- <sup>69</sup> And he has produced a mighty Savior for us In the house of his servant David.
- <sup>70</sup> By the lips of his holy prophets he promised of old to do this—
- <sup>71</sup> To save us from our enemies and from the hands of all who hate us,

- 72 Thus showing mercy to our forefathers,  
And keeping his sacred agreement,
- 73 And the oath that he swore to our forefather Abraham,
- 74 That we should be delivered from the hands of our enemies,  
And should serve him in holiness and uprightness, unafraid,
- 75 In his own presence all our lives.
- 76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High,  
For you will go before the Lord to make his way ready,
- 77 Bringing his people the knowledge of salvation  
Through the forgiveness of their sins.
- 78 Because the heart of our God is merciful,  
And so the day will dawn upon us from on high,
- 79 To shine on men who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,  
And guide our feet into the way of peace."
- 80 And the child grew up and became strong in the Spirit, and he

lived in the desert until the day when he proclaimed himself to Israel.

### §8. THE BIRTH OF JESUS

LUKE 2:1-20

2 In those days an edict was issued by the Emperor Augustus that a census of the whole world should  
2 be taken. It was the first census, taken when Quirinius was  
3 governor of Syria. So everyone went to his own town to register.  
4 And Joseph went up from the town of Nazareth to Judea to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he belonged to the house and family of David,  
5 to register with Mary, who was engaged to him and who was soon to become a mother.  
6 While they were there, the time came for her  
7 child to be born, and she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped him up, and laid him in a manger, for there was no room for them at the inn.  
8 There were some shepherds in that neighborhood keeping watch through the night over their flock in the open fields.  
9 And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone around



them, and they were terribly frightened.

<sup>10</sup> The angel said to them, "Do not be frightened, for I bring you good news of a great joy that is to be felt by all the people,  
<sup>11</sup> for today, in the town of David, a Savior for you has been born who is your Messiah  
<sup>12</sup> and Lord. And this will prove it to you: You will find a baby wrapped up and lying  
<sup>13</sup> in a manger." Suddenly there appeared with the angel a throng of the heavenly army, praising God, saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in heaven and on earth!

Peace to the men he favors!"

<sup>15</sup> When the angels left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Come! Let us go over to Bethlehem, and see this thing that has happened, that the Lord has told

<sup>16</sup> us of!" And they hurried there, and found Mary and Joseph, with the baby lying in  
<sup>17</sup> the manger. When they saw this, they told what had been said to them about  
<sup>18</sup> this child. And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them,  
<sup>19</sup> but Mary treasured

up all they had said,  
and pondered over it.  
20 And the shepherds  
went back glorifying  
God and praising him  
for all that they had  
heard and seen in fulfilment of what they  
had been told.

#### §9. THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

LUKE 2:21-39

21 When he was eight  
days old and it was  
time to circumcise  
him, he was named  
Jesus, as the angel had  
named him, before his  
birth was first expect-  
22 ed. When their puri-  
fication period under  
the Law of Moses was  
over, they took him  
up to Jerusalem to  
present him to the  
23 Lord, in fulfilment of  
the requirement of the  
Law of the Lord, "Ev-  
ery first-born male  
shall be considered  
consecrated to the  
24 Lord," and to offer  
the sacrifice pre-  
scribed in the Law  
of the Lord, "A pair  
of turtle-doves or  
two young pigeons."  
25 Now there was a man  
in Jerusalem named  
Symeon,—an upright,  
devout man, who was  
living in expectation  
of the comforting of  
Israel, and under the  
influence of the holy  
26 Spirit. It had been re-  
vealed to him by the  
holy Spirit that he

should not die without seeing the Lord's Messiah. And under the Spirit's influence he went into the Temple, and when Jesus' parents brought him there to do for him what the Law required, Symeon also took him in his arms and blessed God, and said,

29 "Now, Master, you will let your slave go free  
In peace, as you promised,

30 For my eyes have seen your salvation  
Which you have set before all the nations,

31 A light of revelation for the heathen,  
And a glory to your people Israel!"

32 The child's father and mother were astonished at what Symeon

33 said. And he gave them his blessing, and said to Mary, the child's mother, "This child is destined to cause the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a portent that will be much debated

34 —you yourself will be pierced to the heart—and so the thoughts of many minds will be

35 revealed." There was also a prophetess there named Hannah, the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the

tribe of Asher. She was very old, for after her girlhood she had been married for seven years, and she had been a widow until she was now eighty-four. She never left the Temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. She came up just at that time and gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were living in expectation of the liberation of Jerusalem. When they had done everything that the Law of the Lord required, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

#### §10. THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

##### MATTHEW 2: 1-12

2 Now after the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem in Judea, in the days of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived at Jerusalem, and asked, "Where is the newly born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star rise and we have come to do homage to him." When King Herod heard of this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. So he called together all the high priests and scribes of the people and asked

them where the Christ  
5 was to be born. They  
said, "At Bethlehem  
in Judea, for this is  
what the prophet  
wrote:

6 'And you, Bethle-  
hem in Judah's  
land,

You are by no  
means least im-  
portant among  
the leading places  
of Judah,

For from you will  
come a leader

Who will be the  
shepherd of my  
people Israel.' "

7 Then Herod secret-  
ly sent for the astrolo-  
gers, and found out  
from them the exact  
time when the star  
8 appeared. And he sent  
them to Bethlehem,  
and said to them, "Go  
and inquire particu-  
larly about the child,  
and when you have  
found him, bring me  
word, so that I may  
go and do homage to  
9 him too." So they  
obeyed the king and  
went, and the star  
which they had seen  
rise led them on until  
it reached the place  
where the child was,  
and stopped above it.

10 When they saw the  
star, they were very  
11 glad, and they went  
into the house and  
saw the child with his  
mother, Mary, and  
they threw themselves  
down and did homage

to him. They opened their treasure boxes and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, as they had been divinely warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another way.

#### §11. THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

MATTHEW 2:13-23

13 When they were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, and said, "Wake up! Take the child and his mother and make your escape to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you to leave. For Herod is going to look for the child in order to kill him." Then he awoke and took the child and his mother by night and took refuge in Egypt and stayed there until Herod's death, to fulfil what the Lord said by the prophet, "I called my son from Egypt." Then Herod saw that he had been tricked by the astrologers, and he was very angry, and he sent and made away with all the boys in Bethlehem and in all that neighborhood who were two years old or under, for that was

the time he had  
learned from the as-  
trologers by his in-  
17 quiries. Then the say-  
ing was fulfilled which  
was uttered by the  
prophet Jeremiah,

18 "A cry was heard in  
Ramah!

Weeping and great  
lamenting!

Rachel weeping for  
her children,

And inconsolable  
because they were  
gone."

19 But when Herod  
died, an angel of the  
Lord appeared in a  
dream to Joseph in

20 Egypt and said,

"Wake up! Take the  
child and his mother  
and go to the land of  
Israel, for those who

21 are dead." Then he

awoke, and took the  
child and his mother  
and went to the land

22 of Israel. But hearing

that Archelaus was  
reigning over Judea in  
place of his father,

Herod, he was afraid  
to return there; and  
being warned in a

dream, he took refuge  
in the region of Gali-

23 lee, and he went and

settled in a town  
called Nazareth, in  
fulfilment of the say-  
ing of the prophets,

"He shall be called a  
Nazarene."

## §12. THE BOY JESUS

LUKE 2:40-50

- <sup>40</sup> And the child grew up and became strong and thoughtful, with God's blessing resting  
<sup>41</sup> on him. His parents used to go to Jerusalem every year at the Passover Festival.  
<sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual to  
<sup>43</sup> the festival and made their customary stay. When they started back the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents' knowledge.  
<sup>44</sup> They supposed that he was somewhere in the party, and traveled until the end of the first day's journey, and then they looked everywhere for him among their relatives and acquaintances.  
<sup>45</sup> As they could not find him, they went back to Jerusalem in search  
<sup>46</sup> of him. And on the third day they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them  
<sup>47</sup> questions, and everyone who heard him was astonished at his intelligence and at the answers he made.  
<sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were amazed, and his mother said to him "My child, why did you treat us



like this? Here your father and I have been looking for you and have been very anxious." He said to them, "How did you come to look for me? Did you not know that I must be at my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he told them.

### §13. THE SILENT YEARS

LUKE 2:51-52

<sup>51</sup> And he went back with them to Nazareth and obeyed them. And his mother treasured all these things <sup>52</sup> up in her mind. As Jesus grew older he gained in wisdom and won the approval of God and men.

## PART II

### THE BEGINNING OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF JESUS FROM THE COMING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST UNTIL THE PUBLIC APPEARANCE OF JESUS IN GALILEE

#### §14. THE CAREER OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

##### MATTHEW 3:1-12

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared, and preached in the 2 desert of Judea. "Repent!" he said, "for the Kingdom of Heaven 3 is coming!" It was he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, when he said,

"Hark! Someone is shouting in the desert,  
'Get the Lord's way ready!'

Make his paths straight!" "

4 John wore clothing made of hair cloth, and he had a leather belt around his waist, and he lived on dried locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole Jordan valley 5 went out to him, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan River, in acknowledgment of their sins. 6 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of

##### MARK 1:1-8

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus 2 Christ. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"Here I send my messenger on before you;  
He will prepare your way;

3 Hark! Someone is shouting in the desert,  
'Get the Lord's way ready,

Make his paths straight.' "

4 John the baptizer appeared in the desert, and preached repentance and baptism in order to obtain the forgiveness of sins.

5 And all Judea and everybody in Jerusalem went out to him there, and accepted baptism from him in the Jordan River, acknowledging their sins.

6 John's clothing was made of hair cloth, and the belt around his waist was leather, and he lived on dried locusts and wild hon-

##### LUKE 3:1-20

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod governor of Galilee, while his brother Philip was governor of the territory of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Ly- sanias was governor 2 of Abilene, in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, a message from God came to Zechariah's son John in the desert.

3 And he went all through the Jordan Valley preaching repentance and baptism in order to obtain the 4 forgiveness of sins, as the book of the sermons of the prophet Isaiah says,

"Hark! Someone is shouting in the desert,

Get the Lord's way ready!

Make his paths straight.

5 Every hollow must be filled up,

snakes! Who warned you to escape from the wrath that is coming? Then produce fruit that will be consistent with your professed repentance! Do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our forefather,' for I tell you God can produce descendants for Abraham right out of these stones! But the ax is already lying at the roots of the trees. Any tree that fails to produce good fruit is going to be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you in water in token of your repentance, but he who is coming after me is stronger than I am, and I am not fit to carry his shoes. He will baptize you in the holy Spirit and in fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clean up his threshing-floor, and store his wheat in his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with inextinguishable fire."

7 ey. And this was his message: "After me there is coming one stronger than I am, one whose shoes I am not fit to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the holy Spirit."

And every mountain and hill leveled.

What is crooked is to be made straight,

And the rough roads are to be made smooth,

6 And all mankind is to see how God can save!"

7 So he would say to the crowds that came out there to be baptized by him, "You brood of snakes! Who warned you to fly from the wrath that is

8 coming? Then produce fruit that will be consistent with your professed repentance! And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our forefather,' for I tell you, God can produce descendants for Abraham right out of these

9 stones! But the ax is already lying at the roots of the trees. Any tree that fails to produce good fruit is going to be cut down and thrown into the

10 fire." The crowds would ask him, "Then what ought we to do?"

11 And he answered, "The man who has two shirts must share with the man who has none, and the man who has food must do the same." Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they

— said to him, "Master, what ought we to do?"

13 He said to them, "Do not collect any more than you are author-

14 ized to." And soldiers would ask him, "And what ought we do?"

He said to them, "Do not extort money or make false charges against people, but be satisfied with your

15 pay." As all this

aroused people's expectations, and they

were all wondering in their hearts whether

John was the Christ,

16 John said to them all,

"I am only baptizing you in water, but

someone is coming who is stronger than I

am, whose shoes I am not fit to untie. He

will baptize you in the holy Spirit and in fire.

17 He has his winnowing

fork in his hand, to clean up his thresh-

ing-floor, and store his wheat in his barn, but

he will burn up the chaff with inextin-

18 guishable fire." So

with many varied exhortations he would

preach the good news to the people, but

19 Herod the governor, whom he condemned

because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and

all the wicked things Herod had done,

20 crowned them all by

putting John in prison.

### §15. THE NEW SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS OF JESUS AFTER HIS BAPTISM

#### MATTHEW 3:13-17

- 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan, to John, to be  
14 baptized by him. But John dissuaded him, and said, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"  
15 But Jesus answered, "Let it be so this time, for it is right for us to do everything that God requires." Then John consented.  
16 And when Jesus was baptized, he went right up out of the water, and the heavens opened, and he saw the Spirit of God come down like a dove and light upon him,  
17 and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, my Beloved! This is my Chosen."

#### MARK 1:9-11

- 9 It was in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.  
10 And just as he was coming up out of the water he saw the heavens torn open and the Spirit coming down like a dove to  
11 enter into him, and out of the heavens came a voice: "You are my Son, my Beloved! You are my Chosen!"

#### LUKE 3:21-22

- 21 Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also after his baptism was praying, heaven opened and the holy Spirit came down upon him in the material shape of a dove, and there came a voice from heaven, "You are my Son, my Beloved! You are my Chosen!"

### §16. JESUS ORGANIZES HIS OWN IDEALS

#### MATTHEW 4:1-11

- 4 Then Jesus was guided by the Spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil.  
2 And he fasted forty days and nights, and after it he was famished. And the tempter came up and said to him, "If you are God's son, tell these stones to turn into bread!"  
4 But he answered, "The Scripture says,

#### MARK 1:12-13

- 12 The spirit immediately drove him out into the desert. And he remained in the desert for forty days, and Satan tried to tempt him there; and he was among the wild animals; but the angels waited on him.

#### LUKE 4:1-13

- 4 Jesus returned from the Jordan full of the holy Spirit, and he was led about in the desert for forty days  
2 by the Spirit, and was tempted by the devil. In all those days he ate nothing, and when they were over he was  
3 famished. And the devil said to him, "If you are God's son, tell this stone to turn into

'Not on bread alone is man to live, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God!'" Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the summit of the Temple, and said to him, "If you are God's son, throw yourself down, for the Scripture says,

'He will give his angels orders about you,

And they will lift you up with their hands

So that you may never strike your foot against a stone!"

Jesus said to him, "The Scripture also says, 'You shall not try the Lord your God.'" Again the devil took him to a very high mountain, and he showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor, and said to him, "I will give all this to you, if you will fall on your knees and do homage to me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For the Scripture says, 'You must do homage to the Lord your God, and worship him alone!'"

Then the devil left him, and angels came and waited on him.

bread!" Jesus answered, "The Scripture says, 'Not on bread alone is man to live!'" And he took him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "I will give you all this power and their splendor, for it has been turned over to me, and I can give it to anyone I please. If you will do homage before me, it shall all be yours."

Jesus answered, "The Scripture says, 'You must do homage before the Lord your God, and worship him alone.'" And he took him to Jerusalem, and made him stand on the summit of the Temple, and said to him, "If you are God's son, throw yourself down from here, for the Scripture says, 'He will give his angels orders about you, to protect you,' and 'They will lift you up with their hands, so that you may never strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered, "We have been told, 'You shall not try the Lord your God.'" When the devil had tried every kind of temptation he left him till another time.

# PART III

## THE BEGINNING OF JESUS' WORK IN GALILEE

### FROM HIS APPEARANCE IN GALILEE UNTIL THE CHOOSING OF THE TWELVE

#### §17. JESUS BEGINS TO ANNOUNCE THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM

##### MATTHEW 4:12-17

12 But when Jesus  
heard that John had  
been arrested, he re-  
treated to Galilee.  
13 And he left Nazareth  
and went and settled  
in Capernaum, by the  
sea, in the district of  
Zebulon and Naph-  
14 thali, in fulfilment of  
what was said by the  
prophet Isaiah,  
15 "Zebulon's land, and  
Naphthali's land,  
Along the road to  
the sea, across  
the Jordan,  
Galilee of the na-  
tions!  
16 The people that  
were living in  
darkness  
Have seen a great  
light,  
And on those who  
were living in the  
land of the shad-  
ow of death  
A light has  
dawned!"  
17 From that time Je-  
sus began to preach  
and say, "Repent!  
for the Kingdom of  
Heaven is coming!"

##### MARK 1:14-15

14 After John was ar-  
rested, Jesus went in-  
to Galilee proclaiming  
the good news from  
15 God, saying, "The  
time has come and the  
reign of God is near;  
repent, and believe  
this good news."

##### LUKE 4:14-15

14 Under the power of  
the Spirit Jesus re-  
turned to Galilee, and  
news of him went all  
15 over that region. And  
he taught in their  
synagogues, and was  
honored by them all.

§18. THE FIRST DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 4:18-22

18 As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who was afterward called Peter, and his brother, Andrew, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come and follow me, and I will make you fish for men!" They immediately dropped their nets and went with him. And he went on a little farther and saw two other men who were brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother, John, in the boat with Zebedee, their father, putting their nets in order, and he called them. And they immediately left the boat and their father and went with him.

MARK 1:16-20

16 As he was passing along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets in the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fish for men." They immediately abandoned their nets and followed him. He went on a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; they too were in their boat putting their nets in order. He immediately called them. And they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went off after him.

LUKE 5:1-11

5 Once as the crowd was pressing about him to hear God's message, he happened to be standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, 2 and he saw two boats on the shore of the lake, for the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. And he got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to push out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds of people from the boat. 4 When he stopped speaking, he said to Simon, "Push out into deep water, and then put down your nets for a haul." Simon answered, "Master, we worked all night and caught nothing, but as you tell me to do it, I will put down the nets." 6 So they did so, and enclosed such a shoal of fish that their nets began to break. And they signaled to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they came, and they filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' feet and said,



"Leave me, Master, for I am a sinful man." For he and all the men with him were perfectly amazed at the haul of fish that they had made, and so were Zebedee's sons, James and John, who were Simon's partners. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you are to catch men!" And they brought the boats to land and left everything and followed him.

### §19. THE FIRST CURES WROUGHT BY JESUS

#### MATTHEW 8:14-17

14 Jesus went into Peter's house, and there he found Peter's mother-in-law sick in bed with fever. And he touched her hand and the fever left her and she got up and waited on him. In the evening they brought to him many who were possessed by demons, and he drove the spirits out with a word, and cured all who were sick, in fulfilment of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "He took our sickness and carried away our diseases."

#### MARK 1:21-34

21 They proceeded to Capernaum, and on the very first Sabbath he went to the synagogue and taught. And they were amazed at his teaching, for he taught them like one who had authority, and not like the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man under the control of a foul spirit, and he cried out, "What do you want of us, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, you are God's Holy One!" Jesus reproved him, and said, "Silence! Get out of him!" The foul spirit convulsed the man and gave a loud cry

#### LUKE 4:31-41

31 And he came down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee. And he taught them on the Sabbath, and they were amazed at his teaching, for he spoke with authority. There was a man in the synagogue who was possessed by the spirit of a foul demon and he cried out loudly, "Ha! What do you want of us, Jesus, you Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are! You are God's Holy One!" Jesus reproved him and said, "Silence! Get out of him!" And the demon threw the man down in the midst of them, and came out

and went out of him.  
27 And they were all so amazed that they discussed it with one another, and said, "What does this mean? It is a new teaching! He gives orders with authority even to the foul spirits, and they obey  
28 him!" And his fame immediately spread in all directions through the whole neighborhood of Galilee. As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the house of Simon  
30 and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they immediately told him about her.  
31 And he went up to her, and grasping her hand, he made her rise. And the fever left her, and she waited  
32 ed on them. In the evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons,  
33 and the whole town was gathered at the  
34 door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and drove out many demons, and he would not let the demons speak, because they knew that he was Christ.

of him, without doing  
36 him any harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is the meaning of this teaching? For he gives orders authoritatively and effectually to the foul spirits, and they  
37 come out." And news of him spread to every place in that region.  
38 When he got up and left the synagogue, he went to Simon's house. And Simon's mother-in-law was suffering with a severe attack of fever, and they asked him about  
39 her. And he stood over her and reproved the fever and it left her, and she got up and waited on them.  
40 As the sun went down all who had friends sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and cured them.  
41 And demons came out of many people, crying out, "You are the Son of God!" But he reproved them and forbade them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

## §20. JESUS PREACHES THROUGHOUT GALILEE

MATTHEW 8:2-4

2 And a leper came up to him and fell on his knees before him, saying, "If you only choose, sir, you can cure me!" So he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose! Be cured!" And his leprosy was immediately cured.

4 Then Jesus said to him, "See that you tell nobody, but go! Show yourself to the priest, and in proof of your cure, offer the gift that Moses prescribed."

MARK 1:35-45

35 Early in the morning, long before daylight, he got up and left the house and went off to a lonely spot, and prayed there.

36 And Simon and his companions sought him out and found him, and said to him, "They are all looking for you!" He said to them, "Let us go somewhere else, to the neighboring country towns, so that I may preach in them, too, for that is why I came out here."

39 So he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out the demons. There came to him a leper appealing to him on his knees, saying to him, "If you only choose, you can cure me."

41 And he pitied him and stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose! Be cured!"

42 And the leprosy immediately left him, and he was cured.

43 And Jesus immediately drove him away with stern injunctions,

44 saying to him, "See that you say nothing about this to anybody, but begone! show yourself to the priest, and in proof

LUKE 4:42-44; 5:12-16

42 When it was day, he left the house and made his way to a lonely spot, and crowds of people went in search of him, and overtook him and tried to keep him from leaving them. But he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the Kingdom of God to the other towns also, for that is what I was sent to do." So he went about Judea, preaching in the synagogues.

5 12 When he was in one of the towns, he came upon a man covered with leprosy. And when he saw Jesus he fell down on his face, and begged him, saying, "If you only choose, sir, you can cure me!"

13 And he stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose! Be cured!" And the leprosy immediately left him. Then he warned him to tell nobody, "But go," he said, "show yourself to the priest, and in proof of your cure make the offerings for your purification, just as Moses prescribed."

15 Yet the news about him spread more and more, and great crowds gathered to

of your cure make the offerings for your purification which Moses  
<sup>15</sup> prescribed." But he went off and began to talk so much about it, and to spread the story so widely, that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in unfrequented places, and people came to him from every direction.

hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But Jesus himself would retire into the desert and pray.

**§21. JESUS FORGIVES SINS**

**MATTHEW 9:1-8**

<sup>9</sup> So he got into the boat and crossed the sea, and returned to his own city. Some people came bringing to him on a bed a man who was paralyzed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Courage, my son! Your sins are forgiven." Some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is talking blasphemy!"  
<sup>4</sup> Jesus knew what they were thinking, and he said, "Why do you have such wicked thoughts in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I would have you know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth." Then he said to the para-

**MARK 2:1-12**

<sup>2</sup> Some days later he came back to Capernaum, and people heard that he was at home, and such a crowd gathered that after a while there was no room even around the door, and he was telling them his message. And some people came bringing to him a man who was paralyzed, four of them carrying him.  
<sup>4</sup> As they could not get him near Jesus on account of the crowd, they broke open the roof just over his head, and through the opening they lowered the mat with the paralytic lying on it.  
<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." There were some scribes sitting there

**LUKE 5:17-26**

<sup>17</sup> One day as he was teaching, there were some Pharisees and experts in the Law sitting near by, who had come from every village in Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. The power of the Lord was there, so that he might cure people. Some men came up carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they tried to get him in and lay him before Jesus.  
<sup>19</sup> And as they could find no way to get him in, on account of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his mat through the tiles, among the people in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven!"  
<sup>21</sup> And the scribes and

lytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home!" And he got up and went home. And when the crowd saw it, they were filled with awe, and praised God for giving such power to men.

pondering and saying to themselves, "Why does this man talk so? This is blasphemy. Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Jesus, at once perceiving by his spirit that they were pondering over this, said to them, "Why do you ponder over this in your minds? Which is easier, to say to this paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say to him, 'Get up and pick up your mat and walk'? But to let you know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth," turning to the paralytic he said, "I tell you, get up, pick up your mat, and go home!" And he got up, and immediately picked up his mat and went out before them all, so that they were all astonished and acknowledged the power of God, saying, "We never saw anything like this before."

the Pharisees began to debate and say, "Who is this man who talks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But Jesus saw what they were discussing, and said to them, "What are you pondering over in your minds? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But to let you know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"—turning to the man who was paralyzed he said to him—"I tell you, get up, pick up your mat, and go home!" And he got up at once before them all, and picked up what he had been lying on, and went home, praising God. They were all seized with astonishment, and praised God, and filled with awe they said, "We have seen something wonderful today!"

## §22. JESUS CALLS A PUBLICAN TO BE A DISCIPLE

### MATTHEW 9:9-13

Afterward, as Jesus was passing along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tollhouse, and he said to him, "Follow me!" And he got up and followed him. While Jesus was at

### MARK 2:13-17

He went out of the town again and along the shore, and all the people came to him and he taught them. And as he was passing along he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus, sitting at the tollhouse, and

### LUKE 5:27-32

After this he went out, and he saw a tax-collector named Levi sitting at the tollhouse, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he left everything and got up and followed him. Then Levi

home at table, a number of tax-collectors and irreligious people came in and joined Jesus and his disciples at table. And the Pharisees observed it, and they said to his disciples, "Why does your master eat with tax-collectors and irreligious people?" But he heard it, and said, "It is not well people but the sick who have to have the doctor! You must go and learn what the saying means, 'It is mercy, not sacrifice, that I care for.' I did not come to invite the pious but the irreligious."

he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. He was at table in his house, with many tax-collectors and irreligious people who were at table with him and his disciples, for there were many of them among his followers. And when the scribes who were of the Pharisees' party saw that he was eating with irreligious people and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax-collectors and irreligious people?" Jesus heard it, and said to them, "It is not well people but the sick who have to have the doctor. I did not come to invite the pious but the irreligious."

gave a great entertainment for him in his house, and there was a great throng of tax-collectors and others who were at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled about it to his disciples, and said, "Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and irreligious people?" Jesus answered them, "It is not well people but the sick who have to have the doctor. I have not come to invite the pious but the irreligious to repentance!"

### §23. JESUS REJECTS THE PHARISEES' PRACTICE OF FASTING

#### MATTHEW 9:14-17

Then the disciples of John came up to him and said, "Why is it that we and the Pharisees are keeping the fast, while your disciples are not keeping it?" Jesus said to them, "Can wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But a time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and they will fast

#### MARK 2:18-22

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were keeping a fast. And people came and asked him, "Why is it that when John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are keeping the fast, yours are not keeping it?" Jesus said to them, "Can wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the

#### LUKE 5:33-39

They said to him, "John's disciples observe frequent fasts and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but your disciples eat and drink." Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? But other days will come, and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, in those

16 then. But no one  
sews a patch of un-  
shrunk cloth on an  
old coat, for the patch  
will tear away from  
the coat, and make  
the hole worse than  
17 ever. And people do  
not put new wine into  
old wine-skins, or if  
they do, the skins  
burst, and the wine  
runs out and the  
skins are spoiled. But  
people put new wine  
into fresh wine-skins,  
and so both are  
saved."

20 bridegroom with them  
they cannot fast. But  
a time will come when  
the bridegroom will  
be taken from them,  
and when that day  
comes, they will fast.  
21 No one sews a patch  
of unshrunk cloth  
on an old coat; or if  
he does, the patch  
tears away, the new  
from the old, and  
makes the hole worse  
22 than ever. And no  
one pours new wine  
into old wine-skins;  
or if he does, the wine  
bursts the skins, and  
the wine is lost, and  
the skins too. New  
wine has to be put in-  
to fresh skins."

days they will fast."  
36 He used this figure al-  
so in speaking to  
them: "No one tears  
a piece from a new  
coat and sews it on an  
old one, or if he does,  
he will both tear the  
new one and the piece  
from the new one will  
not match the old one.  
37 And nobody puts new  
wine into old wine-  
skins, or if he does, the  
new wine will burst  
the skins and run out,  
and the skins will be  
38 spoiled. New wine has  
to be put into fresh  
39 skins. No one after  
drinking old wine  
wants new, for he  
says, 'The old is bet-  
ter!'"

#### §24. JESUS' REVOLUTIONARY INTERPRETATION OF THE SABBATH

##### MATTHEW 12:1-8

12 At that same time  
Jesus walked one Sab-  
bath through the  
wheat fields, and his  
disciples became hun-  
gry and began to  
pick the heads of  
wheat and eat them.  
2 But the Pharisees saw  
it and said to him,  
"Look! Your dis-  
ciples are doing some-  
thing which it is  
against the Law to do  
3 on the Sabbath!" But  
he said to them, "Did  
you never read what  
David did, when he  
and his companions  
4 were hungry? How is

##### MARK 2:23-28

23 He happened to be  
passing through the  
wheat fields on the  
Sabbath, and his dis-  
ciples began to pick  
the heads of wheat as  
they made their way  
24 through. And the  
Pharisees said to him,  
"Look! Why are they  
doing what it is  
against the Law to do  
25 on the Sabbath?" He  
said to them, "Did  
you never read what  
David did, when  
he was in need and  
hungry, he and his  
26 men? How is it that  
he went into the house

##### LUKE 6:1-5

6 One Sabbath he  
happened to be pass-  
ing through the wheat  
fields and his disciples  
were picking the  
heads of wheat, and  
eating them, rubbing  
them in their hands.  
2 And some of the Phar-  
isees said, "Why do  
you do what it is  
against the Law to do  
3 on the Sabbath?" Je-  
sus answered, "Have  
you not read even  
what David did, when  
he and his companions  
4 were hungry? How he  
went into the house of  
God and took the

it that he went into the House of God and that they ate the Presentation Loaves which it was against the Law for him and his companions to eat, or for anyone except  
 5 the priests? Or did you never read in the Law how the priests in the Temple are not guilty when they  
 6 break the Sabbath? But I tell you, there is something greater than the Temple here!  
 7 But if you knew what the saying means, 'It is mercy, not sacrifice, that I care for,' you would not have condemned men who are  
 8 not guilty. For the Son of Man is master of the Sabbath."

of God when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the Presentation Loaves, which it is against the Law for anyone but the priests  
 5 to eat, and gave some to his companions  
 27 too?" And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sab-  
 28 bath, and so the Son of Man is master even of the Sabbath."

Presentation Loaves, which it was against the Law for anyone but the priests to eat, and ate them with his  
 5 companions?" And he said to them, "The Son of Man is master of the Sabbath."

**§25. JESUS AROUSES THE ENMITY OF THE PHARISEES  
 BY HIS ATTITUDE REGARDING THE SABBATH**

**MATTHEW 12:9-21**

9 And he left the place and went into their synagogue.  
 10 There was a man there with one hand withered. And in order to get a charge to bring against him, they asked him, "Is it right to cure people on the Sabbath?" But  
 11 he said to them, "Who among you if he has even a single sheep and it falls into a hole on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and  
 12 lift it out? And how

**MARK 3:1-6**

3 He went again to a synagogue, and there was a man there with one hand withered.  
 2 And they were watching him closely, to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, in order to get a charge to bring  
 3 against him. He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and come for-  
 4 ward." And he said to them, "Is it allowable to do people good on the Sabbath,

**LUKE 6:6-11**

6 On another Sabbath he happened to go to the synagogue and teach. There was a man there whose right hand was with-  
 7 ered. And the scribes and the Pharisees were on the watch to see whether he would cure people on the Sab-  
 8 bath, in order to find a charge to bring against him. But he knew what they were thinking, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Get



much more a man is worth than a sheep! Therefore, it is right to do people good on the Sabbath." Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand!" And he held it out, and it was restored and became as well as the other.

But the Pharisees left the synagogue and consulted about him, with a view to putting him to death. But Jesus knew of this, and he left that place. And numbers of people followed him about, and he cured them all, and warned them not to say anything about him—in fulfilment of what was said by the prophet Isaiah,

"Here is my servant whom I have selected,  
My beloved, who delights my heart!  
I will endow him with my Spirit,  
And he will announce a judgment to the heathen.

He will not wrangle or make an outcry,  
And no one will hear his voice in the streets;  
He will not break off a bent reed,  
And he will not put

or to do them harm? To save life or to kill?" But they made no answer. And he looked around at them with anger, hurt by their obstinacy, and he said to the man, "Hold out your hand!" And he held it out, and his hand was cured. Then the Pharisees left the synagogues and immediately consulted with the Herodians about Jesus, with a view to putting him to death.

up and stand in front." And he got up and stood there. Jesus said to them, "I want to ask you, Is it allowable on the Sabbath to do people good or to do them harm? To save life or destroy it?" And he looked around at them all and said to the man, "Hold out your hand!" And he did so, and his hand was restored. But they were perfectly furious, and discussed with one another what they could do to Jesus.

out a smoldering  
wick.

Until he carries his  
judgment to suc-  
cess.

21 The heathen will  
rest their hopes  
on his name!"

# PART IV

## A PERIOD OF CONFLICT IN GALILEE

### FROM THE CHOICE OF THE TWELVE UNTIL THE WITHDRAWAL INTO NORTHERN GALILEE

#### §26. THE RAPID GROWTH OF HIS FOLLOWING

MATTHEW 4:23-25

23 Then he went all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing any disease or sickness among the people. 24 Word went all through Syria about him, and people brought to him all who were suffering with any kind of disease, or who were in great pain—demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics—and he 25 cured them. Great crowds followed him about, from Galilee and the Ten Towns and Jerusalem and Judea and from the other side of the Jordan.

MARK 3:7-12

7 So Jesus retired with his disciples to the seashore, and a great many people from Galilee followed him, and from Judea 8 and Jerusalem and Idumea and from the other side of the Jordan and from the neighborhood of Tyre and Sidon a great many who had heard of the things he was doing came to him. 9 He told his disciples to have a boat always ready for his use, to prevent his being crushed by the crowd. 10 For he cured so many people that all who had any ailments pressed up to him to 11 touch him. And whenever the foul spirits saw him, they fell down before him and screamed out, "You are the Son of 12 God!" And he warned them repeatedly not to tell who he was.

LUKE 6:17-19

17 And he came down with them and took his stand on a level place with a great throng of his disciples, and a large number of people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and the seacoast district of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be cured of their 18 diseases. And those who were troubled with foul spirits were 19 cured. And all the people tried to touch him, because power went forth from him and cured them all.

§27. THE SELECTION OF THE TWELVE

MATTHEW 10:1-4

10 Then he called his twelve disciples to him and gave them power over the foul spirits so that they could drive them out, and so that they could heal any disease or illness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James the son of Zebedee and his brother John, Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector, James the son of Alphaeus and Thaddeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot who afterward betrayed him.

MARK 3:13-19a

13 And he went up the hillside and summoned to him those whom he wanted, and they went to him. He appointed twelve of them, whom he called apostles, to be with him and to be sent out to preach, with power to drive out the demons. These were the twelve he appointed: Peter, which was the name he gave to Simon, James the son of Zebedee, and John, James's brother (he named them Boanerges, that is Sons of Thunder), Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

LUKE 6:12-16

12 It was in those days that he went up on the mountain to pray, and passed the whole night in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples to him, and chose twelve of them whom he named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, the son of Alphaeus, Simon, who was called the Zealot, Judas, the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who turned out a traitor.

§28. THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

MATTHEW 5:1-8:1

5 When he saw the crowds of people he went up on the mountain. There he seated himself, and when his disciples had come up to him, he opened his lips to teach them. And he said, "Blessed are those who feel their spiritual need, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them! Blessed are the

LUKE 6:20-49

20 Then he fixed his eyes on his disciples, and said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours! Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied! Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh! Blessed are you when people hate you and exclude you and de-

mourners, for they will be consoled!

5 Blessed are the humble-minded, for they will possess the land!

6 Blessed are those who are hungry and thirsty for uprightness, for they will be satisfied!

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

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God! Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called

10 God's sons! Blessed are those who have endured persecution for their uprightness, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to

11 them! Blessed are you when people abuse you, and persecute you, and falsely say everything bad of you, on my account.

12 Be glad and exult over it, for you will be richly rewarded in heaven, for that is the way they persecuted the prophets who

13 went before you! You are the salt of the earth! But if salt loses its strength, how can it be made salt again? It is good for nothing but to be thrown away and trodden underfoot. You are the light of the world! A city that is built upon a hill cannot be

15 hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it

nounce you and spurn the name you bear as evil, on account of the

23 Son of Man. Be glad when that happens, and leap for joy, for you will be richly rewarded in heaven, for that is the way their forefathers treated the

24 prophets. But alas for you who are rich, for you have had your

25 comfort! Alas for you who have plenty to eat now, for you will be hungry! Alas for you who laugh now, for you will mourn

26 and weep! Alas for you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is the way their forefathers treated the

27 false prophets! But I tell you who hear me, love your enemies, treat those who

28 hate you well, bless those who curse you, pray for those who

29 abuse you. To the man that strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from the man who takes away your coat, do not keep back your

30 shirt either. Give to everyone that asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not demand

31 it back. And treat men just as you wish them to treat you.

32 If you love only those who love you, what merit is there in that?

under a peck-measure; they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. Your light must burn in that way among men so that they will see the good you do, and praise your Father in heaven.

17 "Do not suppose that I have come to do away with the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to do away with them but 18 to enforce them. For I tell you, as long as heaven and earth endure, not one dotting of an *i* or crossing of a *t* will be dropped from the Law until it is all 19 observed. Anyone,

therefore, who weakens one of the slightest of these commands, and teaches others to do so, will be ranked lowest in the Kingdom of Heaven; but anyone who observes them and teaches others to do so will be ranked high in the Kingdom of Heaven.

20 For I tell you that unless your uprightness is far superior to that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never even enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

21 You have heard that the men of old were told 'You shall not murder,' and 'Whoever murders will have

For even godless people love those who 23 love them. And if you help only those who help you, what merit is there in that? Even godless people act in 34 that way. And if you lend only to people from whom you expect to get something, what merit is there in that? Even godless people lend to godless people, meaning to get it back again in 35 full. But love your enemies, and help them and lend to them, never despairing, and you will be richly rewarded, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind even to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 You must be merciful, just as your 37 Father is. Do not judge others, and they will not judge you. Do not condemn them, and they will not condemn you. Excuse others and they will excuse you. 38 Give, and they will give to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, they will pour into your lap. For the measure you use with others they in turn will use with you."

39 And he used a figure, saying, "Can one blind man lead an-

to answer to the  
22 court.' But I tell  
you that anyone who  
gets angry with his  
brother will have to  
answer to the court,  
and anyone who  
speaks contemptuously  
to his brother will  
have to answer to the  
great council, and  
anyone who says to  
his brother 'You  
cursed fool!' will have  
to answer for it in the  
23 fiery pit! So when you  
are presenting your  
gift at the altar, if  
you remember that  
your brother has any  
grievance against you,  
24 leave your gift right  
there before the altar  
and go and make up  
with your brother;  
then come back and  
25 present your gift. Be  
quick and come to  
terms with your op-  
ponent while you are  
on the way to court  
with him, or he may  
hand you over to the  
judge, and the judge  
may hand you over to  
the officer, and you  
will be thrown into  
26 prison. I tell you, you  
will never get out  
again until you have  
paid the last penny!  
27 You have heard that  
men were told  
'You shall not com-  
28 mit adultery.' But I  
tell you that anyone  
who looks at a woman  
with desire has al-  
ready committed

other? Will they not  
both fall into a hole?  
40 A pupil is not better  
than his teacher, but  
every pupil when he is  
fully trained will be  
41 like his teacher. Why  
do you keep looking  
at the speck in your  
brother's eye, and pay  
no attention to the  
beam that is in your  
42 own? How can you  
say to your brother,  
'Brother, just let me  
get that speck out of  
your eye,' when you  
cannot see the beam  
in your own eye? You  
hypocrite! First get  
the beam out of your  
own eye, and then you  
can see to get the  
speck in your broth-  
43 er's eye. For sound  
trees do not bear bad  
fruit, nor bad trees  
44 sound fruit. Every  
tree is known by its  
fruit. They do not  
pick figs off thorns, or  
gather grapes from  
45 brambles. A good  
man, out of the good  
he has accumulated in  
his heart, produces  
good, and a bad man,  
out of what he has  
accumulated that is  
bad, produces what  
is bad. For his mouth  
says only what his  
46 heart is full of. Why  
do you call me: 'Lord!  
Lord!' and not do  
47 what I tell you? If  
anyone comes to me  
and listens to this  
teaching of mine and

adultery with her in  
29 his heart. But if your  
right eye makes you  
fall, tear it out and  
throw it away, for  
you might better lose  
one part of your body  
than have it all  
thrown into the pit!

30 If your right hand  
makes you fall, cut it  
off and throw it away,  
for you might better  
lose one part of your  
body than have it all  
go down to the pit!

31 They were told, 'Any-  
one who divorces his  
wife must give her a  
certificate of divorce.'

32 But I tell you that  
anyone who divorces  
his wife on any  
ground, except un-  
faithfulness, makes  
her commit adultery,  
and anyone who mar-  
ries her after she is  
divorced commits

33 adultery. Again, you  
have heard that the  
men of old were told,  
'You shall not swear  
falsely, but you must  
fulfil your oaths to

34 the Lord.' But I tell  
you not to swear at  
all, either by heaven,  
for it is God's throne,  
35 or by the earth, for it  
is his footstool, or by  
Jerusalem, for it is the  
city of the great king.

36 You must not swear  
by your own head, for  
you cannot make one  
single hair white or  
37 black. But your way  
of speaking must be

acts upon it, I will  
show you whom he is  
48 like. He is like a man  
who was building a  
house, who dug deep  
and laid his founda-  
tion upon the rock,  
and when there was a  
flood the torrent burst  
upon that house and  
could not shake it, be-  
cause it was well built.

49 But the man who lis-  
tens to it, and does  
not act upon it, is like  
a man who built a  
house on the ground  
without any founda-  
tion. The torrent burst  
upon it, and it col-  
lapsed at once, and  
the wreck of that  
house was complete."



'Yes' or 'No.' Anything that goes beyond that comes from  
38 the evil one. You have heard that they were told, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for  
39 a tooth.' But I tell you not to resist injury, but if anyone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the  
40 other to him too; and if anyone wants to sue for your shirt, let him have your coat too.  
41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go two miles with him.  
42 If anyone begs from you, give to him, and when anyone wants to borrow from you, do not turn away.  
43 You have heard that they were told, 'You must love your neighbor and hate your  
44 enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for your per-  
45 secutors, so that you may show yourselves true sons of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on bad and good alike, and makes the rain fall on the upright and the wrong-  
46 doers. For if you love only those who love you, what reward can you expect? Do not the very tax-collectors  
47 do that? And if you are polite to your brothers and no one else, what is there re-

markable in that? Do  
not the very heathen  
48 do that? So you are  
to be perfect, as your  
heavenly Father is.

6 "But take care not  
to do your good deeds  
in public for people to  
see, for, if you do, you  
will get no reward  
from your Father in  
2 heaven. So when you  
are going to give to  
charity, do not blow  
a trumpet before  
yourself, as the hypo-  
crites do, in the syna-  
gogues and the streets,  
to make people praise  
them. I tell you, that  
is all the reward they  
3 will get! But when  
you give to charity,  
your own left hand  
must not know what  
your right hand is  
4 doing, so that your  
charity may be secret,  
and your Father who  
sees what is secret will  
5 reward you. When  
you pray, you must  
not be like the hypo-  
crites, for they like to  
pray standing in the  
synagogues and in the  
corners of the squares,  
to let people see them.  
I tell you, that is the  
only reward they will  
6 get! But when you  
pray, go into your  
own room, and shut  
the door, and pray to  
your Father who is  
unseen, and your Fa-  
ther who sees what  
is secret will reward  
7 you. And when you

pray, do not repeat empty phrases as the heathen do, for they imagine that their prayers will be heard if they use words enough. You must not be like them. For God, who is your Father, knows what you need before you ask him. This, therefore, is the way you are to pray:

'Our Father in heaven,

Your name be revered!

10 Your kingdom come!

Your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven!

11 Give us today bread for the day,

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

13 And do not subject us to temptation, But save us from the evil one.'

14 For if you forgive others when they offend you, your heavenly Father will forgive you too. But if

15 you do not forgive others when they offend you, your heavenly Father will not forgive you for your

16 offenses. When you fast, do not put on a gloomy look, like the hypocrites, for they neglect their personal appearance to let peo-

ple see that they are fasting. I tell you, that is all the reward  
17 they will get. But when you fast, perfume your hair and  
18 wash your face, so that no one may see that you are fasting, except your Father who is unseen, and your Father who sees what is secret, will reward  
19 you. Do not store up your riches on earth, where moths and rust destroy them, and where thieves break in and steal them,  
20 but store up your riches in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and where thieves cannot break in and  
21 steal them. For wherever your treasure is, your heart will be also.  
22 The eye is the lamp of the body. If then your eye is sound, your whole body will be light,  
23 but if your eye is unsound, your whole body will be dark. If, therefore, your very light is darkness, how deep the darkness will  
24 be! No slave can belong to two masters, for he will either hate one and love the other, or stand by one and make light of the other. You cannot serve God and money.  
25 Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about

life, wondering what  
you will have to eat  
or drink, or about  
your body, wondering  
what you will have to  
wear. Is not life more  
important than food,  
and the body than  
26 clothes? Look at the  
wild birds. They do  
not sow or reap, or  
store their food in  
barns, and yet your  
heavenly Father feeds  
them. Are you not of  
more account than  
27 they? But which of  
you with all his worry  
can add a single hour  
28 to his life? Why  
should you worry  
about clothing? See  
how the wild flowers  
grow. They do not  
29 toil or spin, and yet I  
tell you, even Solo-  
mon in all his splen-  
dor was never dressed  
30 like one of them. But  
if God so beautifully  
dresses the wild grass,  
which is alive today  
and is thrown into the  
furnace tomorrow,  
will he not much more  
surely clothe you, you  
who have so little  
31 faith? So do not  
worry and say, 'What  
shall we have to eat?'  
or 'What shall we  
have to drink?' or  
'What shall we have  
32 to wear?' For these  
are all things the  
heathen are in pur-  
suit of, and your  
heavenly Father  
knows well that you

33 need all this. But  
you must make his  
kingdom, and up-  
rightness before him,  
your greatest care,  
and you will have all  
these other things be-  
34 sides. So do not wor-  
ry about tomorrow,  
for tomorrow will  
have worries of its  
own. Let each day be  
content with its own  
ills.

7 "Pass no more  
judgments upon other  
people, so that you  
may not have judg-  
ment passed upon  
2 you. For you will be  
judged by the stand-  
ard you judge by, and  
men will pay you  
back with the same  
measure you have  
3 used with them. Why  
do you keep looking  
at the speck in your  
brother's eye, and  
pay no attention to  
the beam that is in  
4 your own? How can  
you say to your broth-  
er, 'Just let me get  
that speck out of your  
eye,' when all the  
time there is a beam  
5 in your own? You  
hypocrite! First get  
the beam out of your  
own eye, and then you  
can see to get the  
speck out of your  
6 brother's eye. Do not  
give what is sacred to  
dogs, and do not  
throw your pearls be-  
fore pigs, or they will  
trample them under

- their feet and turn  
and tear you in pieces.
- 7 Ask, and what you  
ask will be given you.  
Search, and you will  
find what you search  
for. Knock, and the  
door will open to you.
- 8 For it is always the  
one who asks who re-  
ceives, and the one  
who searches who  
finds, and the one who  
knocks to whom the
- 9 door opens. Which of  
you men when his son  
asks him for some  
bread will give him a
- 10 stone? Or if he asks  
for a fish, will he give
- 11 him a snake? So if  
you, bad as you are,  
know enough to give  
your children what is  
good, how much more  
surely will your Fa-  
ther in heaven give  
what is good to those  
who ask him for it!
- 12 Therefore, you must  
always treat other  
people as you would  
like to have them  
treat you, for this  
sums up the Law and
- 13 the Prophets. Go in  
at the narrow gate.  
For the road that  
leads to destruction  
is broad and spacious,  
and there are many
- 14 who go in by it. But  
the gate is narrow and  
the road is hard that  
leads to life, and there  
are few that find it.
- 15 Beware of the false  
prophets, who come  
to you disguised as

sheep but are ravenous wolves underneath. You can tell them by their fruit. Do people pick grapes off thorns, or figs off thistles? Just so any sound tree bears good fruit, but a poor tree bears bad fruit. No sound tree can bear bad fruit, and no poor tree can bear good fruit. Any tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and burned. So you can tell them by their fruit. It is not everyone who says to me 'Lord! Lord!' who will get into the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that Day, 'Lord! Lord! Was it not in your name that we prophesied, and by your name that we did many mighty acts?' Then I will say to them plainly, 'I never knew you! Go away from me, you who do wrong!' Everyone, therefore, who listens to this teaching of mine and acts upon it, will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock. And the rain fell, and the rivers rose, and the winds blew, and beat about that house, and it did not go down,



for its foundations  
26 were on rock. And anyone who listens to this teaching of mine and does not act upon it, will be like a foolish man who built his  
27 house on sand. And the rain fell and the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat about that house, and it went down, and its downfall was complete." When Jesus  
28 had finished this discourse, the crowds were astounded at his  
29 teaching, for he taught them like one who had authority and not like their  
8 scribes. When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds of people followed him.

#### §29. A CENTURION ACCEPTS JESUS AS A COMMANDER.

MATTHEW 8:5-13

5 When he got back to Capernaum, a Roman captain came up and appealed to him,  
6 saying, "My servant, sir, is lying sick with paralysis at my house,  
7 in great distress." He said to him, "I will come and cure him."  
8 But the captain answered, "I am not a suitable person, sir, to have you come under my roof, but simply say the word, and my servant will be cured."  
9 For I am myself under

LUKE 7:1-10

7 When he had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he went to Capernaum. A Roman captain had a slave whom he thought a great deal of, and the slave was sick and at the  
3 point of death. When the captain heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, to ask him to come and save his  
4 slave's life. And they went to Jesus and urged him strongly to

the orders of others and I have soldiers under me, and I tell one to go, and he goes, and another to come, and he comes, and my slave to do something, and he does it."

10 When Jesus heard this he was astonished and said to his followers, "I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such faith as this.

11 And I tell you, many will come from the east and from the west and take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of Heaven,

12 while the heirs to the kingdom will be driven into the darkness outside, there to weep and grind their teeth!"

13 Then Jesus said to the captain, "Go! You shall find it just as you believe!" And the servant was immediately cured.

do it, and said, "He deserves to have you  
5 do this for him, for he loves our nation, and it was he who built us

6 our synagogue." So Jesus went with them.

But when he was not far from the house, the captain sent some friends to him, to say to him, "Master, do not take any more trouble, for I am not a suitable person to have you under my

7 roof. That is why I did not think I was fit to come to you. But simply say the word, and have my servant

8 cured. For I am myself under the orders of others, and I have soldiers under me, and I tell one to go, and he goes, and another to come, and he comes, and my slave to do something, and he

9 does it." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished at him, and turning to the crowd that was following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such faith as this even in Israel!"

10 And when the messengers went back to the house, they found the slave well.

## §30. JESUS ACCEPTED AS A GREAT PROPHET

LUKE 7:11-17

11 Soon afterward he happened to go to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great throng of people were  
 12 with him. As he came up to the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out; he was his mother's only son, and she was a widow. A crowd of the townspeople was  
 13 with her. And when the Master saw her, he pitied her, and said to her, "Do not weep."  
 14 And he went up and touched the bier, and the bearers stopped. And he said, "Young man, I tell you, wake  
 15 up!" And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and he gave him back to his moth-  
 16 er. And they were all overcome with awe and they praised God, and said, "A great prophet has appeared among us!" and "God has not forgotten his  
 17 people!" This story about him spread all over Judea and the surrounding country.

## §31. THE UNCERTAINTY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

MATTHEW 11:2-19

2 Now when John heard in prison of what the Christ was doing, he sent by his  
 3 disciples and said to

LUKE 7:18-35

18 John's disciples told  
 19 him of all this, and he called two of them to him, and sent them to the Master to ask

him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we look for someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go and report to John what you hear and see. The blind are regaining their sight and the lame can walk, the lepers are being cured and the deaf can hear, the dead are being raised and good news is being preached to the poor. And blessed is the man who finds nothing that repels him in me." But as they were going away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John. "What was it that you went out into the desert to look at? A reed swaying in the wind? Then what did you go out there to see? A man luxuriously dressed? Men who dress in that way you find in the palaces of kings. Then why did you go out there? Was it to see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and far more than a prophet! This is the man of whom the Scripture says,

'Here I send my messenger on before you;

He will prepare the road ahead of you.'

I tell you, among men born of women no greater than John the

him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we look for someone else?" And the men went to him and said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we look for someone else?'" Just then he cured many of diseases and ailments and evil spirits, and he gave sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard. The blind are regaining their sight, the lame can walk, the lepers are being cured and the deaf can hear, the dead are being raised and good news is being preached to the poor. And blessed is the man who finds nothing that repels him in me." When John's messengers were gone, he began to speak to the crowds about John. "What was it that you went out into the desert to look at? A reed swaying in the wind? Then what did you go out there to see? A man luxuriously dressed? Men who wear fine clothes and live in luxury you find in palaces. Then what did you go out there to see? A prophet?

Baptist has ever appeared. And yet those who are of little importance in the Kingdom of Heaven are  
 12 greater than he. But from the time of John the Baptist until now men have been taking the Kingdom of Heaven by storm and impetuously crowding  
 13 into it. For up to the time of John all the Prophets and the Law itself prophesied  
 14 about it, and, if you are ready to accept the idea, he is himself Elijah who was to  
 15 come. Let him who  
 16 has ears listen! But to what can I compare this present age? It is like children sitting about in the bazaars and calling out to their playmates,  
 17 'We have played the flute for you, and you would not dance!  
 We have wailed and you would not  
 beat your  
 breasts!'
   
 18 For when John came, he neither ate nor drank, and people said, 'He has a demon!' Now that the  
 19 Son of Man has come, he does eat and drink, and people say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drinker, the companion of tax-collectors and irreligious people!' And yet

Yes, I tell you, and far more than a prophet!  
 27 et! This is the man of whom the Scripture says,  
 'Here I send my messenger on before you,  
 He will prepare the road ahead of you!'
   
 28 "I tell you, among men born of women there is none greater than John; and yet those who are of little importance in the Kingdom of God are  
 29 greater than he. And all the people, even the tax-collectors, when they heard him, acknowledged the justice of God's demands, by accepting baptism from John,  
 30 but the Pharisees and experts in the Law thwarted God's purpose for themselves, by refusing to be baptized by him. So what  
 31 is there to which I can compare the men of this age? What are  
 32 they like? They are like children sitting about in the bazaar and calling out to one another,  
 'We have played the flute for you, and you would not dance!  
 We have wailed and you would not weep!'
   
 33 "For when John the Baptist came, he did

Wisdom is vindicated  
by her actions!"

not eat any bread  
or drink any wine,  
and you said, 'He  
<sup>34</sup> has a demon!' Now  
that the Son of Man  
has come, he does eat  
and drink, and you  
say, 'Look at him! A  
glutton and a drinker,  
the companion of tax-  
collectors and irreligi-  
<sup>35</sup> ous people!' So wis-  
dom is vindicated by  
all who are really  
wise."

### §32. THE LOVING FAITH OF A FORGIVEN WOMAN

[See §96]

[See §96]

LUKE 7:36-50

<sup>36</sup> One of the Phari-  
sees asked him to have  
dinner with him, and  
he went to the Phari-  
see's house and took  
his place at the table.  
<sup>37</sup> Now there was a  
woman in the town  
who was leading a sin-  
ful life, and when she  
learned that he was  
having dinner at the  
Pharisee's house, she  
got an alabaster flask  
<sup>38</sup> of perfume, and came  
and stood behind him  
at his feet, weeping,  
and began to wet his  
feet with her tears, and  
she wiped them with  
her hair, and kissed  
them, and put the per-  
<sup>39</sup> fume on them. When  
the Pharisee who had  
invited him saw this,  
he said to himself,  
"If this man were  
really a prophet, he  
would know who and  
what the woman is

who is touching him,  
for she leads a wicked  
40 life." Jesus answered  
him, and said to him,  
"Simon, there is some-  
thing I want to say to  
you." He said, "Pro-  
41 ceed, Master." "Two  
men were in debt to a  
money-lender. One  
owed him a hundred  
dollars and the other  
42 ten. As they could  
not pay him, he can-  
celed what they owed  
him. Now which of  
them will be more at-  
43 tached to him?" Si-  
mon answered, "The  
one, I suppose, for  
whom he canceled  
most." "You are  
44 right," he said. And  
turning to the woman,  
he said to Simon, "Do  
you see this woman?  
I came to your house;  
you did not give me  
any water for my feet,  
but she has wet my  
feet with tears and  
wiped them with her  
45 hair. You did not give  
me a kiss, but from  
the moment I came in  
she has not stopped  
46 kissing my feet. You  
did not put any oil up-  
on my head, but she  
has put perfume upon  
47 my feet. Therefore, I  
tell you, her sins,  
many as they are, are  
forgiven, for she has  
loved me so much.  
But the man with  
little to be forgiven  
loves me but little."  
48 And he said to her,

"Your sins are for-  
 49 given!" The men at  
 table with him began  
 to say to themselves,  
 "Who is this man, who  
 even forgives sins?"  
 50 But he said to the  
 woman, "It is your  
 faith that has saved  
 you. Go in peace."

### §33. THE INTIMATE FRIENDS OF JESUS

LUKE 8:1-3

8 Soon afterward he  
 went about among the  
 villages and towns  
 preaching and telling  
 the good news of the  
 Kingdom of God.  
 The Twelve went with  
 2 him, and some women  
 who had been cured of  
 evil spirits and sick-  
 ness—Mary, who was  
 called Mary of Mag-  
 dala, out of whom  
 seven demons had  
 3 been driven, and Jo-  
 anna, the wife of  
 Chuza, Herod's man-  
 ager, and Susanna,  
 and many others, who  
 provided for them  
 with their means.

### §34. THE DANGER OF WILFUL UNBELIEF

MATTHEW 12:22-45

22 At that time some  
 people brought to him  
 a man blind and  
 dumb, who was pos-  
 sessed by a demon,  
 and he cured him, so  
 that the dumb man  
 could speak and see.  
 23 And all the crowds  
 of people were as-

MARK 3:19b-30

19 Then he went home.  
 20 And again the crowd  
 gathered in such num-  
 bers that there was no  
 chance for them even  
 to have their meals.  
 21 His relatives heard of  
 it and came over to  
 stop him, for they  
 said he was out of his

LUKE 11:14-36

14 Once he was driving  
 out a dumb demon,  
 and when the demon  
 was gone the dumb  
 man spoke. And the  
 people were amazed.  
 15 But some of them said,  
 "It is with the aid of  
 Beelzebub, the prince  
 of the demons, that he



tounded, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard of it they said, "This man cannot drive out demons except by the aid of Beelzebub, the prince of the demons." But he knew what they were thinking, and he said to them, "Any kingdom that is disunited is on the way to destruction, and any city or household that is disunited cannot last. If Satan is driving Satan out, he is disunited, and so how can his kingdom last? And if I am driving the demons out by Beelzebub's aid, by whose aid do your sons drive them out? Therefore let them be your judges. But if I am driving the demons out by the aid of God's Spirit, then the Kingdom of God has overtaken you. How can anyone get into a strong man's house and carry off his property unless he first binds the strong man? After that he can plunder his house. Anyone who is not with me is against me, and anyone who does not join me in gathering, scatters. Therefore, I tell you, men will be forgiven for any sin or abusive speech, but

mind. And the scribes who had come down from Jerusalem said that he was possessed by Beelzebub and drove out demons by the help of the prince of demons. So he called them to him and spoke to them in figures, saying, "How can Satan drive Satan out? If a kingdom is disunited, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is disunited, that household cannot last. And if Satan has rebelled against himself and become disunited, he cannot last but is coming to his end. But no one can go into a strong man's house and carry off his property unless he first binds the strong man; after that he can plunder his house. I tell you, men will be forgiven for everything, for all their sins and all the abusive things they say. But whoever reviles the holy Spirit can never be forgiven, but is guilty of an unending sin." This was because they said, "He is possessed by a foul spirit."

drives the demons out." Others to test him asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew what they were thinking, and he said to them, "Any kingdom that is disunited is on the way to destruction, and one house falls after another. And if Satan is disunited, how can his kingdom last? Because you say that I drive out demons with Beelzebub's aid. But if it is with his aid that I drive out demons, by whose aid do your sons drive them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if it is with the finger of God that I am driving the demons out, then the Kingdom of God has overtaken you. When a strong man fully armed guards his own dwelling, his property is undisturbed. But when somebody stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he strips him of the arms that he relied on, and divides up the spoils. Anyone who is not with me is against me, and anyone who does not join me in gathering, scatters. When a foul spirit goes out of a man it roams through deserts in search of rest, and

abusive speech about the Spirit can-  
 32 not be forgiven. And whoever speaks against the Son of Man will be forgiven for it, but whoever speaks against the holy Spirit cannot be forgiven for it, either in this world or in the  
 33 world to come. You must either make the tree sound and its fruit sound, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; a tree is judged by its fruit.  
 34 You brood of snakes! how can you, bad as you are, utter anything good? For the mouth says only what  
 35 the heart is full of. A good man, out of the good he has accumulated, brings out things that are good, and a bad man, out of what he has accumulated that is bad, brings out things that are  
 36 bad. But I tell you, for every careless word that men utter they will have to answer on the Day of  
 37 Judgment. For it is by your words that you will be acquitted, or by your words that you will be con-  
 38 demned." Then some of the scribes and Pharisees addressed him, saying, "Master, we would like to have you show us some  
 39 sign." But he an-

when it finds none, it says, 'I will go back to my house that I left.'  
 25 And it goes and finds it unoccupied, cleaned, and all in order.  
 26 Then it goes and gets seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there, and in the end the man is worse off than he  
 27 was before." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the mother who bore you and nursed you!"  
 28 But he said, "You might better say, 'Blessed are those who hear God's message  
 29 and observe it!'" As the crowds pressed around him, he went on to say, "This is a wicked age! It demands a sign, and no sign will be given it but the sign of Jonah.  
 30 For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be a sign to this age.  
 31 The queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation at the Judgment and will condemn them, for she came from the very ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and there is more than Solomon  
 32 here! Men of Nineveh

swered, "Only a wicked and faithless age insists upon a sign, and no sign will be given it but the sign of the prophet Jonah.

40 For just as Jonah was in the maw of the whale for three days and nights, the Son of Man will be three days and nights in the heart of the earth.

41 Men of Nineveh will rise with this age at the judgment and condemn it, for when Jonah preached they repented, and there is more than Jonah here!

42 The queen of the south will rise with this age at the judgment and condemn it, for she came from the very ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and there is more than

43 Solomon here! When a foul spirit goes out of a man, it roams through deserts in search of rest and can

44 find none. Then it says, 'I will go back to my house that I left,' and it goes and finds it unoccupied, cleaned, and all in

45 order. Then it goes and gets seven other spirits, more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there, and in the end the man is worse off than he was before. That

will rise with this generation at the Judgment and will condemn it, for they repented at Jonah's preaching, and there is more than Jonah

33 here. No one lights a lamp and puts it in the cellar or under a peck measure; he puts it on its stand, so that people who come in can see the light.

34 Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is sound, your whole body is light, but when it is unsound, your body

35 is dark. So take care! Your very light may

36 be darkness! If, therefore, your whole body is light with no darkness in it at all, it will all be as light as a lamp makes things for you by its light."

is the way it will be  
with this present  
wicked age."

### §35. THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY OF THE CHRIST

MATTHEW 12:46-50

46 While he was still  
speaking, his mother  
and his brothers came  
up and stood outside  
the crowd, wanting to  
48 speak to him. But he  
said to the man who  
told him, "Who is my  
mother, and who are  
49 my brothers?" And  
he pointed to his dis-  
ciples and said, "Here  
are my mother and  
50 my brothers! For  
whoever does the will  
of my Father in heav-  
en is my brother and  
sister and mother!"

MARK 3:31-35

31 And his mother and  
his brothers came.  
And they stood out-  
side the house and  
sent word in to him  
to come outside to  
32 them. There was a  
crowd sitting around  
him when they told  
him, "Your mother  
and your brothers are  
outside asking for  
33 you." He answered,  
"Who are my mother  
and my brothers?"  
34 And looking around  
at the people sitting  
about him, he said,  
"Here are my mother  
and my brothers:  
35 Whoever does the will  
of God is my brother  
and sister and moth-  
er."

LUKE 8:19-21

19 His mother and his  
brothers came to him,  
but they could not get  
near him, on account  
20 of the crowd. And the  
word came to him,  
"Your mother and  
your brothers are  
standing outside; they  
want to see you."  
21 He answered, "My  
mother and my broth-  
ers are those who lis-  
ten to God's message  
and obey it!"

### §36. THE KINGDOM DESCRIBED IN ANALOGIES

MATTHEW 13:1-54a

13 That same day Je-  
sus went out of his  
house and was sitting  
2 on the seashore. And  
such great crowds  
gathered about him  
that he got into a  
boat and sat down in  
it, while all the peo-  
ple stood on the shore.  
3 And he told them  
many things in figures,  
and said to them, "A

MARK 4:1-34

4 Then he began  
again to teach by the  
seashore. And a  
crowd gathered  
around him so great  
that he got into a  
boat and sat in it, a  
little way from the  
shore, while all the  
people were on the  
land close to the wa-  
ter. He taught them  
many lessons in fig-

LUKE 8:4-18

4 When a great  
throng was gathering  
and people were com-  
ing to him from one  
town after another,  
he said in his figura-  
5 tive way, "A sower  
went out to sow his  
seed. As he was sow-  
ing, some of the seed  
fell by the path and  
was trodden on, and  
the wild birds ate it

sower went out to  
 4 sow, and as he was sowing, some of the seed fell by the path and the birds came  
 5 and ate it up, and some fell on rocky ground where there was not much soil and it sprang up at once because the soil  
 6 was not deep, but when the sun came up it was scorched and withered up, because it had no root.  
 7 And some of it fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it out.  
 8 And some fell on good soil, and yielded some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty-fold.  
 9 Let him who has ears listen!" His disciples came up and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in figures?" He answered, "You are permitted to know the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but they are not.  
 12 For people who have will have more given to them, and will be plentifully supplied, and from people who have nothing even what they have will  
 13 be taken away. This is why I speak to them in figures, because though they look they do not see, and though they listen they do not hear or  
 14 understand. They are

ures, and said to them in the course of his  
 3 teaching, "Listen: A sower went out to  
 4 sow, and as he was sowing, some of the seed chanced to fall by the path, and the birds came and ate it  
 5 up. Some of it fell on rocky ground, and where there was not much soil, and it sprang up at once because the soil was not  
 6 deep, but when the sun came up, it was scorched, and withered up, because it  
 7 had no root. Some of the seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it out, and it  
 8 yielded no grain. And some fell on good soil, and came up and grew and yielded thirty, sixty, even a hundred-  
 9 fold." And he said, "Let him who has ears be sure to listen!"  
 10 When he was by himself, those who stayed about him with the Twelve asked him about the figures he  
 11 had used. And he said to them, "To you has been intrusted the secret of the reign of God, but to those outsiders everything is  
 12 offered in figures, so that  
 "They may look and yet not see,  
 And listen and lis-

6 up. And some of it fell upon the rock, and when it sprang up it withered, because it had no mois-  
 7 ture. And some fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked  
 8 it out. And some fell on good soil, and grew up and yielded a hundred-fold!" As he said this he called out, "Let him who has ears to hear with, listen!"  
 9 His disciples asked him what this figure  
 10 meant. And he said, "You are permitted to know the secrets of the Kingdom of God, but they are given to others in the form of figures, so that they may look and yet not see, and hear and yet  
 11 not understand. This is what the figure means. The seed is  
 12 God's message. The ones by the path are those who hear, and then the devil comes and carries off the message from their hearts, so that they may not believe it and  
 13 be saved. The ones on the rock are those who receive the message joyfully when they first hear it, but it takes no real root. They believe for a little while, and then in the time of trial  
 14 they draw back. And what falls among the

a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy,  
 'You will listen and listen, and never understand,  
 And you will look and look, and never see!  
 15 For this nation's mind has grown dull,  
 And they hear faintly with their ears,  
 And they have shut their eyes,  
 So as never to see with their eyes,  
 And hear with their ears,  
 And understand with their minds, and turn back,  
 And let me cure them!'  
 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they do see, and your ears, for  
 17 they do hear. For I tell you, many prophets and upright men have longed to see what you see, and could not see it, and to hear what you hear, and could not hear it.  
 18 You must listen closely then to the figure of the sower.  
 19 When anyone hears the teaching of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and robs him of the seed that has been sown in his mind. That is what was sown along  
 20 the path. And what

ten and yet not understand,  
 Lest possibly they should turn and be forgiven.'"  
 13 And Jesus said, "If you do not understand this figure, then how will you understand my other figures? What the sower sows is the message.  
 14 The ones by the path are those into whose hearts the message falls, and as soon as they hear it Satan comes and carries off the message that has been sown in their  
 15 hearts. It is so too with the ones sown on the rocky ground; they gladly accept the message as soon as  
 16 they hear it, but it takes no real root in them and they last only a little while; then when trouble or persecution comes because of the message they give it up at  
 17 once. It is different with those sown among the thorns. They are people who listen to the message,  
 18 but the worries of the time and the pleasure of being rich and passions for other things creep in and choke the message out and  
 19 it yields nothing. And the ones sown in good ground are the people who listen to the message and welcome it

thorns means those who listen and pass on, and the worries and wealth and pleasures of life stifle them and they yield nothing. But the seed in the good soil means those who listen to the message and keep it in good, true hearts, and yield unfaithfully.  
 15 Nobody lights a lamp and then covers it with a dish or puts it under a bed, but he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the  
 16 light. For there is nothing hidden that shall not be disclosed, nor kept secret that shall not be known and come to light.  
 17 So take care how you listen. For people who have will have more given to them, and from people who have nothing, even what they think they have will be taken away."

was sown upon the rocky soil means the man who hears the message and at once accepts it joyfully, but it takes no real root in him, and lasts only a little while, and when trouble or persecution comes because of the message, he gives it up at once.

22 And what was sown among the thorns means the man who listens to the message, and then the worries of the time and the pleasure of being rich choke the message out, and it yields nothing.

23 And what was sown in good ground means the man who listens to the message and understands it, and yields one a hundred, and another sixty, and another thirty-fold." Another figure which he used in speaking to them was this: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while people were asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

26 And when the wheat came up and ripened, the weeds appeared too.

27 And the owner's slaves came to him and said, 'Was not the seed good that you

and yield thirty, sixty, even a hundred-fold.

21 Do people get out the lamp," he said to them, "and then put it under the peck-measure, or under the bed, instead of putting it up where it belongs? For no one hides anything except for the purpose of sometime bringing it to light again, and people keep things secret only to reveal them some day. If anyone has ears let him be sure to listen.

24 Take care what you hear," he said to them. "The measure you give will be given to you, and even more besides. For people who have will have more given them, and from people who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

26 The reign of God," he said, "is like a man scattering seed on the ground, and then sleeping at night and getting up by day, while the seed sprouts and comes up, without his knowing it. The ground of itself is productive, putting forth first a blade, then a head, then fully developed wheat in the head. But as soon as the crop will let him, the man goes in with his sickle, for the harvest time has

sowed in your field, sir? So where did these weeds come from?" He said to them, "This is some enemy's doing." And they said to him, "Do you want us to go and gather them up?" But he said, "No, for in gathering up the weeds you may uproot the wheat. Let them both grow together until harvest time, and when we harvest I will direct the reapers to gather up the weeds first and tie them up in bundles to burn, but get the wheat into my barn." Another figure which he used in speaking to them was this: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it is grown it is the largest of plants and grows into a tree, so that the wild birds come and roost in its branches." Another figure which he used with them was this: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and buried in a bushel of flour until it had all risen." Jesus said all this to the crowds in figures, and told them nothing except in figures,

come. How can we find any comparison," he said, "for the reign of God, or what figure can we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown in the ground, though it is the smallest of all the seeds in the world, yet once sown, comes up and grows to be the largest of all the plants, and produces branches so large that the wild birds can roost under the shelter of it." With many such figures he told them the message, as far as they were able to receive it. He said nothing to them except in figures, but in private he explained everything to his own disciples.



35 to fulfil what was said  
by the prophet,

“I will open my  
mouth in figures,  
I will utter things  
that have been  
hidden since the  
creation.”

36 Then he left the  
crowds and went into  
his house. And his dis-  
ciples came up to him  
and said, “Explain to  
us the figure of the  
weeds in the field.”

37 He answered, “The  
sower who sows the  
good seed is the Son  
38 of Man. The field is  
the world. The good  
seed is the people of  
the kingdom. The  
weeds are the wicked.

39 The enemy who sowed  
them is the devil. The  
harvest is the close of  
the age, and the reap-  
40 ers are angels. So  
just as the weeds are  
gathered up and  
burned, this is what  
will happen at the

41 close of the age; the  
Son of Man will send  
out his angels, and  
they will gather up  
out of his kingdom  
all the causes of sin  
and the wrongdoers

42 and throw them into  
the blazing furnace;  
there they will wail  
and grind their teeth.

43 Then the upright will  
shine out like the sun,  
in their Father's king-  
dom. Let him who

44 has ears listen! The  
Kingdom of Heaven is

like a hoard of money,  
buried in a field,  
which a man found,  
and buried again. And  
he was overjoyed, and  
went and sold every-  
thing he had and  
bought the field.

- 45 Again, the Kingdom  
of Heaven is like  
a dealer in search  
46 of fine pearls. He  
found one costly pearl,  
and went and sold  
everything he had,  
47 and bought it. Again,  
the Kingdom of Heav-  
en is like a net that  
was let down into the  
sea, and inclosed fish  
48 of all kinds. When it  
was full, they  
dragged it up on the  
beach, and sat down  
and sorted the good  
fish into baskets and  
threw the bad away.  
49 That is what will  
happen at the close of  
the age. The angels  
will go out and re-  
move the wicked from  
among the upright,  
50 and throw them into  
the blazing furnace.  
There they will wail  
and grind their teeth.  
51 Do you understand all  
this?" They said to  
52 him, "Yes." He said  
to them, "Then re-  
member that every  
scribe who has be-  
come a disciple of the  
Kingdom of Heaven  
must be like a house-  
holder who can supply  
from his storeroom  
new things as well as

53 old." When Jesus had finished these figures, he left that place, and went to his own part of the country.

### §37. JESUS' POWER OVER NATURE

#### MATTHEW 8:23-27

23 And he got into the boat, and his disciples went with him. And suddenly a terrific storm came up on the sea, so that the waves broke over the boat, but he remained asleep. And they came and woke him up, saying, "Save us, sir! We are lost!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then he got up and reprov'd the wind and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men were amazed and said, "What kind of man is this? For the very winds and sea obey him!"

#### MARK 4:35-41

35 That same day when it was evening he said to them, "Let us cross to the other side." So they left the crowd and took him away in the boat in which he was sitting. There were other boats with him. And a heavy squall of wind came on and the waves dashed into the boat, so that it was beginning to fill. He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him up and said to him, "Master, does it make no difference to you that we are sinking?" Then he awoke and reprov'd the wind, and said to the sea, "Hush! Silence!" And the wind went down and there was a great calm. And he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were very much frightened, and said to one another, "Who can he be? For even the wind and the sea obey him."

#### LUKE 8:22-25

22 It happened one day that he got into a boat with his disciples, and said to them, "Let us cross to the other side of the lake." So they set sail. As they sailed along, he fell asleep. And a squall of wind came down upon the lake, and they were being swamped and were in peril. And they went to him and woke him up, and said to him, "Master! Master! We are lost!" Then he awoke and reprov'd the wind and the rough water, and they ceased, and there was a calm. And he said to them, "Where is your faith?" But they were frightened and amazed, and said to one another, "Who can he be? For he gives orders even to the winds and the water, and they obey him!"

§38. JESUS' POWER OVER EVIL SPIRITS

MATTHEW 8:28-34

28 When he reached the other side, in the region of Gadara, two men possessed by demons came out of the tombs and confronted him; they were so extremely violent that nobody could go along  
29 that road. And they suddenly screamed out, "What do you want of us, you Son of God? Have you come here before the appointed time to torture us?" Now at  
30 some distance from them there was a great drove of pigs  
31 feeding. And the demons entreated him, saying, "If you are going to drive us out, send us into the drove  
32 of pigs." And he said to them, "Begone!" And they came out and went into the pigs. And suddenly the whole drove rushed over the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the water.  
33 And the men who tended them ran away and went off to the town and told it all, and the news about the men possessed by  
34 demons. And the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to go away from their district.

MARK 5:1-20

5 So they reached the other side of the sea, and landed in the  
2 region of Gerasa. As soon as he got out of the boat, a man possessed by a foul spirit came out of the burial places near by to meet  
3 him. This man lived among the tombs, and no one could any longer secure him  
4 even with a chain, for he had often been fastened with fetters and chains and had snapped the chains and broken the fetters; and there was  
5 no one strong enough to master him, and night and day he was always shrieking among the tombs and on the hills and cutting himself with  
6 stones. And catching sight of Jesus in the distance he ran up and made obeisance  
7 to him and screamed out, "What do you want of me, Jesus, son of the Most High God? In God's name, I implore you, do not  
8 torture me." For he was saying to him, "You foul spirit, come  
9 out of this man." He asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "My name is Legion, for there are many of  
10 us." And they begged him earnestly not to

LUKE 8:26-39

26 They made a landing in the neighborhood of Gerasa, which is just across the lake  
27 from Galilee. And when he landed, he met a man possessed by demons, who was coming out of the town. He had worn no clothing for a long time, and did not live in a house but in the  
28 tombs. When he saw Jesus he cried out and threw himself down before him, and said in a loud voice, "What do you want of me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you not to torture me!"  
29 For he was commanding the foul spirit to get out of the man. For it had often seized him, and though he had been fastened with chains  
-and fetters, and was closely watched, he would snap his bonds and the demon would drive him away to  
30 the desert. And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion!" For many demons had gone into  
31 him. And they begged him not to order them off to the bottomless  
32 pit. Now there was a large drove of pigs feeding there on the hillside, and they

send them out of that  
11 country. Now there  
was a great drove of  
pigs feeding there on  
12 the hillside. And they  
implored him, "Send  
us among the pigs, let  
13 us go into them." So  
he gave them permis-  
sion. And the foul  
spirits came out and  
went into the pigs,  
and the drove of  
about two thousand  
rushed over the steep  
bank into the sea and  
14 were drowned. And  
the men who tended  
them ran away and  
spread the news in the  
town and in the coun-  
try around, and the  
people came to see  
what had happened.  
15 When they came to  
Jesus and found the  
demoniac sitting qui-  
etly with his clothes  
on and in his right  
mind—the same man  
who had been pos-  
sessed by Legion—  
they were frightened.  
16 And those who had  
seen it told them what  
had happened to the  
demoniac, and all  
17 about the pigs. And  
they began to beg  
him to leave their dis-  
18 trict. As he was get-  
ting into the boat, the  
man who had been  
possessed begged to  
be allowed to go with  
19 him. And he would  
not permit it, but  
said to him, "Go home  
to your own people,

begged him to give  
them leave to go into  
them. And he did so.  
33 Then the demons  
came out of the man  
and went into the  
pigs, and the drove  
rushed over the steep  
bank into the lake,  
and were drowned.  
34 When the men who  
tended them saw what  
had happened, they  
ran away and spread  
the news in the town  
and in the country  
35 around. And the peo-  
ple came out to see  
what had happened,  
and they came to Je-  
sus and found the  
man out of whom the  
demons had gone sit-  
ting there, at Jesus'  
feet, with his clothes  
on and in his right  
mind, and they were  
36 frightened. And those  
who had seen it told  
them how the man  
who had been pos-  
sessed was cured.  
37 Then all the people of  
the neighborhood of  
Gerasa asked him to  
go away from them,  
for they were terribly  
frightened. And he  
got into a boat and  
38 went back. The man  
out of whom the de-  
mons had gone begged  
to go with him, but  
Jesus sent him away,  
39 and said, "Go back to  
your home, and tell all  
what God has done  
for you." And he

and tell them all the Lord has done for you and how he took pity on you." And he went off and began to tell everybody in the Ten Towns all Jesus had done for him; and they were all astonished.

went and told all over the town what Jesus had done for him.

§39. JESUS' POWER OVER DEATH

MATTHEW 9:18-26

18 Just as he said this to them, an official came up and bowing low before him said to him, "My daughter has just died. But come! Lay your hand on her and she will come to life!" And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. And a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind him and touched the tassel of his cloak. 21 For she said to herself, "If I can just touch his cloak, I will get well." And Jesus turned and saw her, and he said, "Courage, my daughter! Your faith has cured you!" And from that time the woman was well. When Jesus reached the official's house, and saw the flute-players and the disturbance the crowd was making, he said, "You must go away, for the girl is not

MARK 5:21-43

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him as he stood on the shore. 22 And a man named Jairus, the leader of a synagogue, came up and seeing him threw himself at his feet and appealed to him, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come, lay your hands on her, so that she may get well and live!" So he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and pressed around him. And a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years 26 and had had a great deal of treatment from various doctors and had spent all that she had and had not been benefited at all but had actually grown worse, had heard about Jesus. And she came up in

LUKE 8:40-56

40 When Jesus returned, the people welcomed him, for they were all watching for him. And a man named Jairus came up—he was leader of the synagogue—and he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he was going, the crowds of people almost crushed him. And a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and whom nobody had been able to cure, came up behind him and touched the tassel of his cloak, and the hemorrhage stopped at once. Jesus said, "Who was it who touched me?" And as everyone denied having done so, Peter said, "Master, the people are all around

dead; she is asleep." And they laughed at  
 25 him. But when he had driven the people out, he went in and grasped her hand and the girl got up.  
 26 And the news of this spread all over that part of the country.

the crowd behind him and touched his coat,  
 28 for she said, "If I can only touch his clothes, I shall get  
 29 well." The hemorrhage stopped at once, and she felt in her body that she was  
 30 cured. Jesus instantly perceived that healing power had passed from him, and he turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"  
 31 His disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'"  
 32 But he still looked around to see the person who had done it.  
 33 The woman, knowing what had happened to her, came forward frightened, and trembling, and threw herself down at his feet and told him the  
 34 whole truth. And he said to her, "My daughter, it is your faith that has cured you. Go in peace and be free from your disease."  
 35 Even as he spoke people came from the house of the leader of the synagogue and said, "Your daughter is dead. Why should you trouble the  
 36 Master any further?" But Jesus paid no attention to what they said, but said to the leader of the

you and they are crowding you." But  
 46 Jesus said, "Somebody touched me, for I know that power passed from me."  
 47 When the woman saw that she had not escaped his notice, she came forward trembling, and fell down before him, and before all the people told why she had touched him, and how she had been cured at once.  
 48 And he said to her, "My daughter, it is your faith that has cured you. Go in  
 49 peace." Even as he spoke someone came from the house of the leader of the synagogue and said, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Mas-  
 50 ter any more." But Jesus heard it and said to him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith, and she will get  
 51 well." When he got to the house, he let no one go in with him but Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother.  
 52 And they were all wailing and beating their breasts for her. But he said, "Stop wailing! For she is not dead, she is  
 53 asleep." And they laughed at him, for they knew that she  
 54 was dead. But he grasped her hand and

synagogue, "Do not  
be afraid, just have  
37 faith." He let no one  
go with him but Peter,  
James, and James's  
38 brother John. They  
came to the house of  
the leader of the syna-  
gogue, and there he  
found everything in  
confusion, and people  
weeping and wailing.  
39 And he went into the  
house and said to  
them, "What is the  
meaning of all this  
confusion and crying?  
The child is not dead,  
40 she is asleep." And  
they laughed at him.  
But he drove them all  
out, and took the  
child's father and  
mother and the men  
who were with him  
and went into the  
room where the child  
41 was lying. And he  
grasped her hand and  
said to her, "Taleitha,  
koum!"—that is to  
say, "Little girl, I tell  
42 you, get up!" And the  
little girl immediately  
got up and walked  
about, for she was  
twelve years old. The  
moment they saw it  
they were utterly  
43 amazed. And he  
strictly forbade them  
to let anyone know  
of it, and told them to  
give her something to  
eat.

called out, "Get up,  
55 my child!" And her  
spirit returned and  
she stood up immedi-  
ately, and he directed  
them to give her  
something to eat.  
56 And her parents were  
amazed, but he or-  
dered them not to tell  
anyone what had hap-  
pened.



## §40. JESUS' POWER OVER DISEASE

MATTHEW 9:27-34

- 27 As Jesus was passing along from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Take pity on us, you Son of David!"
- 28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came up to him, and he said to them, "Do you believe I can do this?" They said to
- 29 him, "Yes, sir." Then he touched their eyes and said, "You shall have what your faith
- 30 expects." And their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly not to let any-
- 31 one hear of it. But they went out and spread the news about him all over that part
- 32 of the country. But just as they were going out, some people brought to him a dumb man who was possessed by a demon,
- 33 and as soon as the demon was driven out, the dumb man was able to speak. And the crowds were amazed, and said, "Nothing like this was ever seen in
- 34 Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "It is by the aid of the prince of the demons that he drives them out."

**§41. JESUS IS REJECTED BY HIS FELLOW-CITIZENS  
AT NAZARETH**

**MATTHEW 13:54b-58**

<sup>54</sup> <sup>b</sup> And he taught the people in their synagogue in such a way that they were astonished, and said, "Where did he get this wisdom, and the power to do these <sup>55</sup> wonders? Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary, and are not his brothers named James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? <sup>56</sup> And do not all his sisters live here among us? Then where did <sup>57</sup> he get all this?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is treated with honor everywhere except in his native place and <sup>58</sup> at his home." And he did not do many wonders there, because of their want of faith.

**MARK 6:1-6a**

<sup>6</sup> Leaving there he went, followed by his disciples, to his own part of the country. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue. And the people were astonished when they heard him, and said, "Where did he get all this? How does he come to have such wisdom? How are such marvelous things done through <sup>3</sup> him? Is he not the carpenter, Mary's son, and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And do not his sisters live here among us?" And they took offense <sup>4</sup> at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is treated with honor everywhere except in his native place and among his relatives <sup>5</sup> and at his home." He could not do any wonder there, except that he put his hands on a few people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he wondered at their want of faith.

**LUKE 4:16-30**

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went to the synagogue, as he was accustomed to do, and stood up to read the <sup>17</sup> Scriptures. And the roll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him, and he unrolled it and found the place where it says, <sup>18</sup> "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, For he has consecrated me to preach the good news to the poor, He has sent me to announce to the prisoners their release and to the blind the recovery of their sight, To set the down-trodden at liberty, <sup>19</sup> To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor!" <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the roll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed <sup>21</sup> upon him. And he began by saying to them, "This passage of Scripture has been fulfilled here in your <sup>22</sup> hearing today!" And they all spoke well of him and were aston-

ished at the winning words that fell from his lips, and they said, "Is he not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to me: 'Doctor, cure yourself! Do the things here in your own country that we hear you did at Capernaum.' I tell you," said he, "no prophet is welcome in his own country. But I tell you, there were plenty of widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was closed for three years and a half, and there was a great famine all over the land, and Elijah was not sent to one of them, but to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. And there were plenty of lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cured, but Naaman the Syrian." And when the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all very angry, and they got up and drove him out of the town and took him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, intending to throw him down from it. But he made his way through the midst of them and went on.

§42. EXTENSION OF HIS TEACHING THROUGH THE  
PREACHING OF THE TWELVE

MATTHEW 9:35-38;  
10:5-11:1

35 Jesus went round  
among all the towns  
and villages, teaching  
in their synagogues,  
and proclaiming the  
good news of the king-  
dom, and curing any  
36 disease or illness. But  
the sight of the crowds  
of people filled him  
with pity for them,  
because they were be-  
wildered and dejected,  
like sheep that have  
37 no shepherd. Then he  
said to his disciples,  
"The harvest is  
abundant enough,  
but the reapers are  
38 few. So pray to the  
owner of the harvest  
to send reapers to  
gather it."

10 5 Jesus sent these  
twelve out, after giv-  
ing them these direc-  
tions: "Do not go  
among the heathen,  
or to any Samaritan  
6 town, but proceed in-  
stead to the lost sheep  
7 of Israel's house. And  
as you go about,  
preach and say, "The  
Kingdom of Heaven  
8 is at hand!" Cure the  
sick, raise the dead,  
heal lepers, drive out  
demons. Give with-  
out payment, just as  
you received without  
9 payment. Do not ac-  
cept gold or silver or  
copper money to put

MARK 6:6b-13

6 Then he went  
around among the vil-  
7 lages teaching. And  
he called the Twelve  
to him and sent them  
off two by two, giving  
them power over the  
8 foul spirits. He for-  
bade them to take  
anything for the jour-  
ney except a staff—no  
bread, no bag, no small  
change even in their  
9 girdles; they were to  
go in sandals, and not  
to wear two shirts.  
10 And he said to them,  
"Whenever you go to  
stay at a house, re-  
main in it till you  
11 leave that place. If  
any place refuses to  
receive you or to listen  
to you, when you  
leave it shake off the  
very dust from the  
soles of your feet as  
a warning to them."  
12 So they went out and  
preached that men  
13 should repent, and  
drove out many de-  
mons, and cured  
many sick people by  
anointing them with  
oil.

LUKE 9:1-6

9 Then he called the  
Twelve together, and  
gave them power and  
authority over all the  
demons, and to cure  
2 diseases, and he sent  
them out to proclaim  
the Kingdom of God  
and to cure the sick.  
3 He said to them, "Do  
not take anything for  
your journey, no staff  
nor bag nor bread nor  
money, nor an extra  
4 shirt. Whatever  
house you go to stay  
in, remain there, and  
start on again from it.  
5 And where they will  
not welcome you,  
leave that town and  
shake off the very  
dust from your feet as  
a protest against  
6 them." And they set  
forth and went from  
village to village, tell-  
ing the good news  
and curing people ev-  
erywhere.

- 10 in your pockets, and  
do not take a bag for  
your journey, nor two  
shirts, nor shoes, nor a  
staff, for the workman  
deserves his food!
- 11 Whatever town or  
village you come to,  
inquire for some suit-  
able person, and stay  
with him till you leave  
12 the place. And as you  
go into his house,  
13 wish it well. If the  
house deserves it, the  
peace you wish it will  
come over it, but if  
it does not deserve it,  
your blessing will  
come back upon your-  
14 selves. And where no  
one will welcome you,  
or listen to you, leave  
that house or town  
and shake off its very  
dust from your feet.
- 15 I tell you, the land of  
Sodom and Gomorrah  
will fare better on the  
Day of Judgment  
16 than that town. Here  
I am sending you out  
like sheep among  
wolves. So you must  
be wise like serpents,  
and guileless like  
17 doves. But be on  
your guard against  
men, for they will  
give you up to their  
courts, and have you  
flogged in their syna-  
18 gogues, and you will  
be brought before  
governors and kings  
on my account, to  
bear your testimony  
before them and the  
19 heathen. But when

they give you up, you must have no anxiety about how to speak or what to say, for you will be told at the very moment what  
20 you ought to say, for it is not you who will speak, it is the Spirit of your Father that will speak through  
21 you. One brother will give up another to death, and a father his child, and children will turn against their parents, and have them put to death.  
22 You will be hated by everybody on my account, but the man who holds out to the very end will be  
23 saved. But when they persecute you in one town, make your escape to another, for I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man  
24 arrives. A pupil is not better than his teacher, nor a slave better than  
25 his master. A pupil should be satisfied to come to be like his teacher, or a slave to come to be like his master. If men have called the head of the house Beelzebub, how much worse names will they give to the members of his household!  
26 So do not be afraid of them. For there is nothing covered up that is not

going to be uncovered, nor secret that is not going to be  
27 known. What I tell you in the dark you must say in the light, and what you hear whispered in your ear, you must proclaim from the housetops.  
28 Have no fear of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. You had better be afraid of one who can destroy both soul and  
29 body in the pit. Do not sparrows sell two for a cent? And yet not one of them can fall to the ground against your Father's  
30 will! But the very hairs on your heads  
31 are all counted. You must not be afraid; you are worth more than a great many  
32 sparrows! Therefore everyone who will acknowledge me before men I will acknowledge before my  
33 Father in heaven, but anyone who disowns me before men, I will disown before my Fa-  
34 ther in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace but a sword.  
35 For I have come to turn a man against his father and a daughter against her mother and a daughter-in-law against her

36 mother-in-law, and a  
man's enemies will  
be in his own house-  
37 hold. No one who  
loves father or mother  
more than he loves  
me is worthy of me,  
and no one who loves  
son or daughter more  
than he loves me is  
38 worthy of me, and no  
one who will not take  
up his cross and follow  
me is worthy of me.  
39 Whoever gains his life  
will lose it, and who-  
ever loses his life for  
my sake will gain it.  
40 Whoever welcomes  
you welcomes me, and  
whoever welcomes me  
welcomes him who  
41 has sent me. Who-  
ever welcomes a  
prophet because he  
is a prophet will have  
the same reward as a  
prophet, and whoever  
welcomes an upright  
man because he is up-  
right will have the  
same reward as an  
42 upright man. And no  
one who will give the  
humblest of my dis-  
ciples even a cup of  
cold water because he  
is my disciple, I tell  
you, can ever fail of  
11 his reward." When  
Jesus had finished  
giving his twelve dis-  
ciples these instruc-  
tions, he went on  
from there to teach  
and preach in their  
towns.



## §43. THE DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

MATTHEW 14:1-12

14 At that time, Herod the governor heard the reports about Jesus, and he said to his attendants, "This man must be John the Baptist. He has risen from the dead, and that is why wonderful powers are working through him." For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison, on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, for John said to him, "It is not right for you to be living with her." And while he wanted him killed, he was afraid of the people; for they considered him a prophet. But when Herod's birthday came, Herodias' daughter danced before the company. And Herod was delighted with her, and swore that he would give her anything she asked for. But she, at her mother's instigation, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter!" And the king was sorry, but because he had sworn to do it, and because of the guests who were present, he ordered it to be given her. And he sent and had John

MARK 6:14-29

14 King Herod heard of him, for his name was now well known, and people were saying that John the baptizer had risen from the dead, and that that was why he was endowed with these extraordinary powers. 15 But others said he was Elijah, and still others that he was a prophet of the old prophetic kind. But when Herod heard of him he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has risen from the dead." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him and put him in prison, on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. John said to Herod, "It is not right for you to be living with your brother's wife." Herodias felt bitterly toward him and wanted him killed. But she could not bring it about, for Herod stood in awe of John, knowing that he was an upright and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him talk he was very much disturbed, and yet he liked to hear him. When a

LUKE 9:7-9

7 Herod the governor heard of all that was happening, and he was perplexed because some people said that John had risen from the dead, and some that Elijah had appeared, and others that one of the ancient prophets had come back to life. 9 But Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but who can this be about whom I hear such reports?" And he endeavored to see him.

beheaded in the pris-  
11 on. And his head was  
brought back on a  
platter and given to  
the girl, and she took  
it to her mother.  
12 John's disciples came  
and took his body  
away, and buried him,  
and then they went  
and reported it to Je-  
sus.

holiday came and  
Herod on his birthday  
gave a banquet to his  
courtiers and officers  
and to the leading  
22 men of Galilee, He-  
rodias' own daughter  
came in and danced  
for them. And Herod  
and his guests were  
delighted, and the  
king said to the girl,  
"Ask me for anything  
you like and I will  
23 give it to you." And  
he made oath to her,  
"I will give you what-  
ever you ask me for,  
up to half my king-  
24 dom." When she had  
left the room she said  
to her mother, "What  
shall I ask him for?"  
But she said, "The  
head of John the bap-  
25 tizer." And she hur-  
ried back at once to  
the king and asked  
him for it, saying, "I  
want you right away  
to give me John the  
Baptist's head on a  
26 platter." The king  
was exceedingly sorry,  
but on account of his  
oath and his guests he  
did not like to break  
27 his word to her, and  
he immediately sent  
one of his guard with  
orders to get John's  
head. And he went  
off and beheaded him  
28 in the prison and  
brought back his head  
on a platter and gave  
it to the girl, and the  
girl gave it to her  
29 mother. When his

disciples heard of it  
they came and took  
his body away and  
put it in a tomb.

#### §44. ADDITIONAL STORIES OF JESUS' POWER OVER NATURE

##### MATTHEW 14:13-36

13 When Jesus heard it, he quietly retired by boat to a secluded place. And the crowds heard of it and followed him on foot from the towns.  
14 So when he got out of the boat he found a great crowd gathered, and his heart was touched at the sight of them, and he cured those of them  
15 that were sick. And when it was evening, the disciples came up to him and said, "This is a lonely place and the day is over. Send the crowds off to the villages to buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. Give them food yourselves."  
17 They said to him, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them  
18 here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and he took the five loaves and the two fish and looked up to heaven and blessed them, and he broke the loaves in pieces

##### MARK 6:30-56

30 The apostles rejoined Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.  
31 And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to some quiet place, and rest a little while." For people were coming and going in large numbers, and they had no time  
32 even for meals. So they set off by themselves in their boat for a secluded place.  
33 And many people saw them start and knew of it, and hurried around by land from all the neighboring towns, and got ahead  
34 of them. So when he got out of the boat, he found a great crowd gathered, and his heart was touched at the sight of them, because they were like sheep that have no shepherd; and he proceeded to teach them  
35 a great deal. When it grew late his disciples came up to him and said, "This is a lonely place and it is getting  
36 late. Send the people off to the farms and villages around to buy themselves something

##### LUKE 9:10-17

10 Then the apostles came back and told Jesus what they had done. And he took them and quietly retired to a town called  
11 Bethsaida. But the crowds learned of it and followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them about the Kingdom of God, and he cured those who needed to  
12 be cured. When the day began to decline, the Twelve came up and said to him, "Send the crowd away to the villages and farms around to find food and shelter, for we are in a lonely  
13 place here." But he said to them, "Give them food yourselves!" And they said, "We have only five loaves and two fish, unless we go ourselves and buy food for all these people."  
14 For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each."  
15 And they did so, and made them all sit  
16 down. Then he took

and gave them to the  
 20 disciples and they all  
 ate and had enough.  
 And the pieces left  
 over that they gath-  
 21 ered up filled twelve  
 baskets. There were  
 about five thousand  
 men who were fed, be-  
 sides women and chil-  
 22 dren. And he immedi-  
 ately made his dis-  
 ciples get into the  
 boat and cross before  
 him to the other side  
 while he dismissed the  
 23 crowds. After he had  
 dismissed them he  
 went up the hill by  
 himself to pray. And  
 when evening came  
 on he was there alone,  
 24 but the boat was by  
 this time a long way  
 from shore, struggling  
 with the waves, for  
 the wind was against  
 25 them. Toward morn-  
 ing he went out to  
 them, walking on the  
 26 sea. And the disciples  
 saw him walking on  
 the sea, and they were  
 terrified and said, "It  
 is a ghost!" And they  
 screamed with fear.  
 27 But Jesus immedi-  
 ately spoke to them and  
 said, "Take courage!  
 It is I. Do not be  
 28 afraid." Peter an-  
 swered, "If it is you,  
 Master, order me to  
 come to you on the  
 29 water." And he said,  
 "Come!" And Peter  
 got out of the boat and  
 walked on the water  
 30 and went to Jesus. But

37 to eat." But he an-  
 swered, "Give them  
 food yourselves."  
 They said to him,  
 "Can we go and buy  
 forty dollars' worth of  
 bread and give it to  
 38 them to eat?" But  
 he said to them, "How  
 many loaves have  
 you? Go and see."  
 They looked, and told  
 him, "Five, and two  
 39 fish." And he directed  
 them all to sit down  
 in parties on the fresh  
 40 grass. And they  
 threw themselves  
 down in groups, in  
 hundreds and in fif-  
 41 ties. Then he took  
 the five loaves and the  
 two fish and looked up  
 to heaven and blessed  
 the loaves and broke  
 them in pieces and  
 gave them to the dis-  
 ciples to pass to the  
 people; and he di-  
 vided the two fish  
 42 among them all. And  
 they all ate and had  
 43 enough and the pieces  
 they gathered up filled  
 twelve baskets, be-  
 sides the pieces of the  
 44 fish. There were five  
 thousand men who  
 45 ate the loaves. He im-  
 mediately had his dis-  
 ciples get into the  
 boat and cross before  
 him to the other side  
 toward Bethsaida,  
 while he was dismiss-  
 46 ing the crowd. When  
 he had taken leave of  
 the people he went up  
 the hill to pray.

the five loaves and the  
 two fish and looked  
 up to heaven and  
 blessed them, and he  
 broke them in pieces  
 and gave them to the  
 disciples to pass to  
 17 the people. And they  
 all ate and had  
 enough, and the pieces  
 left over that were  
 gathered up filled  
 twelve baskets.

when he felt the wind he was frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Master, 31 save me!" Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught hold of him, and said to him, "Why did you waver? You have so little 32 faith!" When they got into the boat, the 33 wind went down. And the men in the boat fell down before him and said, "You are certainly God's Son!" 34 And they crossed over to the other side and came to Gennesaret. 35 And the men of the place recognized him, and sent all over that district and brought to him all who were 36 sick, and they begged him to let them touch just the tassel of his cloak, and all who touched it were cured.

47 When evening came on, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on shore. 48 And he saw that they were straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, and toward morning he went out to them, walking on the sea, and was going to join 49 them. They saw him walking on the sea, and thought it was a ghost and screamed 50 aloud, for they all saw him and were terrified. But he immediately spoke to them and said, "Take courage, it is I. Do not 51 be afraid." Then he went up to them and got into the boat. And the wind fell. And they were perfectly beside themselves, for they had not understood about the loaves, but their minds were blinded. 52 They crossed over to the other side and came to Gennesaret and moored the boat. 53 As soon as they came ashore, the people 54 recognized Jesus, and they hurried all over the countryside and began to bring the sick to him on their mats, wherever they 55 heard he was. And whatever village or town or farm he went to, they would lay their sick in the mar-

ket-place and beg him  
to let them touch just  
the tassel of his cloak,  
and all who touched  
it were cured.

**§45. JESUS BREAKS WITH THE EXTERNALS  
OF THE JEWISH RELIGION**

**MATTHEW 15:1-20**

15 Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem, and said to him,  
2 "Why do your disciples break the rules handed down by our ancestors? For they eat their bread without first washing their  
3 hands." But he answered, "Why do you too break God's command for the sake of what has been handed  
4 down to you? For God said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and 'He who abuses his father or mother must be put to death.'  
5 But you say, 'Whoever tells his father or mother, "Anything of mine that might have been of use to you is  
6 given to God," does not have to provide for his father.' So you have nullified what God has said, for the sake of what has been handed down  
7 to you. You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied finely about you when he said,  
8 "This people honor with their lips,

**MARK 7:1-23**

7 The Pharisees gathered about him with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem. They had noticed that some of his disciples ate their food without first giving their hands a ceremonial washing to  
3 purify them. For the Pharisees and all the Jews observe the rules handed down from their ancestors, and will not eat until they have washed their hands in a particular  
4 way, and they will not eat anything from the market without first purifying it by sprinkling it, and they have a number of other observances which have come down to them, in the way of washing cups, pitchers, and  
5 basins. And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not observe the rules handed down by our ancestors, but eat their food without purifying  
6 their hands?" But he said to them, "It was about you hypocrites

- Yet their hearts are far away from me.
- 9 But their worship of me is all in vain,  
For the lessons they teach are but human precepts."
- 10 And he called the people to him and said to them, "Listen to this, and grasp it!
- 11 It is not what goes into a man's mouth that pollutes him; it is what comes out of his mouth that pol-
- 12 lutes a man." Then his disciples came up to him and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were shocked to hear
- 13 you say that?" But he answered, "Any plant that my heavenly Father did not plant must be uproot-
- 14 ed! Leave them alone. They are blind guides! But if one blind man leads another, they will both fall into the ditch!"
- 15 Peter said to him, "Explain the figure
- 16 for us." He said, "Have even you no understanding yet?
- 17 Can you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and then
- 18 is disposed of? But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and they pollute a
- that Isaiah prophesied so finely, in the words,
- "This people honor me with their lips,  
Yet their hearts are far away from me.
- 7 But their worship of me is all in vain,  
For the lessons they teach are but human precepts.'
- 8 You give up what God has commanded and hold fast to what men have handed down.
- 9 How skilful you are," he said to them, "in nullifying what God has commanded in order to observe what has been handed down
- 10 to you. For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and again, 'Whoever abuses his father or mother must be put
- 11 to death.' But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Anything of mine that might have been of use to you is Korban," ' that is, conse-
- 12 crated to God, you let him off from doing anything more for his
- 13 father or mother, and so you nullify what God has said by what you have handed down. You have many such practices."
- 14 He called the people to him again and said

19 man. For out of the heart come wicked designs, murder, adultery, immorality, stealing, false witness, 20 impious speech. It is these things that pollute a man, but not eating with unwashed hands!"

to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand this. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can pollute him. It is what comes out of a man that pollutes 17 him." When he had left the crowd and gone home, his disciples asked him what he meant by this figure. And he said to them, "Have not even you any understanding then? Do you not see that nothing that goes into a man from outside can pollute 19 him, since it does not go into his heart but into his stomach and then is disposed of?" So he declared all food 20 clean. He went on to say, "It is what comes out of a man that pollutes him. For it is from inside, from men's hearts, that designs of evil come; immorality, stealing, 22 murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, indecencies, envy, abusiveness, arrogance, folly—all these 23 evils come from inside, and they pollute a man."



# PART V

## THE PERIOD OF PREPARATION FOR THE APPROACHING CRISIS

### FROM THE ABANDONMENT OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY IN GALILEE TO THE DEPARTURE TO ATTEND THE PASSOVER

#### §46. JESUS IN TYRE AND SIDON

##### MATTHEW 15:21-28

21 And Jesus left that place and retired to the neighborhood of  
22 Tyre and Sidon. And a Canaanite woman of that district came out and screamed, "Son of David, take pity on me, sir! My daughter is dreadfully possessed  
23 by a demon!" But he would not answer her a word. And his disciples came up and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps screaming  
24 after us." But he answered, "I am sent only to the lost sheep of Israel's house."  
25 And she came and fell down before him, and said, "Help me, sir!"  
26 He said, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs!"  
27 But she said "O yes, sir! For even dogs eat the scraps that fall from their masters' table!" Then Jesus

##### MARK 7:24-30

24 He left that place and went to the neighborhood of Tyre and Sidon. And he went into a certain house, and wanted no one to know of it. And he could not keep it secret, but a woman whose little daughter was possessed by a foul spirit immediately heard about him and came and threw herself at his feet.  
25 Now the woman was a Greek, of Syro-phenician birth. And she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children first eat all they want, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."  
26 But she answered, "True, sir! and still the dogs under the table eat what the children leave!" He said to her, "If you

answered, "You have great faith! You shall have what you want." And her daughter was cured from that time.

can say that, go home; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

#### §47. JESUS EXTENDS HIS MISSION TO GENTILES IN THE DECAPOLIS

##### MATTHEW 15:29-31

29 Jesus left that place and went along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the hillside and sat  
30 down there. Then great crowds came to him bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, or dumb, and many others. And they laid them down at his feet,  
31 and he cured them, so that the people were astonished to see the dumb speak, the lame walk, and the blind see. And they praised the God of Israel.

##### MARK 7:31-37

31 He left the neighborhood of Tyre again and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, crossing the district of the Ten  
32 Towns. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and hardly able to speak, and they begged him to lay his hand on  
33 him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd, and put his fingers in the man's ears, and touched his tongue with saliva.  
34 And he looked up to heaven and sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" — which means "Open."  
35 And his ears were opened and his tongue was released and he  
36 talked plainly. And Jesus forbade them to tell anyone about it, but the more he forbade them the more they spread the news  
37 far and wide. And people were utterly amazed, and said, "How well he has done everything! He

even makes the deaf  
hear and the dumb  
speak!"

#### §48. THE FEEDING OF THE FOUR THOUSAND

MATTHEW 15:32-39

32 Then Jesus called  
his disciples to him  
and said to them, "I  
pity these people for  
they have been stay-  
ing with me three  
days now and they  
have nothing left to  
eat, and I do not  
mean to send them  
away hungry, for they  
may give out on the  
33 way." The disciples  
said to him, "Where  
can we get bread  
enough in this soli-  
tude to feed such a  
34 crowd?" Jesus said to  
them, "How many  
loaves have you?"  
They said, "Seven,  
and a few small fish."  
35 Then he ordered the  
people to take their  
places on the ground,  
36 and he took the seven  
loaves and the fish  
and gave thanks and  
he broke them in  
pieces and gave them  
to his disciples, and  
the disciples gave  
them to the people.  
37 And they all ate and  
satisfied their hunger.  
And the pieces that  
they left that were  
picked up filled seven  
38 baskets. There were  
four thousand men  
who were fed, besides

MARK 8:1-10

8 In those days when  
a great crowd had  
gathered again and  
they had nothing to  
eat, he called his dis-  
ciples to him and said  
2 to them, "I pity these  
people, for they have  
been staying with me  
three days now, and  
they have nothing left  
3 to eat. And if I send  
them home hungry  
they will give out on  
the way, for some of  
them come from a dis-  
4 tance." His disciples  
replied, "Where can  
anyone get bread  
enough, here in this  
solitude, to satisfy  
these people's hun-  
5 ger?" "How many  
loaves have you?" he  
asked. "Seven," they  
6 said. Then he ordered  
the people to take  
their places on the  
ground. And he took  
the seven loaves and  
gave thanks and  
broke them in pieces  
and gave them to his  
disciples to pass, and  
they passed them to  
7 the people. They had  
a few small fish, and  
he blessed them and  
told the disciples to  
pass them also to the  
8 people. And they ate

women and children.  
 39 And he dismissed the people and got into the boat and went to the district of Magadan.

and satisfied their hunger. And the pieces that they left, that were picked up, filled seven baskets.  
 9 There were about four thousand of the people. And he missed them. Then he immediately got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

**§49. THE FINAL EVIDENCE OF THE TRUTH OF JESUS' TEACHING**

**MATTHEW 16:1-12**

16 The Pharisees and Sadducees came up and to test him asked him to show them a  
 4 sign from heaven. He answered, "It is a wicked and faithless age that insists on a sign, and no sign will be given it but the sign of Jonah." And he left them and went  
 5 away. When the disciples went across the lake, they forgot to  
 6 take any bread. And Jesus said to them, "Look out, and be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees!"  
 7 But they were discussing something with one another, and saying, "We have not brought any bread!"  
 8 Jesus noticed it and said, "Why are you discussing with one another your being

**MARK 8:11-21**

11 The Pharisees came out and began a discussion with him, testing him by asking him to show them a sign  
 12 from heaven. And he sighed deeply and said, "Why do the men of this day ask for a sign? I tell you, no sign will be given  
 13 them." And he left them and got into the boat again and crossed to the other side.  
 14 Now they had forgotten to bring any bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat.  
 15 And he warned them, saying, "Look out! Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod!"  
 16 They were discussing with one another their being without bread.  
 17 And he noticed it and

without bread? You have so little faith!  
 9 Do you not understand yet? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets full you  
 10 gathered up? Nor the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets full you gathered up?  
 11 Why do you not see that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and  
 12 Sadducees!" Then they understood that he was warning them not against yeast but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

said to them, "Why do you discuss your being without bread? Do you not yet see nor understand? Are your  
 18 minds so dull? When you have eyes can you not see, and when you have ears can you not hear? Do you not re-  
 19 member how many baskets of pieces you picked up when I broke the five loaves in pieces for those five thousand men?" They said to him,  
 20 "Twelve." "When I broke the seven loaves in pieces for the four thousand, how many baskets of pieces did you pick up?" They said to him, "Seven."  
 21 He said to them, "Do you not understand yet?"

## §50. THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

### MARK 8:22-26

22 And they came to Bethsaida. And people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch  
 23 him. He took him by the hand and led him outside the village, and spitting in his eyes he laid his hands on him and asked him, "Do you see  
 24 anything?" He looked up and said, "I can see the people, for they look to me like trees, only they are  
 25 moving about." Then

he laid his hands on his eyes again, and he looked steadily and was cured, and saw everything plainly.  
26 And he sent him home and said to him, "Do not even go into the village."

**§51. THE DISCIPLES AVOW THEIR CONVICTION THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST**

**MATTHEW 16:13-20**

13 When Jesus reached the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"  
14 They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"  
17 Jesus answered, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah, for human nature has not disclosed this to you, but my Father in heaven!"  
18 But I tell you, your name is Peter, a rock, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not subdue it.  
19 I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you forbid on earth will be held in

**MARK 8:27-30**

27 Then Jesus and his disciples went away to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he questioned his disciples and said to them, "Who do people say that I am?"  
28 They said to him, "John the Baptist; others say Elijah, and others that you are one of the prophets."  
29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he warned them not to say this about him to anyone.

**LUKE 9:18-20**

18 Once when he was praying by himself, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, "Who do the people say that I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist, though others say Elijah, and others that one of the old prophets has come back to life." And he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God!"

heaven to be forbidden, and whatever you permit on earth will be held in heaven to be permitted."

20 Then he warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

## §52. JESUS FORETELLS THE FATE AWAITING HIM

MATTHEW 16:21-28

21 It was then that Jesus Christ for the first time explained to his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and endure great suffering there at the hands of the elders, high priests, and scribes, and be killed, and be raised to life on the third day. And Peter took him aside and began to reprove him for it, saying, "God bless you, Master! that can never happen to you!"  
23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get out of my sight, you Satan! You hinder me, for you do not side with God, but  
24 with men!" Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to go with me, he must disregard himself and take his cross and follow me.  
25 For whoever wants to preserve his own life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for  
26 me will find it. For

MARK 8:31-9:1

31 Then he explained to them for the first time that the Son of Man must go through much suffering, and be refused by the elders and the high priests and the scribes, and be killed, and rise again three  
32 days after. He told them this plainly. And Peter took him aside, and began to reprove him for it.  
33 But turning and seeing his disciples he reprov'd Peter, and said, "Get out of my sight, you Satan! for you do not side with God, but with men."  
34 And he called the people and his disciples to him and said to them, "If anyone wants to go with me, he must disregard himself, and take his cross and follow me.  
35 For whoever wants to preserve his own life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for me and for the good news will preserve it.

LUKE 9:21-27

21 But he warned them particularly not to tell this to anyone,  
22 and said, "The Son of Man must endure great suffering and be refused by the elders, the high priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and be raised to life on the third day." And he said to everyone, "If anyone wants to go with me, he must disregard himself, and take his cross day after day and follow  
24 me. For whoever wants to preserve his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for me will preserve  
25 it. What good does it do a man to gain the whole world and lose or forfeit himself?  
26 For if anyone is ashamed of me and my teaching the Son of Man will be ashamed of him, when he comes with all the glory of his Father and of the holy angels.  
27 I tell you, some of you

what good will it do a man if he gains the whole world but parts with his life? What can a man give to buy back his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay everyone for what he has done. I tell you, some of you who stand here will certainly live to see the Son of Man come to reign!"

36 For what good does it do a man to gain the whole world and yet part with his life? 37 For what can a man give to buy back his 38 life? For if anyone is ashamed of me and my teaching in this unfaithful and sinful age, then the Son of Man will be ashamed of him, when he comes back in his Father's glory, with the holy 9 angels." And he said to them, "I tell you, some of you who stand here will certainly live to see the reign of God come in its might."

who stand here will certainly live to see the Kingdom of God!"

**§53. THE GLORY AND THE TRAGEDY OF THE CHRIST:  
THE TRANSFIGURATION**

**MATTHEW 17:1-13**

17 Six days after this, Jesus took Peter and James and his brother John, and led them up on a high mountain, 2 by themselves. And his appearance underwent a change in their presence and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as 3 light. And Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with 4 him. And Peter spoke, and said to Jesus, "Master, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three huts here, one for you, and

**MARK 9:2-13**

2 Six days after this Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him, and led them up on a high mountain, off by themselves. And his appearance underwent a change in 3 their presence, and his clothes shone whiter than any earthly bleaching could make 4 them. And Elijah appeared to them, accompanied by Moses, and they talked with 5 Jesus. Then Peter spoke, and said to Jesus, "Master, how good it is that we are here! Let us put up three huts,

**LUKE 9:28-36**

28 It was about eight days after Jesus said this that he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the look of his face changed and his clothes turned dazzling white. And two 30 men were talking with him. They were 31 Moses and Elijah, and they appeared in glory and spoke of his departure which he was to go through with at 32 Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but waking up



one for Moses, and  
5 one for Elijah." As he spoke a bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Beloved. He is my Chosen. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard it, they were dreadfully frightened and fell up-  
7 on their faces. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, "Get up and do  
8 not be afraid." When they looked up they saw no one but Jesus  
9 himself. And as they were going down the mountain Jesus cautioned them, saying, "Do not tell anyone of the vision you have seen until the Son of Man is raised from the  
10 dead." The disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that Elijah has to  
11 come first?" He answered, "Elijah does come and is to reform  
12 everything, but I tell you, Elijah has come already, and they would not recognize him, but treated him just as they pleased. It is in just that way  
13 that the Son of Man is going to be treated by them!" Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

one for you and one for Moses and one for  
6 Elijah." For he did not know what to say, they were so frightened. And a cloud came and overshadowed them, and from the cloud came a voice, "This is my Son, my Beloved. Listen to him." And suddenly, on looking around, they saw that there was now no one with them but Jesus  
9 alone. As they were going down the mountain, he cautioned them to let no one know what they had seen, until the Son of Man should rise from  
10 the dead. And they did not forget what he said, but discussed with one another what he meant by the rising  
11 from the dead. And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah has  
12 to come first?" He said to them, "Elijah does come first, and reforms everything, and does not the Scripture say of the Son of Man that he will suffer much and  
13 be refused? Why, I tell you, not only has Elijah come, but people have treated him just as they pleased, as the Scripture says about him."

they saw his glorious appearance and the two men standing by  
33 him. Just as they were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, how good it is that we are here! Let us put up three huts, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah!" For he did not know what he was saying.  
34 But as he said it, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were frightened as they passed under  
35 the cloud. And from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen! Listen to him!"  
36 At the sound of the voice, they saw that Jesus was alone. And they kept silence, and said nothing about it to anyone at that time.

§54. THE SUPERIORITY OF THE MESSIAH OVER HIS DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 17:14-21

14 When they came to the people again, a man came up to him and fell on his knees, saying, "Master, take pity on my son, for he has epilepsy and is very wretched; he often falls into the fire or into the water. And I brought him to your disciples and they have not been able to cure him." Jesus answered, "O you unbelieving, obstinate people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him here to me!" And Jesus reproved the demon and it came out of him, and from that moment the boy was cured. Afterward, when he was alone, the disciples went to Jesus and said to him, "Why could we not drive it out?" He said to them, "Because you have so little faith. For I tell you, if you have faith the size of a grain of mustard, you can say to this mountain 'Move from here over to there!' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

MARK 9:14-29

14 When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. And all the people were amazed when they saw him, and they ran up to him and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you discussing with them?" One of the crowd answered, "Master, I brought my son to you, for he is possessed by a dumb spirit, and wherever it seizes him it convulses him, and he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth; and he is wasting away. I told your disciples to drive it out, and they could not do it." He answered them and said, "O you unbelieving people, how long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him here to me!" And they brought the boy to him. As soon as the spirit saw him, it convulsed the boy, and he fell down on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" And he said, "From his

LUKE 9:37-43a

37 The next day, when they had come down from the mountain, it happened that a great crowd met him. And a man in the crowd shouted, "Master, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child, and all at once a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out, and it convulses him until he foams at the mouth, and it leaves him, after a struggle, badly bruised. And I begged your disciples to drive it out, and they could not." Jesus answered, "O you unbelieving, obstinate people! How long must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here!" Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him, but Jesus reproved the foul spirit and cured the boy and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the power of God.

22 childhood, and many  
a time it has thrown  
him into the fire or  
into the water, to put  
an end to him. But if  
there is anything you  
can do, take pity on  
23 us and help us!" Je-  
sus said to him, "If  
there is anything I can  
do!" Everything is  
possible for one who  
24 has faith!" The boy's  
father immediately  
cried out, "I have  
faith! Help my want  
25 of faith!" Then Jesus,  
seeing that a crowd  
was rapidly gathering,  
reproved the foul spir-  
it and said to it, "You  
deaf and dumb spirit,  
get out of him, I  
charge you, and  
never enter him  
26 again!" And it gave  
a cry and convulsed  
him terribly, and went  
out of him. And the  
boy was like a corpse,  
so that most of them  
said that he was dead.  
27 But Jesus grasped his  
hand and made him  
rise, and he stood up.  
28 When he had gone  
home, and his disci-  
ples were alone with  
him, they asked him,  
"Why could not we  
29 drive it out?" He said  
to them, "This kind  
of thing can only be  
driven out by prayer."

**§55. THE DISCIPLES ARE UNWILLING TO BELIEVE IN THE DEATH OF THE MESSIAH****MATTHEW 17:22-23**

22 As they were going about in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, but on the third day he will be raised to life again." And they were greatly distressed.

**MARK 9:30-32**

30 And they left that place and made their way through Galilee, and he did not wish anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and three days after he is killed he will rise again."  
32 But they did not understand what he meant, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

**LUKE 9:43b-45**

43 While everybody was full of wonder at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, "You must store up these teachings in your minds for the Son of Man is going to be handed over to men." But they did not understand what he meant, indeed it was concealed from them, in order that they might not comprehend it, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant.

**§56. REGARD FOR THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS****MATTHEW 17:24-27**

24 When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple-tax came and said to Peter, "Does not your Master pay the temple-tax?" He said, "Yes." But when he went home, Jesus spoke of it first and said, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do earthly kings collect duties and taxes? From their own people, or from aliens?" He said, "From aliens." Jesus said to him, "Then their own people are exempt. But rather than give offense to them, go down to the

sea and throw in a hook. Take the first fish that comes up, open its mouth and you will find in it a dollar. Take that and pay the tax for us both."

### §57. SIMPLICITY, TOLERANCE, AND A FORGIVING SPIRIT

#### MATTHEW 18:1-35

18 Just at that time the disciples came up and asked Jesus, "Who is really greatest in the Kingdom of  
2 Heaven?" He called a child to him and had him stand among  
3 them, and he said, "I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven  
4 at all. Anyone, therefore, who is as unassuming as this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven,  
5 and anyone who welcomes one child like this on my account  
6 welcomes me. But whoever hinders one of these children who believe in me might better have a great millstone hung around his neck and be sunk in  
7 the open sea. Alas for the world for such hindrances! They have to come, but alas for the man who  
8 causes them! But if your own hand or

#### MARK 9:33-50

33 And they reached Capernaum. When he reached home, he asked them, "What was it that you were discussing on the  
34 way?" But they made no answer, for on the way they had been discussing with one another which of them  
35 was the greatest. And he sat down and called the Twelve in, and said to them, "If any one wishes to be first, he must be the last of all and the servant of  
36 all." And he took a child and made him stand among them, and he put his arms around him, and said  
37 to them, "Whoever welcomes one child like this on my account is welcoming me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me but him who  
38 has sent me." John said to him, "Master, we saw a man driving out demons with your name, and we told him not to do so, for

#### LUKE 9:46-50

46 A discussion arose among them as to which would be the  
47 greatest. But Jesus knew the question that was in their minds and he took a child and made him  
48 stand by his side, and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child on my account is welcoming me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes him who has sent me. For it is the lowliest among you all who is really  
49 great." John answered, "Master, we saw a man driving out demons with your name, and we told him not to do so, for he does not go with  
50 us." Jesus said to him, "Do not try to stop him, for the man who is not against you is for you."

your own foot makes you fall, cut it off and throw it away. You might better enter upon life maimed or crippled than keep both hands and feet but be thrown into the everlasting fire. And if your own eye makes you fall, dig it out and throw it away. You might better enter upon life with only one eye than be thrown with both eyes into the fiery pit. Beware of feeling scornful of one single little child, for I tell you that in heaven their angels have continual access to my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills, and go in search of the one that is astray? And if he happens to find it, I tell you he rejoices more over it than he does over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just that way, it is the will of my Father in heaven that not a single one of these children be lost. But if your brother wrongs you, go to him and show him his fault while you are alone with him. If he listens to you, you have won

he was not one of our followers." But Jesus said, "Do not tell him not to do so, for there is no one who will use my name to do a mighty act, and be able soon after to abuse me. For the man who is not against us is for us. For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink, on the ground that you belong to Christ, I tell you, will certainly not fail to be repaid. And whoever causes one of these humble believers to fall might better have a great millstone hung around his neck and be thrown into the sea. If your hand makes you fall, cut it off. You might better enter upon life maimed, than go with both your hands to the pit, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot makes you fall, cut it off. You might better enter into life crippled, than be thrown with both your feet into the pit. And if your eye makes you fall, tear it out. You might better get into the Kingdom of God with only one eye than be thrown with both your eyes into the pit, where the worm that feeds upon them never dies and the fire is never put out. Everyone must

back your brother.

16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others with you, so that everything may be supported by the testimony of two or  
17 three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell the congregation. And if he refuses to listen to it, treat him as a heathen or a tax-collector.

18 I tell you, whatever you forbid on earth will be held in heaven to be forbidden, and whatever you permit on earth will be held in heaven to be  
19 permitted. Again, I tell you, if even two of you here on earth agree about what they shall pray for, it will be given them by my Father in heaven.

20 For wherever two or three are gathered as my followers, I am there among them."

21 Then Peter came to him and said, "Master, how many times am I to forgive my brother when he wrongs me? Seven times over?"

22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times over, I tell you, but seventy-seven times

23 over! For this reason the Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king, who resolved to settle accounts with his slaves.

24 And when he set

be seasoned with fire.

50 Salt is a good thing, but if salt loses its strength, what will you use to season it? You must have salt within you, and live in peace with one another."

about doing so, a man  
was brought in who  
owed him ten million  
25 dollars. And as he  
could not pay, his  
master ordered him to  
be sold, with his wife  
and children and all  
he had, in payment of  
26 the debt. So the  
slave threw himself  
down before him and  
implored him, 'Give  
me time, and I will  
27 pay you all of it.' And  
his master's heart was  
touched, and he let  
the slave go and can-  
28 celed the debt. But  
when the slave went  
out he met a fellow-  
slave of his who owed  
him twenty dollars,  
and he caught him by  
the throat and began  
to choke him, saying,  
'Pay me what you  
29 owe!' So his fellow-  
slave threw himself  
down before him, and  
begged him, 'Give me  
time, and I will pay  
30 you.' But he refused  
and went and had  
him put in prison until  
he should pay the  
31 debt. When his fel-  
low-slaves saw what  
had happened, they  
were greatly dis-  
tressed, and they went  
to their master and re-  
ported the whole mat-  
32 ter to him. Then his  
master called him in  
and said to him, 'You  
wicked slave! I can-  
celed all that debt of  
yours when you en-



<sup>33</sup> treated me. Ought  
you not to have taken  
pity on your fellow-  
slave, as I did on you?"  
<sup>34</sup> So his master in his  
anger handed him  
over to the jailers, un-  
til he should pay all  
<sup>35</sup> he owed him. That is  
what my heavenly  
Father will do to you,  
if you do not each for-  
give your brothers  
from your hearts!"

## PART VI

### THE LAST PERIOD OF PUBLIC TEACHING

#### FROM THE FINAL DEPARTURE FROM GALILEE UNTIL THE ARRIVAL IN JERUSALEM AT THE PASSOVER

##### §58. THE DEPARTURE FROM GALILEE

MATTHEW 19:1-2;  
8:18-22

19 When Jesus had finished this discourse, he left Galilee and went to the part of Judea that is on the other side of the Jordan. Great crowds followed him about and he cured them there.

8 Then Jesus, seeing  
18 a crowd about him, gave orders to cross to the other side.  
19 And a scribe came up and said to him, "Master, I will follow you wherever you are going!" And Jesus  
20 said to him, "Foxes have holes and wild birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his  
21 head!" And another of his disciples said to him, "Let me first go, sir, and bury my father." But Jesus said  
22 to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead!"

MARK 10:1

10 And he left that place and went into the district of Judea and crossed the Jordan, and crowds of people again gathered about him, and again he taught them as he was accustomed to do.

LUKE 9:51-62

51 As the time approached when he was to be taken up to heaven, he set his face toward Jerusalem, and sent messengers before him. They started out and went into a Samaritan village, to make preparations for him. And the people there would not receive him, because he was going to  
54 Jerusalem. When the disciples, James and John, saw this, they said, "Master, will you have us order fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and reproved them.  
56 And they went on to  
57 another village. As they were going along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."  
58 Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and wild birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to  
59 lay his head!" He said to another, "Fol-

low me." But he said,  
 "Let me first go and  
 60 bury my father." Jesus  
 said to him,  
 "Leave the dead to  
 bury their own dead;  
 you must go and  
 spread the news of the  
 Kingdom of God!"  
 61 Yet another man said  
 to him, "Master, I am  
 going to follow you,  
 but let me first say  
 goodbye to my people  
 62 at home." Jesus said  
 to him, "No one who  
 puts his hand to the  
 plough, and then looks  
 back, is fitted for the  
 Kingdom of God."

#### §59. THE MISSION OF THE SEVENTY

##### MATTHEW 11:20-30

20 Then he began to re-  
 proach the towns in  
 which his numerous  
 wonders had been  
 done, because they  
 did not repent.  
 21 "Alas for you, Cho-  
 razin! Alas for you,  
 Bethsaida! For if the  
 wonders that have  
 been done in you had  
 been done in Tyre and  
 Sidon, they would  
 have repented in sack-  
 cloth and ashes long  
 22 ago! But I tell you,  
 Tyre and Sidon will  
 fare better on the Day  
 of Judgment than you  
 23 will! And you, Caper-  
 naum! Are you to be  
 exalted to the skies?  
 You will go down  
 among the dead! For  
 if the wonders that

##### LUKE 10:1-24

10 After this the Mas-  
 ter appointed seven-  
 ty-two others, and  
 sent them on before  
 him, two by two, to  
 every town or place to  
 which he intended to  
 2 come. And he said to  
 them, "The harvest is  
 abundant enough, but  
 the reapers are few.  
 So pray to the owner  
 of the harvest to send  
 reapers to gather it.  
 3 Now go. Here I send  
 you out like lambs  
 4 among wolves. Carry  
 no purse nor wallet  
 nor shoes, and do not  
 stop to exchange ci-  
 vilities with anyone  
 5 on the way. When-  
 ever you go to stay at  
 a house, first say,  
 'Peace to this house-

have been done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have stood until today.  
 24 But I tell you that the land of Sodom will fare better on the Day of Judgment than you will!" At that same time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding all this from the learned and intelligent and revealing it to children.  
 26 Yes, I thank you, Father, for choosing to have it so. Everything has been handed over to me by my Father, and no one understands the Son but the Father, nor does anyone understand the Father but the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all of you who toil and are burdened, and I will let you rest.  
 29 Let my yoke be put upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-minded, and your hearts will find rest,  
 30 for the yoke I offer you is a kindly one, and the load I ask you to bear is light."

6 hold!" If there is anyone there who loves peace, your blessing will rest upon him, but if there is not, it will come back to you.  
 7 Stay at the same house, eating and drinking what they offer you, for the workman deserves his pay. Do not change from one house to another. Whenever you come to a town and they welcome you, eat what is offered you, and cure the sick there, and say to them, "The Kingdom of God is close upon you!" But whenever you come to a town and they do not welcome you, go out into the open streets and  
 11 say, "The very dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off in protest. But understand this: the Kingdom of God is at hand!" I tell you, on that Day Sodom will fare better than that  
 13 town! Alas for you, Chorazin! Alas for you, Bethsaida! For if the wonders that have been done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes!  
 14 But Tyre and Sidon will fare better than you at the Judgment!  
 15 And you, Caperna-

- um! Are you to be exalted to the skies? You will go down among the dead!
- 16 Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever disregards you disregards me, and whoever disregards me disregards him who sent me."
- 17 The seventy-two came back delighted, and said, "Master, when we use your name the very demons submit
- 18 to us!" He said to them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning!
- 19 Here I have given you the power to tread on snakes and scorpions, and to trample on all the power of the enemy. Nothing will
- 20 hurt you at all. But do not be glad that the spirits submit to you, but be glad that your names are enrolled in heaven."
- 21 At that moment he was inspired with joy, and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding all this from the learned and intelligent, and revealing it to children! Yes, I thank you, Father, for choosing to have it so!
- 22 Everything has been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is but the Father, nor who the Father is

but the Son, and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." And he turned to his disciples when they were alone, and said, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you, many prophets and kings have wished to see what you see, and could not see it, and to hear what you hear, and could not hear it!"

#### §60. GAINING ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH LOVE

##### LUKE 10:25-37

25 Then an expert in the Law got up to test him and said, "Master, what must I do to make sure of eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What does the Law say? How does it read?" He answered, " 'You must love the Lord your God, with your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole strength, and your whole mind,' and 'your neighbor as you do yourself.' " Jesus said to him, "You are right. Do that, and you will live." But he, wishing to justify his question, said, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers, and they stripped

him and beat him and went off leaving him  
31 half dead. Now a priest happened to be going that way, and when he saw him, he went by on the other  
32 side of the road. And a Levite also came to the place, and when he saw him, he went by  
33 on the other side. But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon him, and when he saw him he  
34 pitied him, and he went up to him and dressed his wounds with oil and wine and bound them up. And he put him on his own mule and brought him to an inn and took  
35 care of him. The next day he took out a dollar and gave it to the innkeeper and said, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend I will refund to you on my way back."  
36 Which of these three do you think proved himself a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?"  
37 He said, "The man who took pity on him." Jesus said to him, "Go and do so yourself!"

**§61. JESUS AS A GUEST**

LUKE 10:38-42

- 38 As they continued their journey, he came to a certain village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him
- 39 to her house. She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Master's feet, and listened to what he
- 40 was saying. But Martha was worried with all she had to do for them, and she came up and said, "Master, does it make no difference to you that my sister has left me to do all the work alone? Tell her to help me."
- 41 The Master answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and anxious about many
- 42 things, but our wants are few, indeed there is only one thing we need. For Mary has chosen the right thing, and it must not be taken away from her."

**§62. THE REASONABLENESS OF PRAYER**

LUKE 11:1-13

- 11 Once as he was praying in a certain place, when he stopped, one of his disciples said to him, "Master, teach us to pray, as John taught
- 2 his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Father, your name be revered!



Your kingdom come!  
3 Give us each day our  
4 bread for the day, and  
forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves for-  
give anyone who  
wrongs us; and do not  
subject us to tempta-  
5 tion.' " And he said  
to them, "Suppose  
one of you has a friend,  
and goes to him in the  
middle of the night,  
and says to him,  
'Friend, lend me three  
6 loaves, for a friend of  
mine has just come to  
my house after a jour-  
ney, and I have noth-  
ing for him to eat,'  
7 and he answers from  
inside, 'Do not bother  
me; the door is now  
fastened, and my  
children and I have  
gone to bed; I cannot  
8 get up and give you  
any.' I tell you,  
even if he will not  
get up and give him  
some because he is his  
friend, yet because of  
his persistence he will  
rouse himself and give  
9 him all he needs. So I  
tell you, ask, and  
what you ask will be  
given you. Search,  
and you will find what  
you search for. Knock,  
and the door will open  
10 to you. For it is al-  
ways the one who  
asks who receives, and  
the one who searches  
who finds, and the  
one who knocks to  
whom the door opens.  
11 Which of you fathers,

if his son asks him for a fish will give him a  
12 snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorp-  
13 ion? So if you, bad as you are, know enough to give your children what is good, how much more surely will your Father in heaven give the holy Spirit to those who ask him for it!"

**§63. HOW RESPECTABILITY MAY BECOME HYPOCRISY**

LUKE 11:37-54

37 When he said this, a Pharisee asked him to lunch with him, and he went to his house and took his place at  
38 table. The Pharisee noticed that he did not wash before the meal, and he was sur-  
39 prised. But the Master said to him, "You Pharisees clean the outside of cups and dishes, but inside you are full of greed and  
40 wickedness. You fools! Did not the Creator of the outside make the inside too?  
41 But give your inmost life as charity, and you will immediately find everything clean.  
42 But alas for you Pharisees! For you pay tithes on mint, rue, and every tiny herb, and disregard justice and the love of God. But you should have observed these, with-

out neglecting the  
43 others. Alas for you  
Pharisees! For you  
love to have the front  
seat in the synagogues  
and to be saluted with  
respect in public  
44 places. Alas for you!  
For you are like un-  
marked graves which  
men tread upon with-  
45 out knowing it." At  
this, one of the ex-  
perts in the Law said  
to him, "Master, when  
you say that, you  
46 affront us too." But  
he said, "Yes, alas for  
you experts in the  
Law too! For you  
load men with bur-  
dens they can hardly  
carry, and you will  
not touch them your-  
selves with a single  
47 finger. Alas for you!  
For you build monu-  
ments for the proph-  
ets, whom your fore-  
48 fathers killed. So you  
testify to what your  
fathers did and ap-  
prove it, for they  
killed them and you  
build their monu-  
49 ments. This is why  
the Wisdom of God  
said, 'I will send  
prophets and apostles  
to them, and some of  
them they will kill  
and some they will  
50 persecute'—so that  
this age may be  
charged with the  
blood of all the proph-  
ets that has been shed  
since the creation of  
51 the world, from the

blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you! This age will be charged with it all!

<sup>52</sup> Alas for you experts in the Law! For you have taken the key to the door of knowledge, but you have not entered it yourselves, and you have kept out those who tried to enter." After he left the house, the scribes and the Pharisees began to watch him closely and to try to draw him out on <sup>54</sup> many subjects, plotting to entrap him in something he might say.

#### §64. THE HIGHER LOYALTIES OF RELIGION

##### LUKE, CHAPTER 12

<sup>12</sup> Meanwhile as the people gathered in thousands, until they actually trod on one another, he proceeded to say to his disciples first of all, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, hypoc-  
<sup>2</sup> risy. There is nothing covered up that is not going to be uncovered, nor secret that is not going to be known.  
<sup>3</sup> For what you say in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you whisper in someone's ear, behind closed doors, will be

proclaimed from the  
4 housetops. I tell you,  
who are my friends,  
have no fear of those  
who kill the body, and  
after that can do no  
5 more. I will show you  
whom to fear: fear  
him who, after killing  
you, has power to hurl  
you into the pit. Yes,  
fear him, I tell you.  
6 Do not sparrows sell  
five for two cents?  
And yet not one of  
them is forgotten in  
7 God's sight. But the  
very hairs on your  
heads are all counted!  
You must not be  
afraid; you are worth  
more than a great  
8 many sparrows! I tell  
you, everyone who  
will acknowledge me  
before men, the Son of  
Man will acknowledge  
before the angels of  
9 God, but anyone who  
disowns me before  
men will be disowned  
before the angels of  
10 God. And anyone  
who speaks against  
the Son of Man will  
be forgiven for it, but  
no one who reviles the  
holy Spirit will be for-  
11 given. When they  
bring you before the  
synagogues or the  
magistrates or the  
authorities, you must  
have no anxiety about  
how to defend your-  
selves or what you  
12 say, for at the very  
moment the holy  
Spirit will teach

you what you ought  
13 to say." Someone in  
the crowd said to him,  
"Master, tell my  
brother to give me my  
share of our inherit-  
14 ance." But he said to  
him, "Who made me  
a judge or arbitrator  
15 of your affairs?" And  
he said to them,  
"Take care! You  
must be on your guard  
against any form of  
greed, for a man's life  
does not belong to  
him, no matter how  
16 rich he is." And he  
told them this story:  
"A certain rich man's  
lands yielded heavily.  
17 And he said to him-  
self, 'What am I going  
to do, for I have no-  
where to store my  
18 crops?' Then he said,  
'This is what I will  
do; I will tear down  
my barns and build  
larger ones, and in  
them I will store all  
my grain and my  
19 goods. And I will say  
to my soul, 'Soul,  
you have great  
wealth stored up for  
years to come. Now  
take your ease; eat,  
drink, and enjoy your-  
20 self.' But God said to  
him, 'You fool! This  
very night your soul  
will be demanded of  
you. Then who will  
have all you have pre-  
21 pared?' That is the  
way with the man  
who lays up money  
for himself, and is not

<sup>22</sup> rich with God." And he said to his disciples, "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about life, wondering what you will have to eat, or about your body, wondering what you will have to wear.

<sup>23</sup> Life is more important than food, and the body than clothes.

<sup>24</sup> Think of the crows! They do not sow or reap, and they have no storehouses or barns, and God feeds them. How much more you are worth

<sup>25</sup> than the birds! Which of you with all his worry can add a single

<sup>26</sup> hour to his life? So if you cannot do the least good, why should you worry about the

<sup>27</sup> rest? See how the lilies grow. They do not toil or spin, but, I tell you, even Solomon in all his splendor was never dressed like

<sup>28</sup> one of them. But if God so dresses the wild grass, which is alive today, and is thrown into the furnace tomorrow, how much more surely will he clothe you, who

<sup>29</sup> have so little faith? So you must not ask what you are to have to eat or drink, and you must not be

<sup>30</sup> anxious about it. For these are all things the nations of the world are in pursuit

of, and your Father knows well that you need them. But you must strive to find his kingdom, and you will have these other things besides.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen to give you the kingdom.

Sell what belongs to you, and give away the money! Get yourselves purses that will never wear out, inexhaustible riches in heaven, where thieves cannot get near nor moths destroy. For wherever your treasure is, your heart will be too. You must be ready with your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to come home from a wedding, so that when he comes and knocks, they can open the door for him at once. Blessed are the slaves whom their master will find on the watch when he comes. I tell you, he will gird up his robe and make them take their places at table, and go around and wait on them. Whether he comes late at night or early in the morning and finds them on the watch, they are blessed. But you may be sure of this, that if the master of the house had



known what time the thief was coming, he would have been on the watch, and would not have let his house  
40 be broken into. You must be ready too, for the Son of Man is coming at a time when you do not expect  
41 him." Peter said to him, "Master, do you mean this figure for us, or is it for every-  
42 body?" And the Master said, "Who then will be the faithful, thoughtful manager, whom his master will put in charge of his household, to give the members of it their supplies at the proper  
43 time? Blessed is that slave if his master when he returns finds  
44 him doing it. I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his  
45 property. But if the slave says to himself, 'My master is not coming back for a long time,' and begins to beat the men and women slaves and to eat and drink and get  
46 drunk, that slave's master will come back some day when he does not expect him, and at some time of which he does not know, and will cut him in two, and put him with the unbe-  
47 lievers. The slave who knows his master's wishes but does

not get ready or act upon them, will be severely punished. But one who does wrong without knowing them will be lightly punished. From anyone who has been given much, much will be required, and of the man to whom people have intrusted much, they will demand even more. I have come to bring fire down to the earth, and how I wish it were kindled already! I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am till it is over! Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? Not peace, I tell you, but discord! For from now on if there are five people in a house they will be divided three against two and two against three. Father will be against son, and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." And he said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rise in the west, you say at once, 'It is going to rain,' and it does. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'It is going to be very

<sup>56</sup> hot,' and it is. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the look of the earth and sky; and why can you not interpret this present  
<sup>57</sup> time? Why do you not decide what is right for yourselves?  
<sup>58</sup> For when you are going before the magistrate with your opponent, do your best on the way to get rid of him, or he may hurry you off to the judge and the judge hand you over to the constable and the constable throw you into  
<sup>59</sup> prison. I tell you, you will never get out again until you have paid the last cent!"

**§65. THE INEVITABLE SORROW ATTENDING SIN**

LUKE 13:1-9

<sup>13</sup> Just then some people came up to bring him word of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices.  
<sup>2</sup> And he answered, "Do you think, because this happened to them, that these Galileans were worse sinners than any other  
<sup>3</sup> Galileans? No, I tell you; unless you repent, you will all  
<sup>4</sup> perish as they did! Or those eighteen people at Siloam who were killed when the tower fell upon them—do

you think they were worse offenders than all the other people who live in Jerusalem?

5 No, I tell you; unless you repent, you will all perish as they did!"

6 He used this figure: "A man had a fig tree growing in his garden, and he went to look for fruit on it, and could not find any.

7 And he said to the gardener, 'Here I have come three years to look for fruit on this fig tree, without finding any. Cut it down.

Why should it waste  
8 the ground?' He answered, 'Let it stand this one year more, sir, till I dig around it  
9 and manure it; perhaps it will bear fruit next year. But if it does not, you can have it cut down.' "

#### §66. THE SUPERIORITY OF SERVICE TO RELIGIOUS CONVENTIONS

LUKE 13:10-21

10 One Sabbath he was teaching in one  
11 of the synagogues, and there was a woman there who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit. She was bent double and could not straighten herself up  
12 at all. When Jesus saw her he called to her, "You are freed from your sickness!"  
13 And he laid his hands

on her, and she instantly became erect,  
14 and praised God. But the leader of the synagogue, in his vexation because Jesus had cured her on the Sabbath, spoke out and said to the crowd, "There are six days on which it is right to work. Come on them and be cured, but not on the Sabbath day."  
15 But the Master answered, "You hypocrites! Does not every one of you untie his ox or his donkey from the stall on the Sabbath and lead him away to  
16 water him? And did not this woman, who is a descendant of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen years, have to be released from those bonds on the  
17 Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, and all the people were delighted at all the splendid things  
18 that he did. He said, therefore, "What is the Kingdom of God like, and to what can  
19 I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and dropped in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the wild birds roosted on  
20 its branches." And he went on, "To what can I compare the

<sup>21</sup> Kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and hid in a bushel of flour, till it all rose."

#### §67. RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES NOT RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

##### LUKE 13:22-35

<sup>22</sup> So he went about among the towns and villages, teaching and making his way toward Jerusalem. And <sup>23</sup> someone said to him, "Are only a few to be saved, Master?" He <sup>24</sup> said to them, "You must strain every nerve to get in through the narrow door, for I tell you many will try to get in, and will not <sup>25</sup> succeed, when the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock on the door, and say, 'Open it for us, sir!' Then he will answer you and say, 'I do not know where <sup>26</sup> you come from.' Then you will go on to say, 'We have been entertained with you, and you have taught in <sup>27</sup> our streets!' And he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from. Get away from me, all you <sup>28</sup> wrongdoers!' There will you weep and gnash your teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the

prophets in the Kingdom of God, while you  
29 are put outside. People will come from the  
east and west and the north and south, and  
take their places in the Kingdom of God.  
30 There are those now last who will then be  
first, and there are those now first who  
31 will be last." Just then some Pharisees  
came up and said to him, "Go! Get away  
from here, for Herod wants to kill you!"  
32 He said to them, "Go and say to that fox,  
'Here I am, driving out demons and per-  
forming cures, today and tomorrow, and on  
the third day I will be  
33 through. But I must go on today and to-  
morrow and the next day, for it is not right  
for a prophet to die  
34 outside Jerusalem.' O Jerusalem! Jerusalem!  
murdering the prophets, and stoning those  
who are sent to her, how often I have  
longed to gather your children around me,  
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,  
35 but you refused! Now I leave you to your-  
selves. And I tell you, you will never see me  
again until you say, 'Blessed be he who  
comes in the Lord's name!'"

## §68. AS TO LOVE, HUMILITY, AND INDIFFERENCE

LUKE 14:1-24

14 One Sabbath, when he went to take a meal at the house of a member of the council who was a Pharisee, they were watching him  
2 closely. There was a man in front of him  
3 who had dropsy. And Jesus said to the Pharisees and the experts in the Law, "Is it right to cure people on the  
4 Sabbath or not?" But they made no answer. And he took hold of the man and cured him and sent him  
5 away. Then he said to them, "Who among you, if his child or his ox falls into a well, will not pull him out at once on the Sab-  
6 bath?" And they could make no reply  
7 to this. He noticed that the guests picked out the best places, and he gave them this  
8 illustration: "When someone invites you to a wedding supper, do not take the best place, for someone more distinguished than you are may  
9 have been invited, and your host will come and say to you, 'Make room for this man,' and then you will proceed in confusion to take the poorest place.  
10 But when you are invited anywhere, go



and take the poorest place, so that when your host comes in, he will say to you, 'My friend, come to a better place.' So you will be shown consideration before all  
11 the other guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will  
12 be exalted." And he said to the man who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors, for they then will invite you in return and you will be repaid.  
13 But when you give an entertainment, invite people who are poor, maimed, lame, or  
14 blind. Then you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the up-  
15 right." One of the other guests heard this, and said to him, "Blessed is the man who shall be at the banquet in the King-  
16 dom of God." He said to him, "A man once gave a great dinner, and invited a large  
17 number to it, and when the dinner hour came, he sent around his slave, to say to

those who were invited, 'Come! for it is  
18 now ready!' And they all immediately began to excuse themselves. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go and look at it. Please have me ex-  
19 cused.' Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to examine them. Please have me  
20 excused.' Another said, 'I have married, and so I cannot come.'  
21 So the slave went back, and reported this to his master. Then the master of the house was angry and said to his slave, 'Hurry out into the streets and squares of the city, and bring the poor, the maimed, the blind, and the lame in  
22 here!' And the slave said, 'What you ordered, sir, has been done, and there is still  
23 room.' And the master said to the slave, 'Go out on the roads, and among the hedges, and make them come in, so that my house  
24 may be full. For I tell you that none of those men who were invited shall have any of my dinner!' "

## §69. AS TO COUNTING THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

LUKE 14:25-35

- 25 There were great crowds accompanying him, and once he turned and said to  
26 them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and his very life too, he cannot be a disciple  
27 of mine. For no one who does not take up his own cross and come after me can be a disciple of mine.  
28 What man among you if he wishes to build a tower does not first sit down and estimate the cost of it, to see whether he has enough  
29 to complete it? Or else when he has laid his foundation and cannot finish the building, everyone who sees it will begin to ridi-  
30 cule him, and say, 'This man started to erect a building, and could not finish it!'  
31 Or what king, if he is going to meet another king in battle, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to meet the other who is coming against him with twenty thousand?  
32 And if he cannot, while the other is still far away, he sends en-

voys to him and asks on what terms he will  
33 make peace. In just that way, no one of you who does not say goodbye to all he has can be a disciple of  
34 mine. Salt is good; but if salt loses its strength, what can it  
35 be seasoned with? It is fit neither for the ground nor the manure heap; people throw it away. Let him who has ears to hear with, listen!"

**§70. THREE ILLUSTRATIONS OF GOD'S LOVE****LUKE, CHAPTER 15**

15 All the tax-collectors and irreligious people were crowding  
2 up to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes grumbled, and said, "This man welcomes irreligious people, and even eats  
3 with them!" So in speaking to them he used this figure:  
4 "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep, and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go in search of the one that is lost, until he  
5 finds it? And when he finds it, he puts it on his shoulders with joy,  
6 and when he reaches home, he calls in his friends and neighbors, and says to them, 'Congratulate me, for

I have found my lost  
7 sheep!' I tell you, in  
just that way there  
will be more joy in  
heaven over one sinful  
person who repents,  
than over ninety-nine  
upright people who do  
not need any repent-  
8 ance. Or what woman  
who has ten silver  
coins and loses one,  
does not light the  
lamp and sweep the  
house and look care-  
fully until she finds  
9 it? And when she  
finds it, she calls in  
her friends and neigh-  
bors, and says to them,  
'Congratulate me, for  
I have found the coin  
10 that I lost!' In just  
that way, I tell you,  
there is joy among the  
angels of God over  
one sinful person who  
11 repents!" And he  
said, "A man had two  
12 sons. The younger of  
them said to his fa-  
ther, 'Father, give me  
my share of the prop-  
erty.' So he divided  
his property between  
13 them. Not many days  
later, the younger son  
gathered up all he had,  
and went away to a  
distant country, and  
there he squandered  
his property by fast  
14 living. After he had  
spent it all, a severe  
famine arose in that  
country, and he began  
15 to be in want. And he  
went and hired him-  
self out to a resident

of the country, and he sent him into his fields  
16 to tend pigs. And he was ready to fill himself with the pods the pigs were eating, and no one would give him  
17 anything. When he came to himself he said, 'How many hired men my father has, who have more than enough to eat, and here I am, dying of  
18 hunger! I will get up, and go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in  
19 your eyes; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired  
20 men!"' And he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and pitied him, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.  
21 His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your eyes; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired  
22 men!' But his father said to his slaves, 'Make haste and get out the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and  
23 shoes on his feet; and get the calf we are fattening, and kill it, and let us feast and  
24 celebrate, for my son

here was dead, and he has come to life; he was lost, and he is found!" So they began  
25 to celebrate. But his elder son was in the field. When he came in and approached the house, he heard music  
26 and dancing, and he called one of the servants to him and asked him what it meant.  
27 He said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the calf he has been fattening, because he has gotten him back  
28 alive and well." But he was angry, and would not go into the house. And his father came out and urged him.  
29 And he said to his father, "Here I have served you all these years, and have never disobeyed an order of yours, and you have never given me a kid, so that I could enter-  
30 tain my friends. But when your son here came, who has eaten up your property with women of the street, for him you killed the calf you have been fat-  
31 tening!" But he said to him, "My child, you have been with me all the time, and everything I have is  
32 yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because your brother was dead, and has come to life, and was lost and is found!" "

## §71. THE RIGHT AND THE WRONG USE OF WEALTH

LUKE, CHAPTER 16

- 16 And he said to his disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and it was reported to him that this man was squandering his property.
- 2 So he called him in and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Make an accounting for your conduct of my affairs, for you cannot be manager any longer!'
- 3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What am I going to do, because my master is going to take my position away from me? I cannot dig; I am
- 4 ashamed to beg. I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position people will take me into their homes.'
- 5 Then he called in each of his master's debtors, and he said to the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?'
- 6 He said, 'Eight hundred gallons of oil.' And he said to him, 'Here is your agreement; sit right down and write four
- 7 hundred!' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He answered, 'Fifteen hundred bushels of wheat.' He said to him, 'Here is your agreement; write



twelve hundred.'

8 And his master praised the dishonest manager, because he had acted shrewdly. For the sons of this age are shrewder in their relation to their own age than the sons of

9 the light. So I tell you, make friends for yourselves with your ill-gotten wealth, so that when it fails, they may take you into the

10 eternal dwellings. The man who can be trusted in a very small matter can be trusted in a large one, and the man who cannot be trusted in a very small matter cannot be trusted in a large one.

11 So if you have proved untrustworthy in using your ill-gotten wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

12 And if you have been untrustworthy about what belonged to someone else, who will give you what belongs

13 to you? No servant can belong to two masters, for he will either hate one and love the other, or he will stand by one and make light of the other. You cannot serve God and mon-

14 ey!" The Pharisees, who were avaricious, heard all this, and they ridiculed him.

15 And he said to them, "You are the men

who parade your uprightness before people, but God knows your hearts. For what men consider great is detestable in the sight  
16 of God. Until John came, it was the Law and the Prophets. From that time the Kingdom of God has been proclaimed, and everyone has been  
17 crowding into it. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dotting of an *i* in the Law to go unfulfilled.  
18 Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and whoever marries a woman who has been divorced from her husband commits  
19 adultery. There was once a rich man, who used to dress in purple and fine linen, and to live in luxury every  
20 day. And a beggar named Lazarus was put down at his gate  
21 covered with sores and eager to satisfy his hunger with what was thrown away from the rich man's table. Why, the very dogs came and licked his  
22 sores. And it came about that the beggar died and was carried away by the angels to the companionship of Abraham, and the rich man too died and

23 was buried. And in Hades he looked up, tormented as he was, and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus  
24 beside him. And he called to him and said, 'Father Abraham! take pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in torment, here in the flames!' And Abra-  
25 ham said, 'My child, remember that you received your blessings in your lifetime, and Lazarus had his misfortunes in his; and now he is being comforted here, while you are in anguish.  
26 Besides there is a great chasm set between you and us, so that those who want to go over from this side to you cannot, and they cannot cross from your side to us.'  
27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my fa-  
28 ther's house, for I have five brothers; let him warn them so that they will not also come to this place of  
29 torture.' Abraham answered, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them listen to them.' But he said,  
30 'No, Father Abraham, but if someone will go to them from the dead, they will re-

31 pent!" He answered, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead!" "

## §72. FORGIVENESS AND RESPONSIBILITY

LUKE 17:1-10

17 And he said to his disciples, "It is inevitable that hindrances should arise, but alas for the man who  
2 causes them! He might better have a millstone hung around his neck, and be thrown into the sea, than be a hindrance to one of these humble  
3 people. Look out for yourselves! If your brother wrongs you, take it up with him, and if he repents, forgive him. And if he  
4 wrongs you seven times a day, and seven times turns to you and says, 'I am sorry,' you must forgive  
5 him." The apostles said to the Master, "Give us more faith."  
6 And the Master said, "If your faith is as big as a mustard seed, you might have said to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and planted in the sea,' and it would have obeyed you!  
7 What man among you, if he has a servant plowing or keeping

sheep, will say to him when he comes in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down at the table,' instead of saying to him, 'Get my supper ready, and dress yourself, and wait on me while I eat and drink, and you can eat and drink afterward?' Is he grateful to the slave for doing what he has been ordered to do? So you also, when you do all you have been ordered to do, must say, 'We are good-for-nothing slaves! We have done only what we ought to have done!' "

### §73. AN ILLUSTRATION OF THANKFULNESS

LUKE 17:11-19

11 It happened that, on his way to Jerusalem, he passed through Samaria and Galilee.  
12 And as he was going into one village he met ten lepers and they stood at some distance from him, and raising their voices, said, "Jesus, Master, take pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were  
15 cured. But one of them, when he saw that he was cured, came back, loudly  
16 praising God, and fell on his face at Jesus'

feet, and thanked him  
He was a Samaritan.  
17 And Jesus said, "Were  
not all ten cured?  
Where are the other  
18 nine? Was no one  
found to return and  
give thanks to God ex-  
cept this foreigner?"  
19 And he said to him,  
"Stand up and go!  
Your faith has cured  
you."

#### §74. THE DANGERS OF PROCRASTINATION

LUKE 17:20-37

20 He was once asked  
by the Pharisees when  
the Kingdom of God  
would come, and he  
answered, "The King-  
dom of God is not  
21 coming visibly, and  
people will not say,  
'Look! Here it is!' or  
'There it is!' for the  
Kingdom of God is  
22 within you." And he  
said to his disciples,  
"The time will come  
when you will long to  
see one of the days of  
the Son of Man, and  
you will not be able to  
23 do so. Men will say to  
you, 'Look! There he  
is!' or, 'Look! Here he  
is!' Do not go off in  
24 pursuit of him, for  
just as when the light-  
ning flashes, it shines  
from one end of the  
sky to the other, that  
will be the way with  
25 the Son of Man. But  
first he must go  
through much suffer-  
ing, and be refused by

<sup>26</sup> this age. In the time of the Son of Man it will be just as it was in the time of Noah.

<sup>27</sup> People went on eating, drinking, marrying, and being married up to the very day that Noah got into the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all.

<sup>28</sup> Or as it was in Lot's time; they went on eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting,

<sup>29</sup> and building, but the day Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and

<sup>30</sup> destroyed them all. It will be like that on the day when the Son of

<sup>31</sup> Man appears. A man who is on the roof of his house that day, with his goods in the house, must not go down to get them, and a man in the field, too, must not turn

<sup>32</sup> back. Remember

<sup>33</sup> Lot's wife! Whoever tries to preserve his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life

<sup>34</sup> will preserve it. I tell you, there will be two men in the same bed that night; one will be taken and the other

<sup>35</sup> left. There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other

<sup>37</sup> left!" They said to him, "Where will this be, Master?" And he said to them, "Wher-

ever there is a dead body the vultures will flock!"

#### §75. PERSISTENT PRAYER

LUKE 18:1-8

18 He gave them an illustration to show that they must always pray and not give up, 2 and he said, "There was once in a city a judge who had no fear of God and no respect 3 for men. There was a widow in the city and she came to him and said, 'Protect me from 4 my opponent.' And he would not for a time, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God nor re- 5 spect for men, yet because this widow bothers me, I will protect her, so that she may not finally wear me out with her coming.' " And the Master said, "Listen to what this dishonest 7 judge said! Then will not God provide protection for his chosen people, who cry out to 8 him day and night? I tell you, he will make haste to provide it! But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



## §76. THE SUPERIORITY OF HUMILITY TO SPIRITUAL PRIDE

LUKE 18:9-14

9 To some who were confident of their own uprightness, and thought nothing of others, he used this illustration: "Two men  
 10 went up to the Temple to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other  
 11 a tax-collector. The Pharisee stood up and uttered this prayer to himself: 'O God, I thank you that I am not like other men, greedy, dishonest, or adulterous, like that  
 12 tax-collector. I fast two days in the week; I pay tithes on every-  
 13 thing I get.' But the tax-collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven, but struck his breast, and said, 'O God, have mercy on a sinner like me!'  
 14 I tell you, it was he who went back to his house with God's approval, and not the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

## §77. THE VALUE OF THE FAMILY

MATTHEW 19:3-12

3 And some Pharisees came up to him to test him, and they said, "Is it right for a man to divorce

MARK 10:2-12

2 Some Pharisees came up, and in order to test him asked him whether a man should be allowed to divorce

his wife for any  
4 cause?" But he answered, "Did you never read that the Creator at the beginning made them male and female, and  
5 said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two of them shall become  
6 one'? So they are no longer two but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not try to  
7 separate." They said to him, "Then why did Moses command us to draw up a written divorce-notice and  
8 give it to her?" He said to them, "It was on account of your perversity that Moses permitted you to divorce your wives, but it was not so at the beginning. I tell you that whoever divorces his wife on any ground but her unfaithfulness, and marries another woman, commits adultery." The disciples said to him, "If that is a man's relation to his wife, it is better not to marry!"  
11 He said to them, "It is not everyone who can accept that, but only those who have a  
12 special gift. For some are incapable of marriage from their birth, and some have been

his wife. But he answered, "What has Moses commanded  
4 you to do?" They said, "Moses permits a man to divorce his wife by drawing up a written divorce-notice." But Jesus said to them, "It was on account of your perversity that he laid down that law for  
6 you. But from the beginning of the creation, 'God made them male and female.  
7 Therefore a man must leave his father and mother, and he and his wife must become  
8 one,' and so they are no longer two but one. Therefore what God has joined together man must not try to  
10 separate." When they reached the house the disciples asked him about this  
11 again. And he said to them, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against his former  
12 wife, and if a woman divorces her husband and marries another man, she is an adulteress."

made so by men, and some have made themselves so for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let him accept it who can."

### §78. THE RELIGION OF THE CHILDLIKE SPIRIT

MATTHEW 19:13-15

13 Then some children were brought up to him so that he might lay his hands on them and pray, but his disciples reproved the  
14 people for it. But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not try to keep them from coming to me, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as they are."  
15 And he laid his hands on them and went on.

MARK 10:13-16

13 And people brought children to him to have him touch them, but the disciples reproved them for it.  
14 When Jesus saw it, he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not try to stop them, for the Kingdom of God belongs  
15 to such as they. I tell you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at  
16 all." And he took the children in his arms and laid his hands on them and blessed them.

LUKE 18:15-17

15 People brought babies to him to have him touch them, but the disciples, when they saw it, reproved  
16 them for it. But Jesus called them up to him and said, "Let the children come to me and do not try to stop them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as they.  
17 I tell you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all."

### §79. THE DANGERS OF WEALTH AND SELFISHNESS

MATTHEW 19:16—  
20:16

16 A man came up to him and said, "Master, what good deed must I do to obtain  
17 eternal life?" But he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. But if you want to enter that life, keep the commandments."

MARK 10:17-31

17 As he was starting again on his journey, a man came running up to him, and knelt at his feet and asked him, "Good master, what  
18 must I do to make sure of eternal life?" But Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good  
19 but God himself. You know the command-

LUKE 18:18-30

18 A member of the council asked him, "Good master, what must I do to make sure of eternal life?"  
19 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good  
20 but God himself. You know the commandments, 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do

18 He said to him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "These: 'You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and mother,' and 'You shall love your neighbor as you do yourself.'" The young man said to him, "I have obeyed all these commandments. What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go! Sell your property and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come back and be a follower of mine." 21 But when the young man heard that, he went away much cast down, for he had a great deal of property. 23 Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you, it will be hard for a rich man to get into the Kingdom of Heaven!" 24 And again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to get through a needle's eye than for a rich man to get into the Kingdom of God!" 25 But when the disciples heard this, they were completely astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and

ments—"Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" But he said to him, "Master, I have obeyed all these commandments ever since I was a child." And Jesus looked at him and loved him, and he said to him, "There is one thing you lack. Go, sell all you have, and give the money to the poor, and then you will have riches in heaven; and come back and be a follower of mine." But his face fell at Jesus' words, and he went away much cast down, for he had a great deal of property. And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have money to enter the Kingdom of God!" 24 But the disciples were amazed at what he said. And Jesus said to them again, "My children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into the Kingdom of God!" 26 They were perfectly astounded and said to him, "Then who can

not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "I have obeyed all these commandments ever since I was a child." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is one thing that you still lack. Sell all that you have, and divide the money among the poor, and then you will have riches in heaven; and come back and be a follower of mine." But when he heard that, he was much cast down, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw it, he said, "How hard it will be for those who have money to get into the Kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into the Kingdom of God!" 26 And those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" And he said, "The things that are impossible for men are possible for God!" Peter said, "Here we have left home and followed you." And he said to them, "I tell you, there is no one who has given up home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the Kingdom of God who will not re-

said, "For men it is impossible, but anything is possible for God!" Then Peter spoke and said to him, "Here we have left all we have and followed you. What are we to have?" Jesus said to them, "In the new world, I tell you, when the Son of Man takes his seat on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit upon twelve thrones, and judge the twelve tribes of Israel! And anyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or land for my sake will receive many times as much, and share eternal life. But many who are first now will be last then, and many who are now last will be first. For the Kingdom of Heaven is like an employer who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. He agreed with the laborers to pay them a dollar a day, and sent them to his vineyard. He went out about nine o'clock and saw others standing in the bazaar with nothing to do. And he said to them, 'You go to my vineyard too, and I will pay you what-

be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For men it is impossible, but not for God, for anything is possible for God." Peter started to say to him, "Well, we have left all we had, and have followed you." Jesus said, "I tell you, there is no one who has given up home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or land for me and for the good news, but will receive now in this life a hundred times as much in homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and lands, though not without persecution—and in the coming age eternal life. But many who are first now will be last then, and the last will be first."

ceive many times more in this time, and in the coming age eternal life."

ever is right.' So they  
5 went. He went out  
again about twelve  
and about three, and  
6 did the same. About  
five he went out and  
found others stand-  
ing about and he  
said to them, 'Why  
have you been stand-  
ing about here all day  
7 doing nothing?' They  
said to him, 'Because  
nobody has hired us.'  
He said to them, 'You  
go to my vineyard,  
8 too.' When evening  
came, the owner of  
the vineyard said to  
his foreman, 'Call the  
laborers and pay them  
their wages, beginning  
with the last and end-  
ing with the first.'  
9 When those who were  
hired about five  
o'clock came they re-  
ceived a dollar apiece.  
10 And when those who  
were hired first came  
they expected to get  
more, but they too got  
11 a dollar apiece. And  
when they received it  
they grumbled at their  
12 employer, and said,  
'These men who were  
hired last worked only  
one hour, and you  
have put them on the  
same footing with us  
who have done the  
heavy work of the day  
and have stood the  
13 midday heat.' But he  
answered one of them,  
'My friend, I am do-  
ing you no injustice.  
Did you not agree

with me on a dollar?

- 14 Take what belongs to you and go. I wish to give the last man hired as much as I give you.
- 15 Have I no right to do what I please with what is mine? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last."

### §80. THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

#### MATTHEW 20:17-19

- 17 When Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, he took the Twelve off by themselves, and said to them as they were
- 18 on the way, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the high priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to
- 19 death, and hand him over to the heathen to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and on the third day he will be raised to life."

#### MARK 10:32-34

- 32 As they went on their way up to Jerusalem, Jesus walked ahead of them, and they were in dismay, and those who still followed were afraid. And he took the Twelve aside again and began to tell them what was going to happen to him.
- 33 "See!" he said, "we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the high priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the heath-
- 34 en and they will ridicule him and spit on him and flog him and kill him; and three days after he will rise again."

#### LUKE 18:31-34

- 31 And he took the Twelve aside and said to them, "See! we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything written in the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.
- 32 For he will be handed over to the heathen, and ridiculed and insulted and spat upon,
- 33 and they will flog him and kill him, and on the third day he will
- 34 rise again." And they did not understand any of this; the words were obscure to them, and they did not know what he meant.

§81. THE AMBITION OF THE DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 20:20-28

20 Then the mother of  
Zebedee's sons came  
up to him with her  
sons, bowing low, to  
ask a favor of him.  
21 He said to her, "What  
do you want?" She  
said to him, "Give  
orders that these two  
sons of mine sit one  
at your right and one  
at your left, when you  
22 are king!" But Jesus  
answered, "You do  
not know what you  
are asking for! Can  
you drink what I am  
going to drink?"  
They answered, "Yes,  
23 we can." He said to  
them, "Then what I  
drink you shall drink,  
but as for sitting at my  
right or my left, that  
is not mine to give,  
but belongs to those  
for whom it is destined  
by my Father."  
24 When the other ten  
heard of this, they  
were very indignant  
at the two brothers.  
25 But Jesus called them  
to him and said, "You  
know that the rulers  
of the heathen lord it  
over them, and their  
great men tyrannize  
26 over them. It is not  
to be so among you,  
but whoever wants to  
be great among you  
must be your servant,  
27 and whoever wants to  
hold the first place  
among you must be

MARK 10:35-45

35 And Zebedee's two  
sons, James and John,  
came up to him and  
said, "Master, we  
want you to do for  
us whatever we ask."  
36 He said to them,  
"What do you want  
me to do for you?"  
37 They said to him,  
"Let us sit one at  
your right hand and  
one at your left, in  
38 your triumph." Jesus  
said to them, "You do  
not know what you  
are asking for. Can  
you drink what I am  
drinking, or undergo  
the baptism that I am  
39 undergoing?" They  
said to him, "Yes, we  
can." Jesus said to  
them, "Then you shall  
drink what I am  
drinking, and you  
shall undergo the bap-  
tism that I am under-  
40 going; but as for sit-  
ting at my right or at  
my left, that is not  
mine to give, but be-  
longs to those for  
whom it is destined."  
41 When the other ten  
heard of this they  
were at first very in-  
dignant at James and  
42 John. And Jesus  
called them to him,  
and said to them,  
"You know that those  
who are supposed to  
rule the heathen lord  
it over them, and their  
great men tyrannize



28 your slave, just as the Son of Man has come not to be waited on, but to wait on other people, and to give his life to ransom many others."

43 over them; but it is not to be so among you. Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to hold the first place among you must be everybody's slave.  
45 For the Son of Man himself has not come to be waited on, but to wait on other people, and to give his life to free many others."

## §82. JESUS ACCEPTS PUBLICLY THE MESSIANIC TITLE

### MATTHEW 20:29-34

29 As they were going out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him.  
30 And two blind men sitting by the roadside, hearing that it was Jesus who was passing, called out, "You Son of David! Take pity on us, sir!"  
31 The crowd told them to be still, but they called all the louder, "You Son of David! Take pity on us, sir!"  
32 And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Sir, have our eyes opened!" And Jesus took pity on them and touched their eyes, and they immediately regained their sight, and followed him.

### MARK 10:46-52

46 And they came to Jericho. As he was leaving the town with his disciples and a great crowd, Timaeus' son Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting at the roadside.  
47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth he began to cry out, "Jesus, you son of David, take pity on me!" Many of the people rebuked him and told him to be still. But he cried out all the louder, "You son of David, take pity on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man and said to him, "Courage now! Get up, he is calling you!"  
50 And he threw off his coat and sprang to his feet and went up to Jesus. Jesus spoke to

### LUKE 18:35-43

35 As he approached Jericho, a blind man happened to be sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by he asked what it meant.  
36 They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was coming by. And he shouted, "Jesus, you Son of David, take pity on me!" And those who were in front reproved him and told him to be quiet, but he cried out all the louder, "You Son of David, take pity on me!"  
40 And Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came up, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He answered, "Master, let me regain my sight!" And Jesus

him and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "Master, let me regain my sight!" Jesus said to him, "Go your way. Your faith has cured you." And he immediately regained his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

said to him, "Regain your sight! Your faith has cured you!" And he regained his sight immediately, and followed Jesus, giving thanks to God. And all the people saw it and praised God.

### §83. THE REMARKABLE CONVERSION OF ZACCHEUS

Luke 19:1-10

19 And he went into Jericho and was passing through it. Now there was a man named Zaccheus, the principal tax-collector, a rich man, who wanted to see who Jesus was, and he could not because of the crowd, for he was a small man. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree, to see him, for Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, come down quickly! for I must stay at your house today." And he came down quickly and welcomed him gladly. And when they saw this, everyone complained, and said, "He has gone to stay with an irreligious man!" But Zaccheus stopped and

said to the Master, "See, Master! I will give half my property to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay him four times as much." Jesus said to him, "Salvation has come to this house today, for he too is a descendant of Abraham.  
10 For the Son of Man has come to search for what was lost and to save it."

#### §84. THE REWARDS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

LUKE 19:11-28

11 As they were listening to this, Jesus went on to give them an illustration, because he was near Jerusalem and they supposed that the Kingdom of God was immediately going to appear. So he said, "A nobleman once went to a distant country to secure his appointment to a kingdom and then re-  
13 turn. And he called in ten of his slaves and gave them each twenty dollars and told them to trade with it while he was gone.  
14 But his countrymen hated him, and they sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want this man made  
15 king over us.' And when he had secured the appointment and returned, he ordered

the slaves to whom he had given the money to be called in, so that he could find out how much they had made.

<sup>16</sup> The first one came in and said, 'Your twenty dollars has made two hundred, sir!'

<sup>17</sup> And he said to him, 'Well done, my excellent slave! You have proved trustworthy about a very small amount, you shall be governor of ten

<sup>18</sup> towns.' The second came in and said, 'Your twenty dollars has made a hundred,

<sup>19</sup> sir!' And he said to him, 'And you shall be governor of five

<sup>20</sup> towns!' And the other one came in and said, 'Here is your twenty dollars, sir. I have

<sup>21</sup> kept it put away in a handkerchief, for I was afraid of you, for you are a stern man.

You pick up what you did not lay down, and reap what you did not

<sup>22</sup> sow.' He said to him, 'Out of your own

mouth I will convict you, you wretched slave! You knew, did you, that I was a stern man, and that I pick up what I did not lay down, and harvest what I did not sow?

<sup>23</sup> Then why did you not put my money in the bank, so that when I came back I could have gotten it with

24 interest?" And he said  
to the bystanders,  
"Take the twenty dol-  
lars away from him,  
and give it to the man  
who has the two hun-  
25 dred!" They said to  
him, "He has two hun-  
26 dred, sir!"—"I tell you,  
the man who has will  
have more given him,  
and from the man who  
has nothing, even  
what he has will be  
27 taken away! But  
bring those enemies of  
mine here who did not  
want me made king  
over them, and  
slaughter them in my  
28 presence!" " With  
these words he went  
on ahead of them, on  
his way to Jerusalem.

## PART VII

### THE PASSION WEEK

#### FROM JESUS' ARRIVAL IN JERUSALEM TO HIS EXECUTION

##### §85. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

###### MATTHEW 21:1-11

21 When they were near Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage and the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples on ahead, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village that lies in front of you, and you will at once find an ass tied there, and a colt with her. Untie her and bring them to 3 me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say 'The Master needs them'; then he will send them at 4 once." Now this happened in fulfilment of what was said by the prophet, 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Here is your king coming to you, Gentle, and riding on an ass, And on the foal of a beast of burden.'"

6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus had 7 directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and laid

###### MARK 11:1-11

11 When they were getting near Jerusalem, and had come to Bethphage and Bethany near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples on 2 ahead, and said to them, "Go to the village that lies in front of you, and as soon as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and 3 bring it here. And if anybody says to you, 'Why are you doing that?' say, 'The Master needs it, and will send it back here directly.'" And they set off and found a colt tied in the street by the door of a house, and they untied it. 5 Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6 But they answered them as Jesus had told them to do, and the men let them take 7 it. So they brought the colt to Jesus, and

###### LUKE 19:29-44

29 When he was near Bethphage and Bethany by the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to 30 them, "Go to the village that lies in front of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it 31 here. And if anyone asks you why you are untying it, you are to say, 'The Master needs it.'" And the messengers went and found it just as he had 32 told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Master needs it!" 35 And they brought it to Jesus. And they threw their coats on the colt and mounted 36 Jesus on it. And as he went on, people spread their coats in the road. 37 Just as he was coming down the Mount of

their coats upon them, and Jesus seated himself upon them. And most of the crowd spread their coats in his way, and others cut branches from the trees and scattered them before him. And the crowds that went in front of him and that followed him shouted,

"God bless the Son of David!

Blessed be he who comes in the Lord's name.

God bless him from on high!"

When he came into Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred, and everyone asked, "Who is he?" The crowd answered, "It is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth in Galilee!"

they threw their coats over it and Jesus mounted it. And many of the people spread their coats in the road, and others cut straw from the fields and scattered it in his path. And those in front and those behind shouted, "God bless him!

Blessed be he who comes in the Lord's name!

Blessed be the reign of our father David which is coming!

God bless him from on high!"

And he came into Jerusalem and into the Temple, and looked it all over; then, as it was already late, he went out with the Twelve to Bethany.

Olives and approaching the city, the whole throng of his disciples began to praise God loudly and joyfully, for all the wonders they had seen, and to say,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the Lord's name, Peace be in heaven and glory on high!"

Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Master reprove your disciples!" And he answered, "I tell you, if they keep silence, the stones will cry out!" As he approached the city and saw it, he wept over it, and said, "If you yourself only knew today the conditions of peace! But as it is, they are hidden from you. For a time is coming upon you when your enemies will throw up earthworks about you and surround you and shut you in on all sides, and they will throw you and your children within you to the ground, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not know when God visited you!"

§86. THE EPISODE OF THE CURSED FIG TREE

MATTHEW 21:18-22

18 In the morning as  
he went back to the  
city, he grew hungry,  
19 and seeing a fig tree  
by the roadside, he  
went up to it, but  
found nothing on it  
but leaves. And he  
said to it, "No more  
fruit shall ever grow  
on you!" And the fig  
tree withered up at  
20 once. When the dis-  
ciples saw it, they  
were amazed and said,  
"How did the fig tree  
come to wither up  
21 immediately?" Jesus  
answered, "I tell you,  
if you have faith and  
have no doubt, you  
will not only do what  
I have done to the fig  
tree, but even if you  
say to this mountain,  
'Get up and throw  
yourself into the sea,'  
22 it will be done. And  
everything that you  
pray for with faith,  
you will obtain."

MARK 11:12-14,  
20-25

12 On the next day,  
after they had left  
Bethany, he felt hun-  
13 gry. And he saw in  
the distance a fig tree  
covered with leaves,  
and he went up to it to  
see if he could find any  
figs on it. When he  
reached it he found  
nothing but leaves,  
for it was not the time  
14 for figs. And he spoke  
to the tree and said to  
it, "May no one ever  
eat fruit from you any  
more!" And his dis-  
ciples heard it.  
20 In the morning as  
they were passing  
along, they saw that  
the fig tree was with-  
ered, to its very roots.  
21 And Peter remem-  
bered about it and  
said to him, "Look,  
Master! The fig tree  
that you cursed is  
22 withered up!" Jesus  
answered and said to  
them, "Have faith in  
23 God! I tell you, who-  
ever says to this  
mountain, 'Get up  
and throw yourself in-  
to the sea!' and has  
no doubt in his mind,  
but his faith that what  
he says will happen,  
24 shall have it. There-  
fore I tell you, when-  
ever you pray or ask  
for anything, have  
faith that it has been  
granted you, and you



25 shall have it. And whenever you stand up to pray, if you have a grievance against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven too may forgive you your offenses."

### §87. THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

#### MATTHEW 21:12-17

12 And Jesus went into the Temple and drove out all who were buying or selling things in it, and he upset the money-changers' tables and the pigeon-  
13 dealers' seats, and he said to them, "The Scripture says, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a robbers' cave." And blind and lame people came up to him in the Temple, and he cured  
15 them. But when the high priests and the scribes saw the wonders that he did and saw the boys shouting in the Temple, "God bless the Son of David!" they were indig-  
16 nant, and said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes. Did you never read, 'You have drawn praise from the mouths of children and in-  
17 fants?'" And he left them, and went out of

#### MARK 11:15-19

15 When they reached Jerusalem, he went into the Temple, and began to drive out of it those who were buying or selling things in it, and he upset the money-changers' tables and the pigeon-  
16 dealers' seats, and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the Temple.  
17 And he taught them, and said, "Does not the Scripture say, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a robbers' cave." The high priests and the scribes heard of this, and they cast about for a way of destroying him, for they were afraid of him, for all the people were amazed at what  
19 he taught. So when evening came, he and his disciples used to go out of the city.

#### LUKE 19:45-48

45 Then he went into the Temple and proceeded to drive out those who were selling  
46 things there, and he said to them, "The Scripture says, 'And my house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a  
47 den of robbers!" Every day he taught in the Temple, and the high priests and scribes and the leading men of the people were trying to destroy him,  
48 but they could not find any way to do it, for all the people hung upon his words

the city to Bethany,  
and spent the night  
there.

§88. JESUS REFUSES TO DISCUSS THE BASIS  
OF HIS AUTHORITY

MATTHEW 21:23-27

23 When he had entered the Temple, and was teaching, the high priests and the elders of the people came up to him, and said, "What authority have you for doing as you do, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered, "Let me ask you one question, and if you answer it, I will tell you what authority I have for doing as I do. Where did John's baptism come from? Was it from heaven, or from men?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'It was from heaven,' he will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' we have the people to fear, for they all consider John a prophet." 27 And they answered Jesus, "We do not know." He said to them, "Nor will I tell you what authority I have for doing as I do."

MARK 11:27-33

27 Then they went into Jerusalem again. And as Jesus was walking about in the Temple, the high priests, scribes, and elders came up and said to him, "What authority have you for doing as you do? And who gave you a right to do as you are doing?" Jesus said to them, "Let me ask you one question, and if you answer me, I will tell you what authority I have for doing as I do. Was John's baptism from heaven or from men?" 31 Answer me." And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'It was from heaven,' he will say, 'Then why did you not believe him?' Yet can we say, 'It was from men?'" For they were afraid of the people, because all the people thought John was really a prophet. So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." Jesus said to them, "Nor will I tell you what authority I have for doing as I do."

LUKE 20:1-8

20 One day as he was teaching the people in the Temple, and preaching the good news, the high priests and scribes came up with the elders and said to him, "Tell us what authority you have for doing as you do, or who gave you any such authority?" 3 He said to them, "I will ask you a question too. Tell me, did John's baptism come from heaven or from men?" And they argued with one another, and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet." So they answered that they did not know where it came from. And Jesus said to them, "Nor will I tell you what authority I have for doing as I do."

**§89. JESUS PREDICTS THE DOWNFALL OF THE  
JEWISH STATE AND CHURCH**

**MATTHEW 21:28—  
22:14**

28 "But what do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'My son, go and work in the vineyard today.'  
29 And he answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did  
30 not go. Then the man went to the second son, and told him the same thing. And he answered, 'I will not!' But afterward he changed his mind and  
31 went. Which of the two did what his father wanted?" They said, "The second one." Jesus said to them, "I tell you, the tax-collectors and prostitutes are going into the Kingdom of God ahead of you.  
32 For John came to you with a way of uprightness, and you would not believe him. The tax-collectors and prostitutes believed him, but even after seeing that, you would not change your minds and believe him!  
33 Listen to another figure. There was a land owner who planted a vineyard and fenced it in, and hewed out a wine-vat in it, and built a watch-tower, and leased it to tenants,

**MARK 12:1-12**

12 Then he began to speak to them in figures. "A man once planted a vineyard and fenced it in and hewed out a wine-vat and built a watch-tower, and he leased it to tenants and left the  
2 neighborhood. At the proper time he sent a slave to the tenants to get from them a share  
3 of the vintage. And they took him and beat him and sent him back empty-  
4 handed. And again he sent another slave to them. And they beat him over the head and treated him shame-  
5 fully. And he sent another; and him they killed; and so with many others, some they beat and some  
6 they killed. He still had one left to send, a dearly loved son. He sent him to them last of all, thinking, 'They will re-  
7 spect my son.' But the tenants said to one another, 'This is his heir! Come on, let us kill him, and the property will be-  
8 long to us!' So they took him and killed him, and threw his body outside of the  
9 vineyard. What will the owner of the vine-

**LUKE 20:9-18**

9 Then he went on to give the people this illustration: "A man once planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went away for a long ab-  
10 sence. And at the proper time he sent a slave to the tenants to have them give him a share of the vintage, but the tenants beat him, and sent him back empty-handed.  
11 And again he sent another slave, and they beat him also and mistreated him and sent him back empty-  
12 handed. And again he sent a third, but they wounded him too, and threw him out-  
13 side. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What can I do? I will send them my dear son; perhaps they will  
14 respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they argued with one another, 'This is his heir! Let us kill him, so that the property will belong to us!'  
15 So they drove him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?  
16 He will come and put those tenants to death, and give the vineyard to others." When

and left the neighbor-  
 34 hood. When the time  
 for the vintage ap-  
 proached he sent his  
 slaves to the tenants  
 to receive his share.  
 35 But the tenants took  
 his slaves and beat  
 one and killed another  
 and stoned a third.  
 36 Again he sent other  
 slaves and more of  
 them than he had  
 sent at first, and they  
 treated them in the  
 37 same way. Finally he  
 sent his son to them,  
 thinking, 'They will  
 38 respect my son.' But  
 when the tenants saw  
 his son, they said to  
 one another, 'This is  
 his heir! Come on, let  
 us kill him, and get his  
 39 inheritance!' So they  
 took him and drove  
 him out of the vine-  
 yard and killed him.  
 40 When the owner of  
 the vineyard comes  
 back, therefore, what  
 will he do to these  
 41 tenants?" They said  
 to him, "He will put  
 the wretches to a mis-  
 erable death, and let  
 the vineyard to other  
 tenants who will give  
 him his share of the  
 vintage when it is  
 42 due." Jesus said to  
 them, "Did you never  
 read in the Scriptures,  
 "That stone which  
 the builders re-  
 jected  
 Has become the cor-  
 nerstone;

yard do? He will  
 come back and put  
 the tenants to death  
 and give the vineyard  
 10 to others. Did you  
 never read this pas-  
 sage of Scripture:  
 "That stone which  
 the builders re-  
 jected  
 Has become the  
 cornerstone;  
 11 This came from the  
 Lord  
 And seems marvel-  
 ous to us?"  
 12 And they tried to  
 have him arrested,  
 but they were afraid  
 of the people, for they  
 knew that the illus-  
 tration was aimed at  
 them. And they left  
 him and went away.

they heard this they  
 said, "Heaven for-  
 17 bid!" He looked at  
 them and said, "Then  
 what does this saying  
 of Scripture mean,  
 'That stone which  
 the builders re-  
 jected  
 Has become the  
 cornerstone'?  
 18 Whoever falls on that  
 stone will be shat-  
 tered, but whoever it  
 falls upon will be pul-  
 verized."

This came from the  
Lord,

And seems marvelous  
to us'?

43 That, I tell you, is  
why the Kingdom of  
God will be taken  
away from you, and  
given to a people that  
will produce its proper  
44 fruit. Whoever falls  
on that stone will be  
shattered, but who-  
ever it falls upon will  
45 be pulverized." When  
the high priests and  
the Pharisees heard  
his figures, they knew  
that he was speaking  
46 about them, and they  
wanted to have him  
arrested, but they  
were afraid of the peo-  
ple, for the people con-  
sidered him a prophet.

22 And Jesus spoke to  
them again in figures,  
2 and said, "The King-  
dom of Heaven is like  
a king, who gave a  
wedding banquet for  
3 his son. And he sent  
his slaves to summon  
those who had been  
invited to the ban-  
quet, and they would  
4 not come. He sent  
other slaves a second  
time, and said to  
them, "Tell those who  
have been asked,  
"Here I have my  
banquet all ready, my  
bullocks and fat cat-  
tle are killed, and ev-  
erything is ready.  
Come to the ban-  
5 quet!" But they took  
no notice of it, and

went off, one to his  
estate, and another to  
his business, and the  
rest seized his slaves,  
and ill treated them  
and killed them. This  
made the king angry,  
and he sent his troops  
and put those murderers  
to death and burned  
their city. Then he  
said to his slaves, 'The  
banquet is ready, but  
those who were in-  
vited have proved un-  
worthy of it. So go  
out where the roads  
leave the city and in-  
vite everyone you find  
to the banquet.' So  
his slaves went out on  
the roads, and got to-  
gether all the people  
they could find, good  
or bad, and the hall  
was filled with guests.  
But when the king  
came in to view the  
guests, he saw among  
them a man who did  
not have on wedding  
clothes. And he said  
to him, 'My friend,  
how did you happen  
to come here without  
wedding clothes?' But  
he had nothing to say.  
Then the king said to  
his attendants, 'Bind  
him hand and foot  
and throw him out in-  
to the darkness, there  
to weep and grind his  
teeth.'

"For many are in-  
vited but few chosen."

**§90. JESUS EMERGES TRIUMPHANT FROM CROSS-  
EXAMINATION BY HIS ENEMIES**

**MATTHEW 22:15-40**

15 Then the Pharisees went and made a plot to entrap him in argument. So they sent their disciples to him with the Herodians, to say to him, 'Master, we know that you tell the truth, and teach the way of God with sincerity, regardless of the consequences, for you are impartial. So give us your opinion: Is it right to pay the poll-tax to the emperor, or not?' But he saw their malice, and said, "Why do you put me to such a test, you hypocrites? Show me the poll-tax coin!" And they brought him a denarius. And he said to them, "Whose head and title is this?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Then pay the emperor what belongs to the emperor, and pay God what belongs to God!" And when they heard it they were amazed, and they went away and left him. On the same day some Sadducees came up to him, claiming that there is no resurrection, and they asked him this question: "Master, Moses said, 'If a man dies without

**MARK 12:13-34**

13 They sent some Pharisees and Herodians to him to entrap him in argument. And they came up and said to him, "Master, we know that you tell the truth regardless of the consequences, for you are not guided by personal considerations but teach the way of God with sincerity. Is it right to pay the poll-tax to the emperor or not? Should we pay it, or refuse to pay it?" But he saw through their pretense, and said to them, "Why do you put me to such a test? Bring me a denarius to look at." And they brought him one. He said to them, "Whose head and title is this?" And they told him, "The emperor's." And Jesus said, "Pay the emperor what belongs to the emperor, and pay God what belongs to God!" And they were astonished at him. Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question. "Master," they said, "Moses made us a law that if a man's brother died, leaving a wife but no child, the

**LUKE 20:19-40**

19 And the scribes and high priests wanted to arrest him then and there, but they were afraid of the people, for they knew that he had aimed this illustration at them. So they kept watch of him and set some spies who pretended to be honest men to fasten on something that he said, so that they might hand him over to the control and authority of the governor. And they asked him, "Master, we know that you are right in what you say and teach, and that you show no favor, but teach the way of God in sincerity. Is it right for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But he detected their trickery, and said to them, "Show me a denarius. Whose head and title does it bear?" They said, "The emperor's." He said to them, "Then pay the emperor what belongs to the emperor, and pay God what belongs to God!" So they could not fasten on what he said before the people, and they were amazed at his answer, and said nothing more. Then

children his brother shall marry his widow, and raise up a family for him.' Now there were seven brothers among us. The first of them married and died, and as he had no children, he left his wife to his brother; so did the second, and the third, and the rest of the seven. After them all the woman died. At the resurrection which one's wife will she be? For they all married her." Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you do not understand the Scriptures nor the power of God. For after the resurrection there is no marrying or being married, but they live as angels do in heaven. But as to the resurrection of the dead, did you never read what was said to you by God, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of dead men but of living!" When the crowd heard this, they were astounded at his teaching. And when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the Law, to test him, asked, "Master, what com-

man should marry the widow and raise up a family for his brother. There were once seven brothers. And the eldest married a wife and died, leaving no child. And the second married her, and died without leaving any child, and so did the third. And none of the seven left any child. Finally, the woman died too. At the resurrection, which one's wife will she be? For all seven of them married her." Jesus said to them, "Does not this show that you are wrong, and do not understand either the Scriptures or the power of God? For when people rise from the dead, there is no marrying or being married, but they live as angels do in heaven. But as to the dead being raised, have you never read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of dead men but of living! You are entirely wrong." One of the scribes came up and heard them arguing. He saw that Jesus had answered them well, and he asked him, "Which is

some of the Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection, came up and asked him, "Master, Moses made us a law that if a man's brother die leaving a wife but no children, the man should marry the widow and raise up a family for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. And the eldest married a wife and died childless. And the second married her, and the third, and all the seven married her and died without leaving any child. Afterward the woman died too. Now at the resurrection, which one's wife will the woman be? For all seven of them married her." Jesus said to them, "The people of this world marry and are married, but those who are thought worthy to attain that other world and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are married. For they cannot die again; they are like the angels, and through sharing in the resurrection, they are sons of God. But that the dead are raised to life, even Moses indicated in the passage about the bush, when he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, the



mand is greatest in  
 37 the Law?" And he  
 said to him, "'You  
 must love the Lord  
 your God with your  
 whole heart, your  
 38 whole mind.' That is  
 the great, first com-  
 39 mand. There is a sec-  
 ond like it: 'You must  
 love your neighbor as  
 you do yourself.'  
 40 These two commands  
 sum up the whole of  
 the Law and the  
 Prophets."

the first of all the com-  
 29 mands?" Jesus an-  
 swered, "The first one  
 is, 'Hear, Israel! The  
 Lord our God is one  
 30 lord, and you must  
 love the Lord your  
 God with your whole  
 heart, your whole  
 soul, your whole mind,  
 and your whole  
 31 strength.' And this is  
 the second: 'You  
 must love your neigh-  
 bor as you do your-  
 self.' No other com-  
 mand is greater than  
 32 these." The scribe  
 said to him, "Really,  
 Master, you have fine-  
 ly said that he stands  
 alone, and there is  
 33 none but he, and to  
 love him with one's  
 whole heart, one's  
 whole understanding,  
 and one's whole  
 strength, and to love  
 one's neighbor as  
 one's self is far more  
 than all these burnt-  
 offerings and sacri-  
 34 fices." And Jesus saw  
 that he answered  
 thoughtfully, and he  
 said to him, "You are  
 not far from the King-  
 dom of God!" And  
 no one ventured to  
 ask him any more  
 questions.

God of Isaac, and the  
 38 God of Jacob.' He is  
 not the God of dead  
 men but of living, for  
 all men are alive to  
 39 him." Some of the  
 scribes replied, "Mas-  
 ter, that was a fine  
 40 answer!" For they  
 did not dare to ask  
 him any more ques-  
 tions.

#### §91. JESUS REPUDIATES THE REVOLUTIONARY CONCEPTION OF THE MESSIAH

MATTHEW 22:41-46

41 While the Pharisees  
 were still gathered  
 there, Jesus asked  
 42 them, "What do you

MARK 12:35-37a

35 As Jesus was teach-  
 ing in the Temple, he  
 answered them and  
 said, "How can the

LUKE 20:41-44

41 But he said to them,  
 "How can the scribes  
 say that the Christ is  
 42 a son of David? For

think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "David's." He said to them, "How is it then that David under the Spirit's influence calls him lord, and says,

44 "The Lord has said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand, Until I put your enemies under your feet" '?"

45 So if David calls him lord, how can he be

46 his son?" And no one could make him an answer, and from that day no one ventured to ask him any more questions.

scribes say that the Christ is a son of David? David himself, under the influence of the holy Spirit, said, "The Lord has said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand Until I put your enemies under your feet.""

37 a David himself calls him lord, and how can he be his son?"

David himself says in the Book of Psalms, "The Lord has said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand, Until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet!" "

44 David then calls him lord. So how can he be his son?"

## §92. THE CULMINATION OF JESUS' ATTACK UPON THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

### MATTHEW, CHAPTER 23

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his

2 disciples, "The scribes and Pharisees have taken Moses' seat.

3 So do everything they tell you, and observe it all, but do not do as they do, for they talk

4 but do not act. They tie up heavy loads and have them put on men's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them.

5 They do everything they do to have men see it. They wear wide Scripture texts as charms, and they

### Mark 12:37b-40

37 b The mass of the people liked to hear him. And in the course of his teaching he said to them, "Beware of the scribes who like to go about in long robes and to be saluted with respect

39 in public places, and to have the front seats in the synagogues and the best

40 places at dinners—men that eat up widows' houses and to cover it up make long prayers! They will get a far heavier sentence!"

### LUKE 20:45-47

45 While all the people were listening, he said

46 to his disciples, "Beware of the scribes who like to go about in long robes, and love to be saluted with respect in public places, and to have the front seats in the synagogues and the best places at banquets

47 —men who eat up widows' houses and to cover it up make long prayers! They will get all the heavier sentence!"

6 wear large tassels, and  
they like the best  
places at dinners and  
the front seats in the  
7 synagogues, and to be  
saluted with respect  
in public places, and  
to have men call them  
8 'Rabbi.' But you  
must not let people  
call you 'Rabbi,' for  
you have only one  
teacher, and you are  
9 all brothers. And you  
must not call anyone  
on earth your father,  
for you have only one  
father, your heavenly  
10 Father. And you  
must not let men call  
you master, for you  
have only one master,  
11 the Christ. But he  
who is greatest among  
you must be your  
12 servant. Whoever ex-  
alts himself will be  
humbled and whoever  
humbles himself will  
13 be exalted. But alas  
for you, you hypo-  
critical scribes and  
Pharisees, for you lock  
the doors of the King-  
dom of Heaven in  
men's faces, for you  
will neither go in  
yourselves nor let  
those enter who are  
15 trying to do so. Alas  
for you, you hypo-  
critical scribes and  
Pharisees, for you  
scour land and sea to  
make one convert,  
and when he is con-  
verted you make him  
twice as fit for the pit  
16 as you are. Alas for

you, you blind guides,  
who say, 'If anyone  
swears by the sanctu-  
ary, it does not mat-  
ter, but if anyone  
swears by the gold of  
the sanctuary, it is  
17 binding.' Blind fools!  
which is greater, the  
gold, or the sanctuary  
that makes the gold  
18 sacred? You say, 'If  
anyone swears by the  
altar, it does not mat-  
ter, but if anyone  
swears by the offering  
that is on it, it is bind-  
19 ing.' You blind men!  
Which is greater, the  
offering, or the altar  
that makes the offer-  
20 ing sacred? Anyone  
who swears by the  
altar is swearing by it  
and by everything  
21 that is on it, and any-  
one who swears by the  
sanctuary is swearing  
by it and by him who  
22 dwells in it; and any-  
one who swears by  
heaven is swearing by  
the throne of God and  
by him who sits upon  
23 it. Alas for you, you  
hypocritical scribes  
and Pharisees, for you  
pay tithes on mint,  
dill, and cummin, and  
you have let the  
weightier matters of  
the Law go—justice,  
mercy, and integrity.  
But you should have  
observed these, with-  
out overlooking the  
24 others. You blind  
guides! straining out  
the gnat, and yet

swallowing the camel!

- 25 Alas for you, you hypocritical scribes and Pharisees, for you clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-in-
- 26 dulence. You blind Pharisee! You must first clean the inside of the cup and the dish, so that the outside may be clean too.
- 27 Alas for you, you hypocritical scribes and Pharisees, for you are like white-washed tombs! They look well on the outside, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead, and all that is
- 28 unclean. So you outwardly appear to men to be upright, but within you are full of hypocrisy and wick-
- 29 edness. Alas for you, you hypocritical scribes and Pharisees, for you build tombs for the prophets, and decorate the monu-
- 30 ments of the upright, and say, 'If we had been living in the times of our fathers, we would not have joined them in the murder of
- 31 the prophets.' So you bear witness against yourselves that you are descended from the murderers of the
- 32 prophets. Go on and fill up the measure of your forefathers' guilt!

- 33 You serpents! You  
brood of snakes! How  
can you escape being  
sentenced to the pit?
- 34 This is why I am going  
to send you prophets,  
wise men and scribes,  
some of whom you  
will kill and crucify,  
and some you will flog  
in your synagogues  
and hunt from one
- 35 town to another; it is  
that on your heads  
may come all the  
righteous blood shed  
on the earth from the  
blood of Abel the up-  
right to the blood of  
Zechariah, Barachi-  
ah's son, whom you  
murdered between the  
sanctuary and the
- 36 altar! I tell you, all  
this will come upon
- 37 this age! O Jerusa-  
lem, Jerusalem! mur-  
dering the prophets,  
and stoning those who  
are sent to her, how  
often I have longed to  
gather your children  
around me, as a hen  
gathers her brood un-  
der her wings, but you
- 38 refused! Now I leave  
you to yourselves.
- 39 For I tell you, you  
will never see me  
again until you say,  
'Blessed be he who  
comes in the Lord's  
name!' "

## §93. SACRIFICE AS THE MEASURE OF GENEROSITY

## MARK 12:41-44

41 And he sat down facing the treasury and watched the people dropping money into it; and many rich people were putting in  
 42 large sums. A poor widow came up and dropped in two little copper coins which  
 43 make a cent. And he called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you that this poor widow has put in more than all these others who have been putting money into the  
 44 treasury. For they all gave of what they had to spare, but she in her want has put in everything she possessed—all she had to live on."

## LUKE 21:1-4

21 And looking up, he saw the rich people dropping their gifts into the treasury.  
 2 And he saw a poor widow drop in two  
 3 coppers. And he said, "I tell you, this poor widow has put in more  
 4 than all the rest. For they all gave from what they had to spare, but she in her want has put in all she had to live on."

## §94. JESUS FORETELLS THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM AND THE END OF THE AGE

## MATTHEW, CHAPTERS 24, 25

24 And Jesus left the Temple and was going away, when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to the Temple build-  
 2 ings. But he answered, "Do you see all this? I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another but shall be torn  
 3 down." As he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples

## MARK, CHAPTER 13

13 As he was leaving the Temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Master! What wonderful stones and  
 2 buildings!" Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left here upon another that shall not be torn  
 3 down." As he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the Temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew

## LUKE 21:5-38

5 When some spoke about the Temple and its decoration with costly stone and votive offerings, he said,  
 6 "As for all this that you are looking at, the time is coming when not one stone will be left here upon another that will not be torn  
 7 down!" Then they asked him, "Master, when will this happen, and what will be the sign that it is going to

came up to him by themselves, and said to him, "Tell us when this is to happen, and what will be the sign of your coming, and of the close of the age." Jesus answered, "Take care that no one misleads you about this. For many will come under my name, and say, 'I am the Christ,' and many will be misled by them. You will hear of wars and rumors of war; do not let yourselves be alarmed. They have to come, but that is not the end. For nation will rise in arms against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes here and there. All this is only the beginning of the sufferings. Then they will hand you over to persecution and they will put you to death, and you will be hated by all the heathen because you bear my name. Then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will appear, and many will be misled by them, and because of the increase of wickedness, most men's love will grow cold. But he who holds out to the end

asked him, apart from the others, "Tell us when this is to happen, and what the sign will be when it is all just going to be carried out." And Jesus said to them, "Take care that no one misleads you about this. Many will come under my name and say, 'I am he,' and many will be misled by them. But when you hear of wars and rumors of war, you must not be alarmed. They have to come, but it is not yet the end. For nation will rise in arms against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes here and there, there will be famines. This is only the beginning of the sufferings. But you must be on your guard; they will hand you over to courts and you will be taken into synagogues and beaten, and you will be brought before governors and kings on my account, to testify to them. For before the end the good news must be preached to all the heathen. When they are taking you off to trial do not worry beforehand about what you ought to say, but say whatever is given you when the

8 take place?" And he said, "Take care not to be misled. For many will come under my name, and say, 'I am he,' and 'The time is at hand.' Do not follow them. But when you hear of wars and outbreaks, do not be alarmed. These have to come first, but the end does not follow immediately." 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise in arms against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and pestilence and famine here and there. There will be horrors and great signs in the 12 sky. But before all this, men will arrest you and persecute you, and hand you over to synagogues and prisons and have you brought before kings and governors 13 on my account. It will all lead to your testifying. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense, 15 for I will give you such wisdom of utterance as none of your opponents will be able to resist or dispute. 16 You will be betrayed even by your parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends and they will put some of 17 you to death, and you will be hated by ev-



14 will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be preached all over the world, to testify to all the heathen, and then  
 15 the end will come. So when you see the dreadful desecration, of which the prophet Daniel spoke, set up in the Holy Place"—the reader must take  
 16 note of this—"then those who are in Judea must fly to the  
 17 hills; a man on the roof of his house must not go down to get  
 18 things out of it, and a man in the field must not turn back to get  
 19 his coat. But alas for women who are with child at that time or  
 20 who have babies! And pray that you may not have to fly in winter or on the Sab-  
 21 bath, for there will be greater misery then than there has ever been from the beginning of creation until  
 22 now, or ever will be again. If those days  
 had not been cut short, nobody would have escaped, but for the sake of God's people those days will be  
 23 cut short. If anyone says to you at that time, 'Look! here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe  
 24 it, for false Christs and false prophets will appear, and they will

time comes, for it is not you that will speak, but the holy  
 12 Spirit. Brother will give up brother to be put to death, and the father his child, and children will turn  
 against their parents and have them  
 13 put to death. You will be hated by everyone, because you bear my name. But he who  
 holds out to the end  
 14 will be saved. But as soon as you see the dreadful desecration standing where he has  
 no right to stand" (the reader must take note of this), "then  
 those who are in Judea must fly to the  
 15 hills; a man on the roof of his house must not go down or go into  
 the house to get anything out of it, and a  
 16 man in the field must not turn back to get  
 17 his coat. Alas for women who are with child at that time, or  
 who have babies! Pray that it may not  
 18 be winter when it comes, for there will  
 be such misery in those days as there  
 has never been since the beginning of God's  
 creation until now, and never will be  
 20 again. If the Lord had not cut those days  
 short, nobody would have escaped, but for  
 the sake of his own

18 everyone because you bear my name. Yet not a hair of your head  
 19 will perish! It is by your endurance that you will win your  
 20 souls. But when you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, then you must understand that her devastation is at hand.  
 21 Then those who are in Judea must fly to the hills, those who are in the city must get out of it, and those who are in the country must not go into it,  
 22 for those are the days of vengeance, when all that is written in the Scriptures will be  
 23 fulfilled. But alas for women who are with child at that time, or who have babies, for there will be great misery in the land and anger at this people.  
 24 They will fall by the edge of the sword, and be carried off as prisoners among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the heathen,  
 until the time of the  
 25 heathen comes. There will be signs too in sun, moon, and stars, and on earth dismay among the heathen, bewildered at the roar of the sea and the  
 26 waves. Men will swoon with fear and foreboding of what is to happen to the

show great signs and wonders to mislead God's chosen people if they can. Here I have told you beforehand. So if they say to you, 'There he is, in the desert!' do not go out there; 'Here he is, in a room in here!' do not believe it. For just as the lightning starts in the east and flashes to the west, so the coming of the Son of Man will be. Wherever there is a dead body, the vultures will flock. But immediately after the misery of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shed its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the forces of the sky will shake. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will lament when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, in all his power and splendor. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet-call, and they will gather his chosen people from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. Let the fig tree teach you the lesson. As soon as its branches grow soft and put forth leaves, you know that summer is com-

chosen people he has cut the days short. If anyone says to you at that time, 'Look! Here is the Christ!' or 'Look! There he is!' do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will appear, and they will show signs and wonders to mislead God's chosen people if they can. But you must be on your guard; I have told you all about it beforehand. But in those days, when that misery is over, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not shed its light and the stars will fall from the sky and the forces in the sky will shake. Then they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his chosen people from the four winds, from one end of the world to the other. "Let the fig tree teach you the lesson. As soon as its branches grow soft and put forth leaves you know that summer is coming. So when you see these things happening, you must know that he is just at the door. I tell you, these things will all happen before the present age passes away. Earth

world, for the forces in the sky will shake. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great power and glory. But when this begins to happen, look up and raise your heads, for your deliverance will be at hand." And he gave them an illustration: "See the fig tree and all the trees. As soon as they put out their leaves, you see them and you know without being told that summer is coming. So when you see these things happen, you must know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will all happen before the present generation passes away. Earth and sky will pass away, but my words will not. But take care that your hearts are not loaded down with self-indulgence and drunkenness and worldly cares, and that day takes you by surprise, like a trap. For it will come on all who are living anywhere on the face of the earth. But you must be vigilant and always pray that you may succeed in escaping all this that is going to happen, and in standing in the presence of the Son of Man." He

ing. So when you see all these things, you must know that he is just at the door. I tell you, these things will all happen before the present age passes away. Earth and sky will pass away but my words will never pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. For just as it was in the time of Noah, it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For just as in those days before the flood people were eating and drinking, marrying and being married until the very day Noah entered the ark, and knew nothing about it until the flood came and destroyed them all, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding with the handmill; one will be taken and one left. So you must be on the watch, for you do not know on what day your Master is coming. But you may be sure of this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would

and sky will pass away, but my words will not. But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son; only the Father. You must look out and be on the alert, for you do not know when it will be time; just as a man when he leaves home to go on a journey, and puts his slaves in charge, each with his duties, gives orders to the watchman to keep watch. So you must be on the watch, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening or at midnight or toward daybreak or early in the morning—for fear he should come unexpectedly and find you asleep. And what I am telling you I mean for all—Be on the watch!"

would spend the days teaching in the Temple, but at night he would go out of the city and stay on the hill called the Mount of Olives. And in the morning all the people would come to him in the Temple to listen to him.

have been on the watch, and would not have let his house be  
44 broken into. Therefore you must be ready too, for the Son of Man is coming at a time when you do  
45 not expect him. Who then will be the faithful, thoughtful slave whom his master put in charge of his household, to give the members of it their supplies at the proper  
46 time? Blessed is that slave if his master when he returns finds  
47 him doing it. I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his  
48 property. But if he is a bad slave and says to himself, 'My master is going to stay a  
49 long time,' and begins to beat the other slaves, and eats and drinks with drunk-  
50 ards, that slave's master will come back some day when he does not expect him, and at some time of which he does not  
51 know, and will cut him in two, and put him with the hypocrites, to weep and gnash his teeth.

25 "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the bride-  
2 groom. Now five of them were foolish and

3 five were sensible. For  
the foolish ones  
brought their lamps  
but brought no oil  
4 with them, but the  
sensible ones with  
their lamps brought  
5 oil in their flasks. As  
the bridegroom was  
slow in coming, they  
all grew drowsy and  
6 fell asleep. But in the  
middle of the night  
there was a shout,  
'Here is the bride-  
groom! Come out  
7 and meet him!' Then  
all the bridesmaids  
awoke, and trimmed  
8 their lamps. And the  
foolish ones said to  
the sensible ones,  
'Give us some of your  
oil, for our lamps are  
9 going out.' But the  
sensible ones an-  
swered, 'There may  
not be enough for us  
and you. You had  
better go to the deal-  
ers and buy yourselves  
10 some.' But while they  
were gone to buy it,  
the bridegroom ar-  
rived, and the ones  
that were ready went  
in with him to the  
wedding banquet, and  
the door was closed.  
11 Afterward the other  
bridesmaids came and  
said, 'Sir! Sir! Open  
12 the door for us!' But  
he answered, 'I tell  
you, I do not know  
13 you!' So you must  
be on watch, for you  
do not know either  
the day or the hour.

- 14 For it is just like a man who was going on a journey, and called in his slaves, and put his property in their  
15 hands. He gave one five thousand dollars, and another two thousand, and another one thousand; to each according to his ability. Then he went away.  
16 The man who had received the five thousand dollars immediately went into business with the money, and made five thousand more. In the  
17 same way the man who had received the two thousand made two thousand more.  
18 But the man who had received the one thousand went away and dug a hole in the ground and hid his  
19 master's money. Long afterward, their master came back and settled accounts with  
20 them. And the man who had received the five thousand dollars came up bringing him five thousand more, and said, 'Sir, you put five thousand dollars in my hands; here I have made five thousand more.'  
21 His master said to him, 'Well done, my excellent, faithful slave! you have been faithful about a small amount; I will put a large one into your hands.'

Come, share your master's enjoyment!'

22 And the man who had received the two thousand came up and said, 'Sir, you put two thousand dollars into my hands; here I have made two thousand

23 more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my excellent, faithful slave! you have been faithful about a small amount; I will put a large one into your hands. Come! share your master's enjoyment.'

24 And the man who had received the one thousand came up and said, 'Sir, I knew you were a hard man, who reaped where you had not sown, and gathered where you had

25 not threshed, and I was frightened, and I went and hid your thousand dollars in

26 the ground. Here is your money!' His master answered, 'You wicked, idle slave! You knew that I reaped where I had not sown and gathered where I had not

27 threshed? Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and then when I came back I would have gotten my property

28 with interest. So take the thousand dollars away from him, and give it to the man who

has the ten thousand,  
29 for the man who has  
will have more given  
him, and will be  
plentifully supplied,  
and from the man who  
has nothing even what  
he has will be taken  
30 away. And put the  
good-for-nothingslave  
out into the darkness  
outside, to weep and  
grind his teeth there.'  
31 When the Son of Man  
comes in his splendor,  
with all his angels  
with him, he will take  
his seat on his glori-  
32 ous throne, and all the  
nations will be gath-  
ered before him, and  
he will separate them  
from one another, just  
as a shepherd sepa-  
rates his sheep from  
33 his goats, and he will  
put the sheep at his  
right hand and the  
34 goats at his left. Then  
the king will say to  
those at his right,  
'Come, you whom my  
Father has blessed,  
take possession of the  
kingdom which has  
been destined for you  
from the creation of  
35 the world. For when I  
was hungry, you gave  
me food, when I was  
thirsty you gave me  
something to drink,  
when I was a stranger,  
you invited me to  
36 your homes, when I  
had no clothes, you  
gave me clothes, when  
I was sick, you looked  
after me, when I was



in prison, you came  
37 to see me.' Then the  
upright will answer,  
'Lord, when did we see  
you hungry and give  
you food, or thirsty,  
and give you some-  
38 thing to drink? When  
did we see you a  
stranger, and invite  
you home, or without  
clothing, and supply  
39 you with it? When  
did we see you sick or  
in prison, and go to  
40 see you?' The king  
will answer, 'I tell  
you, in so far as you  
did it to one of the  
humblest of these  
brothers of mine, you  
41 did it to me.' Then he  
will say to those at  
his left, 'Begone, you  
cursed people, to the  
everlasting fire des-  
tined for the devil and  
42 his angels! For when  
I was hungry, you  
gave me nothing to  
eat, and when I was  
thirsty you gave me  
43 nothing to drink, when  
I was a stranger, you  
did not invite me  
home, when I had no  
clothes, you did not  
supply me, when I was  
sick and in prison,  
you did not look after  
44 me.' Then they in  
their turn will answer,  
'Lord, when did we  
see you hungry, or  
thirsty, or a stranger,  
or in need of clothes, or  
sick, or in prison, and  
did not wait upon  
45 you?' Then he will

answer, 'I tell you, in so far as you failed to do it for one of these people who are humblest, you failed to do  
46 it for me.' Then they will go away to everlasting punishment, and the upright to everlasting life."

§95. JUDAS PLOTS TO BETRAY JESUS

MATTHEW 26:1-5,  
14-16

26 When Jesus had finished this discourse he said to his disciples,  
2 "You know that in two days the Passover Festival will come, and the Son of Man will be handed over to  
3 be crucified." Then the high priests and the elders of the people gathered in the house of the high priest, whose name  
4 was Caiaphas, and plotted to arrest Jesus by stealth and put  
5 him to death. But they said, "It must not be during the festival, or there may be a riot."  
14 Then one of the Twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the  
15 high priests, and said, "What will you give me if I hand him over to you?" And they counted him out thirty  
16 silver pieces. And from that time he watched for a good opportunity to hand him over to them.

MARK 14:1-2, 10-11

14 It was now two days before the festival of the Passover and of Unleavened Bread. And the high priests and scribes were casting about for a way to arrest him by stealth and put  
2 him to death, for they said, "It must not be during the festival, or there may be a riot."  
10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the high priests to betray Jesus  
11 to them. They were delighted to hear it and promised to pay him for it. So he was watching for an opportunity to betray him to them.

LUKE 22:1-6

22 The festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover,  
2 was approaching. And the high priests and the scribes were casting about for a way to put him to death, for they were afraid of  
3 the people. But Satan entered into Judas, who was called Iscariot, a member of  
4 the Twelve. And he went off and discussed with the high priests and captains of the Temple how he could betray him to them.  
5 And they were delighted and agreed to  
6 pay him for it. And he accepted their offer, and watched for an opportunity to betray him to them without a disturbance.

## §96. A PROPHETIC ANOINTING BY A REPENTANT WOMAN

[See also §32]

## MATTHEW 26:6-13

6 When Jesus got  
back to Bethany, to  
the house of Simon  
7 the leper, a woman  
came up to him with  
an alabaster flask of  
very expensive per-  
fume and poured it  
upon his head, while  
8 he was at table. When  
his disciples saw it,  
they said indignantly,  
"What was the use of  
wasting it like that?"  
9 It might have been  
sold for a large sum,  
and the money given  
10 to the poor." But Je-  
sus observed this and  
said to them, "Why  
do you bother the  
woman? It is a fine  
thing that she has  
11 done to me. For you  
always have the poor  
among you, but you  
will not always have  
12 me. In pouring this  
perfume on me she  
has done something  
to prepare me for buri-  
13 al. I tell you, where-  
ever this good news is  
preached all over the  
world, what she has  
done will also be told,  
in memory of her."

## MARK 14:3-9

3 Jesus was in Beth-  
any, at the house of  
Simon the leper, and  
as he was at table, a  
woman came in, with  
an alabaster flask of  
pure nard perfume,  
very expensive; she  
broke the flask and  
poured the perfume  
4 on his head. But there  
were some who said  
indignantly to them-  
selves, "What was the  
use of wasting the per-  
5 fume like that? It  
might have been sold  
for more than sixty  
dollars, and the mon-  
ey have been given to  
the poor." And they  
6 grumbled at her. But  
Jesus said, "Leave her  
alone. Why do you  
bother her? It is a  
fine thing that she has  
7 done to me. For you  
always have the poor  
among you, and when-  
ever you please you  
can do for them, but  
you will not always  
8 have me. She has done  
all she could; she has  
perfumed my body in  
preparation for my  
9 burial. I tell you,  
wherever the good  
news is preached all  
over the world, what  
she has done will also  
be told in memory of  
her."

## LUKE 7:36-50

36 One of the Phari-  
sees asked him to  
have dinner with him,  
and he went to the  
Pharisee's house and  
took his place at the  
37 table. Now there was  
a woman in the town  
who was leading a sin-  
ful life, and when she  
learned that he was  
having dinner at the  
Pharisee's house, she  
got an alabaster flask  
38 of perfume, and came  
and stood behind him  
at his feet, weeping,  
and began to wet his  
feet with her tears,  
and she wiped them  
with her hair and  
kissed them, and put  
the perfume on them.  
39 When the Pharisee  
who had invited him  
saw this, he said to  
himself, "If this man  
were really a prophet,  
he would know who  
and what the woman  
is who is touching  
him, for she leads  
40 a wicked life." Jesus  
answered him, and  
said to him, "Simon,  
there is something I  
want to say to you."  
He said, "Proceed,  
41 Master." "Two men  
were in debt to a  
money-lender. One  
owed him a hundred  
dollars and the other  
42 ten. As they could not  
pay him, he canceled

what they owed him. Now which of them will be more attached  
43 to him?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he canceled most." "You are right," he said.  
44 And turning to the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came to your house; you did not give me any water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with tears and wiped them with her hair.  
45 You did not give me a kiss, but from the moment I came in she has not stopped kiss-  
46 ing my feet. You did not put any oil upon my head, but she has put perfume upon my  
47 feet. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, many as they are, are forgiven, for she has loved me so much. But the man with little to be forgiven loves me but  
48 little." And he said to her, "Your sins are  
49 forgiven!" The men at table with him began to say to themselves, "Who is this man, who even for-  
50 gives sins?" But he said to the woman, "It is your faith that has saved you. Go in peace."

## §97. THE LAST SUPPER OF JESUS WITH HIS DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 26:17-30

17 On the first day of the festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where do you wish us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover supper?"

18 And he said, "Go into the city, to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Master says, "My time is near. I am going to keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." ' " So the disciples did as Jesus directed them, and prepared the Passover

20 supper. When evening came, he took his place at table with the

21 twelve disciples. And as they were eating, he said, "I tell you, one of you will betray

22 me!" They were deeply hurt and began to say to him one after another, "Can it be I,

23 Master?" He answered, "The man who just dipped his hand in the same dish with me is going to betray me. The Son of

24 Man is to go away as the Scriptures say of him, but alas for the man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had

MARK 14:12-26

12 On the first day of the festival of Unleavened Bread, on which it was customary to kill the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you wish us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover

13 supper?" So he sent away two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him,

14 and whatever house he goes into, say to the man of the house, 'The Master says, "Where is my room where I can eat the Passover supper with

15 my disciples?" ' And he will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make your preparations for us there."

16 So the disciples started and went into the city, and found everything just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover

17 supper. When it was evening he came with

18 the Twelve. And when they were at the table eating, Jesus said, "I tell you, one of you is going to betray me—

19 one who is eating with me." And they were

LUKE 22:7-30

7 When the day of Unleavened Bread came, on which the Passover lamb had to

8 be sacrificed, Jesus sent Peter and John, saying to them, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

9 They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare

10 it?" He said to them, "Just after you enter the city, you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him to the house

11 to which he goes, and say to the man of the house, 'Our Master says to you, "Where is the room where I can eat the Passover supper with my disci-

12 ples?" ' And he will show you a large room upstairs with the necessary furniture. Make your preparations

13 there." So they went and found everything just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover

14 supper. When the time came, he took his place at the table, with the apostles

15 about him. And he said to them, "I have greatly desired to eat this Passover supper with you before I

16 suffer. For I tell you, I will never eat one

never been born!"  
 25 Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Can it be I, Master?" He said to him, "You are  
 26 right!" As they were eating Jesus took a loaf and blessed it, and he broke it in pieces and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it.  
 27 It is my body!" And he took the wine-cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "You must all  
 28 drink from it, for this is my blood which ratifies the agreement, and is to be poured out for many people, for the forgiveness of  
 29 their sins. And I tell you I will never drink this product of the vine again till the day when I shall drink the new wine with you in my Father's king-  
 30 dom!" After singing the hymn, they went out of the city and up the Mount of Olives.

hurt, and said to him one after another,  
 20 "Can it be I?" He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, who is dipping his bread in the same dish  
 21 with me. For the Son of Man is indeed to go away as the Scriptures say of him, but alas for the man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had  
 22 never been born." As they were eating, he took a loaf and blessed it, and he broke it in pieces and gave it to them, saying, "Take this. It is my body."  
 23 And he took the wine cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, and they all drank  
 24 from it. And he said to them, "This is my blood which ratifies the agreement, and is to be poured out for  
 25 many people. I tell you, I will never drink the product of the vine again till the day when I shall drink the new wine in the King-  
 26 dom of God." After singing the hymn they went out of the city and up the Mount of Olives.

again until it reaches its fulfillment in the Kingdom of God."  
 17 And when he was handed a cup, he thanked God, and then said, "Take this and share it among  
 18 you, for I tell you, I will not drink the product of the vine again until the Kingdom of God comes."  
 19 And he took a loaf of bread and thanked God, and broke it in pieces, and gave it to them, saying, "This  
 21 is my body. Yet look! The hand of the man who is betraying me is beside me on  
 22 the table! For the Son of Man is going his way, as it has been decreed, but alas for the man by whom the Son of Man is be-  
 23 trayed!" And they began to discuss with one another which of them it was who was  
 24 going to do this. A dispute also arose among them, as to which one of them ought to be consid-  
 25 ered the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the heathen lord it over them and their authorities are given the title of Bene-  
 26 factor. But you are not to do so, but whoever is greatest among you must be like the youngest, and the leader like a servant.

27 For which is greater, the man at the table, or the servant who waits on him? Is not the man at the table? Yet I am like a servant among you. But it is you who have stood by me in my trials. So just as my Father has conferred a kingdom on me, I confer on you the right to eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and to sit on thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel!

#### §98. JESUS FORETELLS HIS DISCIPLES' DEFECTION

##### MATTHEW 26:31-35

31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all desert me tonight, for the Scriptures say, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised to life again, I will go back to Galilee before you." Peter answered, "If they all desert you, I will never do it!" Jesus said to him, "I tell you, tonight, before a cock crows, you will disown me three times!" Peter said to him, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you!" All the disciples said so too.

##### MARK 14:27-31

27 And Jesus said to them, "You will all desert me, for the Scriptures say, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised to life again I will go back to Galilee before you." But Peter said to him, "Even if they all desert you, I will not!" Jesus said to him, "I tell you, this very night before the cock crows twice you yourself will disown me three times!" But he persisted vehemently, "If I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And they all said the same thing.

##### LUKE 22:31-38

31 "O Simon, Simon! Satan has obtained permission to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail. And afterward you yourself must turn and strengthen your brothers." Peter said to him, "Master, I am ready to go to prison and to death with you!" But he said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow today before you deny three times that you know me!" And he said to them, "When I sent you out without any purse or bag or shoes, was there anything you needed?" They said, "No,

§99. GETHSEMANE

MATTHEW 26:36-46

36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to the disciples, "Sit down here while I go over yonder and pray." And he took Peter and Zebedee's two sons with him, and he began to show grief and distress of mind. Then he said to them, "My heart is almost breaking. You must stay here and keep watch with me." And he went on a little way, and threw himself on his face, and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass by me. Yet not as I please but as you do!" When he went back to the dis-

MARK 14:32-42

32 They came to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit down here while I pray." And he took Peter, James, and John along with him, and he began to feel distress and dread, and he said to them, "My heart is almost breaking. You must stay here and keep watch." And he went on a little way and threw himself on the ground and prayed that if it were possible he might be spared the hour of trial; and he said, "Abba!" that is, Father, "anything is possible for you! Take this cup away from me! Yet not

LUKE 22:39-46

36 nothing." He said to them, "But now, if a man has a purse let him take it, and a bag too. And a man who has no sword must sell his coat and buy one. 37 For I tell you that this saying of Scripture must find its fulfillment in me: 'He was rated an outlaw.' Yes, that saying about me is to be fulfilled!" 38 But they said, "See, Master, here are two swords!" And he said to them, "Enough of this!"

39 And he went out of the city and up on the Mount of Olives as he was accustomed to do, with his disciples following him. And when he reached the spot, he said to them, "Pray that you may not be subjected to trial." And he withdrew about a stone's throw from them, and kneeling down he prayed and said, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. But not my will but yours be done!" When he got up from his prayer, he went to the disciples and found them asleep from sorrow. 46 And he said to them, "Why are you asleep?



ciples he found them asleep. And he said to Peter, "Then were you not able to watch with me for one hour?"

41 You must all watch, and pray that you may not be exposed to trial! One's spirit is eager, but flesh and

42 blood are weak!" He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it cannot pass by me without my drinking it, your

43 will be done." When he came back he found them asleep again, for they could hardly keep their eyes

44 open. And he left them and went away again and prayed a third time, in the same

45 words as before. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the time has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to wicked

46 men! Get up! Let us be going! Look! Here comes my betrayer!"

what I please but what you do!"

37 When he went back he found them asleep, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Were you not able to watch for one

38 hour? You must all watch, and pray that you may not be subjected to trial. One's spirit is eager, but human nature is

39 weak." He went away again and prayed in the same words as before. When he came back he found them asleep again, for they could hardly keep their eyes open; and they did not know what answer to make

41 to him. When he came back for the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough of this! The time has come. See! the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of wicked

42 men. Get up, let us be going. Look! here comes my betrayer!"

Get up, and pray that you may not be subjected to trial!"

### §100. JESUS IS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED

MATTHEW 26:47-56

47 Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the high priests

MARK 14:43-52

43 Just at that moment, while he was still speaking, Judas, who was one of the Twelve, came up, and with him a crowd of men with swords and

LUKE 22:47-53

47 While he was still speaking, a crowd of people came up, with the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, at their head, and he stepped up to Jesus

and the elders of the  
 48 people. Now the man  
 who betrayed him  
 gave them a signal,  
 saying "The one I  
 kiss is the man. Seize  
 49 him!" And he went  
 straight up to Jesus  
 and said, "Good even-  
 ing, Master!" and  
 kissed him affection-  
 50 ately. Jesus said to  
 him, "My friend,  
 what are you here  
 for?" Then they came  
 up and laid hands on  
 Jesus and secured  
 51 him. One of the  
 men with Jesus put  
 out his hand and drew  
 his sword, and strik-  
 ing at the high priest's  
 slave, cut his ear off.  
 52 Then Jesus said to  
 him, "Put your sword  
 back where it belongs!  
 For all who draw the  
 sword will die by the  
 53 sword. Do you sup-  
 pose I cannot appeal  
 to my Father, and he  
 would at once furnish  
 me more than twelve  
 54 legions of angels? But  
 then how are the  
 Scriptures to be ful-  
 filled, which say that  
 this must happen?"  
 55 At that same time  
 Jesus said to the  
 crowd, "Have you  
 come out to arrest me  
 with swords and clubs,  
 as though I were a  
 robber? Day after  
 day I have sat in the  
 Temple teaching, and  
 you never seized me.  
 56 But this has all taken

clubs, from the high  
 priests, scribes, and  
 44 elders. Now the man  
 who betrayed him  
 had given them a sig-  
 nal, saying, "The one  
 I kiss is the man.  
 Seize him and take  
 him safely away."  
 45 So when he came he  
 went straight up to  
 Jesus and said, "Mas-  
 ter!" and kissed him  
 46 affectionately. And  
 they laid hands on  
 him and seized him.  
 47 But one of the by-  
 standers drew his  
 sword and struck at  
 the high priest's slave  
 and cut his ear off.  
 48 And Jesus spoke and  
 said to them, "Have  
 you come out to ar-  
 rest me with swords  
 and clubs, as though  
 49 I were a robber? I  
 have been among you  
 day after day in the  
 Temple teaching, and  
 you never seized me.  
 But let the Scriptures  
 50 be fulfilled!" Then all  
 the disciples left him  
 and made their es-  
 51 cape. And a young  
 man followed him  
 with nothing but a  
 linen cloth about his  
 body; and they seized  
 52 him, but he left the  
 cloth behind and ran  
 away naked.

48 to kiss him. Jesus  
 said to him, "Would  
 you betray the Son of  
 Man with a kiss?"  
 49 Those who were about  
 him saw what was  
 coming and said,  
 "Master, shall we use  
 50 our swords?" And  
 one of them did strike  
 at the high priest's  
 slave and cut his right  
 51 ear off. But Jesus an-  
 swered, "Let me do  
 this much!" And he  
 touched his ear and  
 52 healed him. And Je-  
 sus said to the high  
 priests, captains of the  
 Temple, and elders  
 who had come to  
 take him, "Have you  
 come out with swords  
 and clubs as though I  
 53 were a robber? When  
 I was among you day  
 after day in the Tem-  
 ple you never laid a  
 hand on me! But you  
 choose this hour, and  
 the cover of dark-  
 ness!"

place in fulfilment of the writings of the prophets." Then all the disciples left him and made their escape.

**§101. JESUS IS CONDEMNED BY THE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES  
FOR CLAIMING TO BE THE CHRIST**

**MATTHEW 26:57—**

**27:10**

57 The men who had seized Jesus took him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, at whose house the scribes and elders had gathered.  
58 And Peter followed him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest's house, and he went inside and sat down among the attendants to see how it came  
59 out. Now the high priests and the whole council were trying to get false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put him to  
60 death. And they could not, although many false witnesses presented themselves. But finally two came  
61 forward and said, "This man said, 'I can tear down the sanctuary of God, and build it up in three days.'"  
62 And the high priest got up and said to him, "Have you no answer to make? What about their evidence against you?"  
63 But Jesus was silent.

**MARK 14:53-72**

53 They took Jesus away to the high priest, and all the high priests, elders, and scribes came together.  
54 And Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest and sat down with the attendants and warmed himself at the  
55 fire. The high priests and the whole council tried to get evidence against Jesus in order to put him to death, and they could find  
56 none, for while many gave false testimony against him their evidence did not agree.  
67 Some got up and gave false testimony against him to this  
58 effect: "We ourselves have heard him say, 'I will tear down this sanctuary built by men's hands, and in three days I will build another, made without  
59 hands.'" And even then their evidence did not agree.  
60 Then the high priest got up and came forward into the center

**LUKE 22:54-71**

54 Then they arrested him and led him away and took him to the house of the high priest. And Peter followed at a distance.  
55 And they kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat about it, and Peter sat down among them.  
56 A maid saw him sitting by the fire and looked at him and said, "This man was  
57 with him too." But he denied it, and said, "I do not know him."  
58 Shortly after, a man saw him and said, "You are one of them too!" But Peter said,  
59 "I am not!" About an hour later, another man insisted, "This man was certainly  
60 with him too, for he is a Galilean!" But Peter said, "I do not know what you mean." And immediately, just as he spoke, a cock  
61 crowed. And the Master turned and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the words the Master had said to him—"Before the

And the high priest said to him, "I charge you, on your oath, by the living God, tell us whether you are the Christ, the son of God." Jesus said to him, "It is true. But I tell you you will soon see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty and coming upon the clouds of the sky!" Then the high priest tore his clothing and said, "He has uttered blasphemy! What do we want of witnesses now? Here you have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him, and others slapped him, saying, "Show us you are a prophet, you Christ! Who was it that struck you?" Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a maid came up to him, and said, "You were with Jesus the Galilean, too!" But he denied it before them all, and said, "I do not know what you mean." And he went out into the gateway, and another maid saw him, and said to the men there, "This fellow was with Jesus the Nazarene!" He de-

and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What about their evidence against you?" But Jesus was silent and made no answer. The high priest again questioned him and said to him, "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?" But Jesus said, "I am! and you will all see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty and coming in the clouds of the sky!" Then the high priest tore his clothing, and said, "What do we want of witnesses now? Did you hear his blasphemy? What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving to be put to death. And some started to spit at him and to blindfold him and to strike him, and say to him, "Now show that you are a prophet!" And the attendants slapped him as they took charge of him. While Peter was down in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came up, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You were with this Jesus of Nazareth too!" But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or

cock crows today, you will disown me three times!" And he went outside and wept bitterly. The men who had Jesus in custody flogged him and made sport of him, and they blindfolded him, and asked him, "Show that you are a prophet! Who was it that struck you?" And they said many other abusive things to him. As soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the high priests and scribes assembled, and brought him before their council, and said to him, "If you are the Christ, tell us so." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I ask you a question, you will not answer me. But from this time on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of God Almighty!" And they all said, "Are you the Son of God then?" And he said to them, "I am, as you say!" Then they said, "What do we want of testimony now? We have heard it ourselves from his own mouth!"

nied it again, with an oath, and said, "I do not know the man!"

73 A little while after the bystanders came up to Peter and said, "You are certainly one of them too, for your accent shows it!"

74 Then he started to swear with the strongest oaths, "I do not know the man!" And at that moment a cock

75 crowed. And Peter remembered Jesus' words when he had said, "Before a cock crows, you will disown me three times!" And he went outside and wept bitterly.

27 When it was morning all the high priests and elders of the people held a consultation about Jesus, with a view to putting him

2 to death. And they bound him and led him away and handed him over to Pilate

3 the governor. Then Judas who had betrayed him, when he saw that he had been condemned, in his remorse brought back the thirty silver pieces to the high priests and

4 said, "I did wrong when I handed an innocent man over to death!" They said, "What is that to us? You see to it your-

5 self." And he threw down the silver and left the Temple and

understand what you mean." He went out into the gateway.

69 And the maid saw him there and began again to tell the bystanders, "This fellow is one of

70 them!" But he denied it again. And again a little while after, the bystanders said to Peter, "You certainly are one of them, for you are a

71 Galilean!" But he began to swear with the strongest oaths, "I do not know this man that you are talking

72 about!" At that moment for the second time a cock crowed. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will disown me three times!" And at that, he wept aloud.

went off and hung  
 6 himself. The high  
 priests gathered up  
 the money, and they  
 said, "It is not legal  
 to put this into the  
 Temple treasury, for  
 7 it is blood money." So  
 after consultation they  
 bought with it the  
 Potter's Field as a  
 burial ground for  
 8 strangers. For this  
 reason that piece of  
 ground has ever since  
 been called the Field  
 9 of Blood. So the  
 words spoken by the  
 prophet Jeremiah were  
 fulfilled: "They took  
 the thirty silver pieces,  
 the price of the one  
 whose price had been  
 fixed, on whom some  
 of the Israelites had  
 10 set a price, and gave  
 them for the Potter's  
 Field as the Lord di-  
 rected me."

# §102. PILATE SACRIFICES JESUS TO POPULAR CLAMOR

## MATTHEW 27:11-31

11 Now Jesus stood  
 before the governor,  
 and the governor  
 asked him, "Are you  
 the king of the Jews?"  
 Jesus said, "Yes."  
 12 And while the high  
 priests and elders were  
 making their charges  
 against him, he made  
 13 no answer. Then Pi-  
 late said to him, "Do  
 you not hear what evi-  
 dence they are bring-  
 ing against you?"  
 14 And he made him no

## MARK 15:1-20

15 As soon as it was  
 daylight, the high  
 priests held a consul-  
 tation with the elders  
 and scribes, and they  
 and the whole council  
 bound Jesus and took  
 him away and handed  
 him over to Pilate.  
 2 Pilate asked him, "Are  
 you the king of the  
 Jews?" He answered,  
 3 "Yes." And the high  
 priests kept heaping  
 accusations upon him.  
 4 But Pilate again asked

## LUKE 23:1-25

23 Then they arose in  
 a body and took him  
 2 to Pilate, and they  
 made this charge  
 against him: "Here  
 is a man whom we  
 have found mislead-  
 ing our nation, and  
 forbidding the pay-  
 ment of taxes to the  
 emperor, and claiming  
 to be an anointed king  
 3 himself." And Pilate  
 asked him, "Are you  
 the king of the Jews?"  
 He answered, "Yes."

reply to even a single accusation, so that the governor was greatly surprised.

15 Now at festival time the governor was accustomed to release for the people any prisoner whom they

16 chose, and at this time there was a notorious prisoner named Barabbas.

17 So when they gathered to ask this, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release for you, Barabbas, or Jesus, the so-called

18 Christ?" For he knew that they had handed him over to him out

19 of envy. Now while he was on the bench his wife sent to him to say, "Do not have anything to do with that upright man, for I have just had a painful experience in a dream about him."

20 But the high priests and the elders prevailed on the crowd to ask for Barabbas, and to have Jesus put to

21 death. And the governor answered, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" They

22 said, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what am I to do with Jesus, the so-called Christ?" They

23 all said, "Have him crucified!" He said,

him, "Have you no answer to make? See what charges they are making against you."

5 But Jesus made no further answer at all, so that Pilate wondered.

6 Now at festival time he used to set free for them one prisoner, whom they

7 petitioned for. There was in prison a man called Barabbas, among some revolutionaries who in their outbreak had committed murder. And a crowd of people came up and started to ask him for the

9 usual favor. Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to set the king of the Jews free

10 for you?" For he knew that the high priests had handed him over to him out of

11 envy. But the high priests stirred up the crowd to get him to set Barabbas free for

12 them instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the king

13 of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" And Pilate said to them, "Why, what has he done that is wrong?" But they

14 shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" And

15 as Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd, he set Barabbas free for

4 And Pilate said to the high priests and the crowd, "I cannot find anything criminal about this

5 man." But they persisted and said, "He is stirring up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He began in Galilee and he has

6 come here." When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were

7 a Galilean, and learning that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he turned him over to Herod, for Herod was in Jerusalem at that time.

8 When Herod saw Jesus he was delighted, for he had wanted for a long time to see him, because he had heard about him and he hoped to see some wonder done by him.

9 And he questioned him at some length, but he made him no

10 answer. Meanwhile the high priests and the scribes stood by and vehemently accused

11 him. And Herod and his guards made light of him and ridiculed him, and they put a gorgeous robe on him and sent him back to

12 Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends that day, for they had been at enmity before. Pilate

13 summoned the high priests and the lead-

"Why, what has he done that is wrong?" But they shouted all the louder, "Have him crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing but that a riot was beginning instead, he took some water and washed his hands in the presence of the crowd, saying, "I am not responsible for this man's death; you must see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released Barabbas for them, and he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified. Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the barracks, and got the whole battalion together about him. And they stripped him and put a red cloak on him, and made a wreath of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a stick in his hand, and knelt down before him in mockery, saying, "Long live the king of the Jews!" And they spat at him, and took the stick and struck him on the head. And when they had finished making sport of him, they took off the cloak, and

them, and after having Jesus flogged handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers took him inside the courtyard, that is, of the governor's residence, and they called the whole battalion together. And they dressed him up in a purple cloak, and made a wreath of thorns and crowned him with it, and they began to acclaim him, "Long live the king of the Jews!" And they struck him on the head with a stick and spat at him, and they knelt down and did homage to him. When they had finished making sport of him, they took off the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they took him out of the city to crucify him.

ing members of the council and the people, and said to them, "You brought this man before me charged with misleading the people, and here I have examined him before you and not found him guilty of any of the things that you accuse him of. Neither has Herod, for he has sent him back to us. You see he has done nothing to call for his death. So I will teach him a lesson and let him go." But they all shouted out, "Kill him, and release Barabbas for us!" (He was a man who had been put in prison for a riot that had taken place in the city and for murder.) But Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, and he called out to them again. But they kept on shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" And he said to them a third time, "Why, what has he done that is wrong? For I have found nothing about him to call for his death. So I will teach him a lesson and let him go." But they persisted with loud outcries in demanding that he be crucified, and their shouting won. And Pilate pronounced sentence that what they asked for



put his own clothes on him, and led him away to be crucified.

25 should be done. He released the man they asked for, who had been put in prison for riot and murder, and handed Jesus over to their will.

### §103. JESUS IS EXECUTED AS A POLITICAL OFFENDER

#### MATTHEW 27:32-56

32 As they went out of the city they came upon a Cyrenian named Simon, and they forced him to carry Jesus' cross. When they came to a place called Golgotha, which means the Place of the Skull, they offered him a drink of wine mixed with gall, and when he tasted it he would not drink it. 35 And they crucified him and divided up his clothes among them by drawing lots, 36 and sat down there to keep watch of him. 37 They put above his head the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the king of the Jews." 38 There were two robbers crucified with him at the time, one at his right and one at his left. And the passers-by jeered at him, shaking their 40 heads and saying, "You who would tear down the sanctuary, and build one in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of

#### MARK 15:21-41

21 And they forced a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross—one Simon, a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus. And they took him to the place called Golgotha, which means the Place of the Skull. They offered him drugged wine, but he would not take it. 24 Then they crucified him, and divided up his clothes, drawing lots for them to see what each of them 25 should have. It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. And the notice of the charge against him read, "The king of the Jews." They crucified two robbers along with him, one at his right and one at his left. And the passers-by jeered at him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! you who would tear down the sanctuary and build one in three 30 days! Come down from the cross and

#### LUKE 23:26-49

26 As they led Jesus away, they seized a man named Simon, from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and put the cross on his back, for him to carry behind 27 Jesus. He was followed by a great crowd of the people and of women who were beating their breasts and lamenting him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Women of Jerusalem, do not weep for me but weep for yourselves and for your 29 children, for a time is coming when they will say, 'Happy are the childless women, and those who have never borne or nursed 30 children!' Then people will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us up!' For if this is what they do when the wood is green, what will happen 32 when it is dry?" Two criminals were also led out to execution

God, come down from  
 41 the cross!" And the  
 high priests, too, made  
 sport of him with the  
 scribes and elders,  
 42 and said, "He saved  
 others, but he cannot  
 save himself! He is  
 King of Israel; let him  
 come down from the  
 cross now, and we will  
 43 believe in him. He  
 trusts in God; let God  
 deliver him if he cares  
 for him, for he said he  
 44 was God's son." Even  
 the robbers who were  
 crucified with him  
 abused him in the  
 45 same way. Now from  
 noon there was dark-  
 ness over the whole  
 country until three  
 46 o'clock. And about  
 three, Jesus called out  
 loudly, "Eloi, Eloi,  
 lema sabachthani?"  
 that is, "My God!  
 My God! Why have  
 you forsaken me?"  
 47 Some of the bystand-  
 ers when they heard  
 it said, "The man is  
 calling for Elijah!"  
 48 And one of them ran  
 off at once and got a  
 sponge and soaked it  
 in sour wine and put  
 it on the end of a stick  
 and held it up to him  
 49 to drink. But the  
 others said, "Let us  
 see whether Elijah will  
 come to save him."  
 50 But Jesus cried out  
 again loudly, and gave  
 51 up his spirit. And at  
 once the curtain of  
 the sanctuary was

31 save yourself!" The  
 high priests too made  
 sport of him to one  
 another with the  
 scribes and said, "He  
 saved others, but he  
 cannot save himself!"  
 32 Let this Christ, the  
 king of Israel, come  
 down from the cross  
 now, so that we may  
 see it and believe!"  
 And the men who  
 were crucified with  
 33 him abused him. At  
 noon darkness spread  
 over the whole coun-  
 try, and lasted until  
 three in the afternoon.  
 34 And at three o'clock  
 Jesus called out loud-  
 ly, "Eloi, Eloi, lama  
 sabachthani?" which  
 means "My God, my  
 God, why have you  
 35 forsaken me?" Some  
 of the bystanders,  
 when they heard it,  
 said, "See! He is call-  
 36 ing for Elijah!" One  
 man ran off and soaked  
 a sponge in common  
 wine, and put it on  
 the end of a stick and  
 held it up to him to  
 drink, saying, "Let us  
 see whether Elijah  
 does come to take  
 37 him down!" But Je-  
 sus gave a loud cry,  
 38 and expired. And the  
 curtain of the sanctu-  
 ary was torn in two,  
 from top to bottom.  
 39 And when the captain  
 who stood facing him  
 saw how he expired he  
 said, "This man was  
 certainly a son of

33 with him. When  
 they reached the place  
 called the Skull, they  
 crucified him there,  
 with the criminals one  
 at his right and one at  
 34 his left. And they di-  
 vided up his clothes  
 among them by draw-  
 ing lots for them,  
 35 while the people stood  
 looking on. Even the  
 leading councilors  
 jeered at him, and  
 said, "He has saved  
 others, let him save  
 himself, if he is really  
 God's Christ, his Cho-  
 36 sen One!" The sol-  
 diers also made sport  
 of him, coming up and  
 offering him sour wine,  
 37 saying, "If you are the  
 king of the Jews, save  
 38 yourself!" For there  
 was a notice above his  
 head, "This is the king  
 39 of the Jews!" One of  
 the criminals who  
 was hanging there  
 abused him, saying,  
 "Are you not the  
 Christ? Save yourself  
 40 and us too!" But the  
 other reproved him  
 and said, "Have you  
 no fear even of God  
 when you are suffer-  
 ing the same penalty?  
 41 And we are suffering  
 it justly, for we are  
 only getting our de-  
 serts, but this man  
 has done nothing  
 42 wrong." And he said,  
 "Jesus, remember me  
 when you come into  
 43 your kingdom!" And  
 he said to him, "I tell

torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split, the tombs opened, and many of the saints who had fallen asleep rose and left their tombs and after his resurrection went into the holy city and showed themselves to many people. And the captain and the men with him who were watching Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, were dreadfully frightened and said, "He surely must have been a son of God!" There were several women there watching from a distance who had followed Jesus from Galilee to wait upon him, among them Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

40 God!" There were some women also watching from a distance, among them Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome, who used to accompany him and wait on him when he was in Galilee—besides many other women who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

you, you will be in Paradise with me today!" It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole country, and lasted until three in the afternoon, as the sun was in eclipse. And the curtain before the sanctuary was torn in two. Then Jesus gave a loud cry, and said, "Father, I intrust my spirit to your hands!" With these words he expired. When the captain saw what had happened he praised God, and said, "This man was really innocent!" And all the crowds that had collected for the sight, when they saw what happened, returned to the city beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had come with him from Galilee, stood at a distance looking on.

#### §104. JESUS IS BURIED AS THE DISCIPLES SCATTER

MATTHEW 27:57-66

57 In the evening a rich man named Joseph, from Arimathea, who had himself been a disciple of Jesus, came. He went to Pilate and asked him for Jesus' body. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body

MARK 15:42-47

42 Although it was now evening, yet since it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a highly respected member of the council, who was himself living in expectation of the reign of God, made

LUKE 23:50-56a

50 Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the council, a good and upright man, who had not voted for the plan or action of the council. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and lived in expectation of the

and wrapped it in a piece of clean linen, and laid it in a new tomb that belonged to him, that he had cut in the rock, and he rolled a great stone over the doorway of the tomb, and went away. And Mary of Magdala and the other Mary remained there, sitting before the tomb. On the next day, that is, the day after the Preparation Day, the high priests and Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that when this impostor was alive he said, 'After three days I will rise again!' Give orders, therefore, to have the tomb closely guarded till the third day, so that his disciples cannot come and steal him, and then tell the people that he is risen from the dead and that delusion be worse than the other was." Pilate said to them, "Take a guard of soldiers, and go and make it as secure as you can." And they went and set the guard and put a seal on the stone.

bold to go to Pilate and ask for Jesus' body. Pilate wondered whether he was dead already, and he sent for the captain and asked whether he was dead yet, and when he learned from the captain that he was, he gave Joseph permission to take the body. And he bought a linen sheet and took him down from the cross and wrapped him in the sheet, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the doorway of the tomb. And Mary of Magdala and Mary, Joses' mother, were looking on and saw where he was put.

Kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down from the cross and wrapped it in linen and laid it in a tomb hewn in the rock, where no one had yet been laid. It was the Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was just beginning. The women who had followed Jesus from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was put there. Then they went home, and prepared spices and perfumes.

## PART VIII

### THE RESURRECTION

#### §105. THE RESURRECTION MORNING

MATTHEW 28:1-15

28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.  
 2 And there was a great earthquake. For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and went and rolled the stone back and  
 3 sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was as white  
 4 as snow. The men on guard trembled with fear of him, and became like dead men.  
 5 And the angel said to the women, "You need not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was  
 6 crucified. He is not here, he has risen, as he said he would do. Come and see the place where he was  
 7 lying. Now go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead, and is going back to Galilee before you. You will see him there.' Now I have given you my  
 8 message." And they

MARK 16:1-8

[9-11]

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary, James's mother, and Salome bought spices, in order to go and  
 2 anoint him. Then very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, when the sun had just  
 3 risen. And they said to one another, "Who will roll the stone back from the doorway of the tomb for us?"  
 4 And they looked up and saw that the stone had been rolled back, for it was very  
 5 large. And when they went into the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe sitting at the right, and they were utterly amazed.  
 6 But he said to them, "You must not be amazed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here. See! This is where they laid  
 7 him. But go and say to his disciples and to Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee;

LUKE 23:56b—

24:12

<sup>56</sup> On the Sabbath <sup>b</sup> they rested in obedience to the command-  
 24 ment, but on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had  
 2 prepared. But they found the stone rolled back from the tomb,  
 3 and when they went inside they could not  
 4 find the body. They were in great perplexity over this, when suddenly two men in dazzling clothing stood  
 5 beside them. The women were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look among the dead for him who is alive?"  
 6 Remember what he told you when he was  
 7 still in Galilee, when he said that the Son of Man must be handed over to wicked men and be crucified and rise again on the  
 8 third day." Then they remembered his  
 9 words, and they went back from the tomb

hurried away from the tomb frightened and yet overjoyed and ran to tell the news to his  
 9 disciples. And Jesus himself met them, and said, "Good morning!" And they went up to him and clasped his feet, and bowed to the ground before him.  
 10 Jesus said to them, "You need not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee and they will  
 11 see me there." While they were on their way, some of the guard went into the city and reported to the high priests all that had happened.  
 12 And they got together and consulted with the elders, and gave the soldiers a large  
 13 sum of money, and said to them, "Tell people that his disciples came in the night and stole him away while you were  
 14 asleep. And if news of it reaches the governor, we will satisfy him, and see that you do not get into  
 15 trouble." So they took the money and did as they were told. And this story has been current among the Jews ever since.

you will see him there, just as he told you.' "  
 8 And they fled out of the tomb, for they were all trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing about it to anyone, for they were afraid to do so.  
 [But they reported briefly to Peter and his companions all they had been told. And afterward Jesus himself sent out by them from the east to the west the sacred and incorruptible message of eternal salva-  
 9 tion. Now after he had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary of Magdala, from whom he had driven out seven  
 10 evil spirits. She went and told it to his old companions, while they were mourning  
 11 and weeping. When they heard that he was alive and that she had seen him, they would not believe it.]

and told all this to the eleven and all the rest.  
 10 They were Mary of Magdala and Joanna and Mary, James's mother; and the other women also told this  
 11 to the apostles. But the story seemed to them to be nonsense and they would not believe them.

## §106. JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES AT EMMAUS

[MARK 16:12-13]

12 [Afterward he showed himself in a different form to two of them as they were walking along, on their way into the  
13 country. They went back and told the rest, but they would not believe them.]

LUKE 24:13-35

13 That same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,  
14 and they were talking together about all these things that had  
15 happened. And as they were talking and discussing them, Jesus himself came up and  
16 went with them, but they were prevented from recognizing him.  
17 And he said to them, "What is all this that you are discussing with each other on your way?" They  
18 stopped sadly, and one of them named Cleopas said to him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know what has happened  
19 there lately?" And he said, "What is it?" They said to him, "About Jesus of Nazareth, who in the eyes of God and of all the people was a prophet mighty in deed and  
20 word, and how the high priests and our leading men gave him up to be sentenced to death, and had him  
21 crucified. But we were hoping that he was to be the deliverer of Israel. Why, besides all this, it is three days since it happened.

22 But some women of our number have astounded us. They went to the tomb early this morning  
23 and could not find his body, but came back and said that they had actually seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.  
24 Then some of our party went to the tomb and found things just as the women had said, but they did  
25 not see him." Then he said to them, "How foolish you are and how slow to believe all that the prophets have  
26 said! Did not the Christ have to suffer thus before entering upon his  
27 glory?" And he began with Moses and all the prophets and explained to them the passages all through the Scriptures that referred to himself.  
28 When they reached the village to which they were going, he acted as though he  
29 were going on, but they urged him not to, and said, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.  
30 And when he took his place with them at table, he took the bread and blessed it and broke it in pieces



and handed it to them.

- <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they knew him, and he vanished from them. And they <sup>32</sup> said to each other, "Did not our hearts glow when he was talking to us on the road, and was explaining the Scriptures to <sup>33</sup> us?" And they got up immediately and went back to Jerusalem and found the eleven and their party all together, and learned from them that the Master had really risen and had been seen by Simon. And they told <sup>35</sup> what had happened on the road, and how they had known him when he broke the bread in pieces.

#### §107. JESUS APPEARS TO THE TEN DISCIPLES IN JERUSALEM

[MARK 16:14]

- <sup>14</sup> [Still later he appeared to the Eleven themselves when they were at table, and reproached them for their obstinacy and want of faith, because they had not believed those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.]

LUKE 24:36-43

- <sup>36</sup> While they were still talking of these things, he himself stood among them. <sup>37</sup> They were startled and panic stricken, and thought they saw <sup>38</sup> a ghost. But he said to them, "Why are you so disturbed, and why do doubts arise in <sup>39</sup> your minds? Look at my hands and feet, for it is I myself! Feel of me and see, for a ghost has not flesh and bones, as you see I <sup>41</sup> have." But they

could not yet believe it for sheer joy and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Have you anything  
42 here to eat?" And they gave him a piece  
43 of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it before their eyes.

§108. JESUS APPEARS TO THE ELEVEN DISCIPLES ON A MOUNTAIN IN GALILEE

MATTHEW 28:16-20

16 And the eleven disciples went to Galilee to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. There  
17 they saw him and bowed down before him, though some were in doubt about  
18 it. And Jesus came up to them and said, "Full authority in heaven and on the earth has been given  
19 to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all the heathen, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the holy  
20 Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands that I have given you. I will always be with you, to the very close of the age."

[MARK 16:15-18]

15 [And he said to them, "Go to the whole world and proclaim the good news  
16 to all the creation. He who believes it and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe it will be con-  
17 demned. And signs like these will attend those who believe: with my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in for-  
18 eign tongues; they will take snakes in their hands, and if they drink poison it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well."]

## §109. JESUS ASCENDS TO HEAVEN

[MARK 16:19-20]

19 [So the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was caught up into heaven and took his seat at God's right  
20 hand. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed their message by the signs that attended it.]

LUKE 21:44-53

44 Then he said to them, "This is what I told you when I was still with you—that everything that is written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must come  
45 true." Then he opened their minds to the understanding of  
46 the Scriptures, and said to them, "The Scriptures said that the Christ should suffer as he has done, and rise from the dead on the third day,  
47 and that repentance leading to the forgiveness of sins should be preached to all the heathen in his name.  
48 You are to be witnesses to all this, beginning at Jerusalem.  
49 And I will send down upon you what my Father has promised. Wait here in the city until you are clothed with power from on  
50 high." And he led them out as far as Bethany. Then he lifted up his hands and blessed them.  
51 And as he was blessing them, he parted from  
52 them. And they went back with great joy to  
53 Jerusalem, and were constantly in the Temple, blessing God.

## BOOK II

### THE CHRIST INTERPRETED BY CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

#### §110. THE NEW INTERPRETATION OF THE CHRIST

JOHN 1:1-18

1 In the beginning the Word existed. The Word was with God, and the  
2 Word was divine. It was he that was with God in the beginning. Every-  
3 thing came into existence through him, and apart from him nothing came  
4 to be. It was by him that life came into existence, and that life was the light  
5 of mankind. The light is still shining in the darkness, for the darkness has  
6 never put it out. There appeared a man by the name of John, with a mes-  
7 sage from God. He came to give testimony, to testify to the light, so that  
8 everyone might come to believe in it through him. He was not the light;  
9 he came to testify to the light. The real light, which sheds light upon every-  
10 one, was just coming into the world. He came into the world, and though  
the world came into existence through him, the world did not recognize  
11 him. He came to his home, and his own family did not welcome him. But  
12 to all who did receive him and believe in him he gave the right to become  
13 children of God, owing their birth not to nature nor to any human or  
14 physical impulse, but to God. So the Word became flesh and blood and  
lived for a while among us, abounding in blessing and truth, and we saw the  
honor God had given him, such honor as an only son receives from his father.  
15 (John testified to him and cried out—for it was he who said it—"He who  
16 was to come after me is now ahead of me, for he existed before me!") For  
from his abundance we have all had a share, and received blessing after  
17 blessing. For while the Law was given through Moses, blessing and truth  
18 came to us through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the divine  
Only Son, who leans upon his Father's breast, that has made him known.

#### §111. THE SUPERIORITY OF JESUS TO JOHN THE BAPTIST

JOHN 1:19-28

19 Now this is the testimony that John gave when the Jews sent priests  
20 and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him who he was. He admitted—  
he made no attempt to deny it—he admitted that he was not the Christ.  
21 Then they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" He said,  
22 "No, I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they  
said to him, "Who are you? We must have some answer to give those who

23 sent us here. What have you to say for yourself?" He said, "I am a voice of  
 one shouting in the desert, 'Straighten the Lord's way!' as the prophet  
 24 Isaiah said." Now the messengers were Pharisees. And they asked him,  
 25 "Then why are you baptizing people, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah,  
 26 nor the Prophet?" "I am only baptizing in water," John answered, "but  
 27 someone is standing among you of whom you do not know. He is to come  
 28 after me, and I am not worthy to undo his shoe!" This took place at  
 Bethany, on the farther side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

## §112. THE SACRIFICIAL MEANING OF JESUS' LIFE

JOHN 1:29-34

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and he said, "There is  
 30 God's lamb, who is to remove the world's sin! This is the man of whom I  
 spoke when I said, 'After me there is coming a man who is even now ahead  
 31 of me, for he existed before me.' I did not know him, but it is in order that  
 he may be made known to Israel that I have come and baptized people  
 32 in water." And John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down  
 33 from heaven like a dove, and it remained upon him. I did not know him,  
 but he who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'The one on whom you  
 see the Spirit come down and remain, is the one who is to baptize in the  
 34 holy Spirit.' And I did see it, and I testify that he is the Son of God."

## §113. THE BEGINNINGS OF FAITH

JOHN 1:35-51

35 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, and  
 36 looking at Jesus as he passed, he said, "There is God's lamb!" The two dis-  
 37 ciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. But Jesus turned, and  
 seeing them following him he said, "What do you want?" They said to  
 38 him, "Rabbi"—that is to say, Master—"where are you staying?" He said  
 to them, "Come and you will see." So they went and saw where he was  
 staying, and they spent the rest of the day with him. It was about four in  
 40 the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who  
 41 heard what John said and followed Jesus. Andrew immediately sought out  
 his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah!"—  
 42 that is to say, the Christ. He took him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and  
 said, "You are Simon, son of John. You shall be called Cephas"—that is,  
 43 Peter, which means rock. The next day Jesus determined to leave for Gali-  
 44 lee. And he sought out Philip and said to him, "Come with me." Now  
 45 Philip came from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip sought  
 out Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found the one about whom  
 Moses wrote in the Law and about whom the prophets wrote; it is Jesus,  
 46 the son of Joseph, who comes from Nazareth!" Nathanael said to him,

"Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see!" Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, and he said of him, "Here is really an Israelite without any deceit in him!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "While you were still under that fig tree, before Philip called you I saw you." Nathanael answered, "Master, you are the Son of God! You are king of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe in me because I told you that I had seen you under that fig tree? You will see greater things than that!" And he said to him, "I tell you all, you will see heaven opened and God's angels going up, and coming down to the Son of Man!"

#### §114. THE MESSIANIC GLORY IN SERVICE

JOHN 2:1-12

Two days later there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Jesus' mother was present. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. The wine gave out, and Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine!" Jesus said to her, "Do not try to direct me. It is not yet time for me to act." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars standing there, for the ceremonial purification practiced by the Jews, each large enough to hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill these jars with water." So they filled them full. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." And they did so. When the master of the feast tasted the water which had now turned into wine, without knowing where it had come from—though the servants who had drawn the water knew—he called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone else serves his good wine first, and his poorer wine after people have drunk deeply, but you have kept back your good wine till now!" This, the first of the signs of his mission, Jesus showed at Cana in Galilee. By it he showed his greatness, and his disciples believed in him. After this Jesus went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

#### §115. THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHRIST

JOHN 2:13-22

Now the Jewish Passover was approaching, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found the dealers in cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their tables. And he made a lash out of rope, and drove them all, sheep and cattle, out of the Temple, and scattered the money-changers' coins on the ground, and overturned their tables. And he said to the pigeon-dealers, "Take these things away! Do not turn my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that the Scriptures said, "My zeal for your house will consume me!" Then the

Jews addressed him and said, "What sign have you to show us, for acting in this way?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and I will raise it in three days!" The Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary, and are you going to raise it in three days?" But he was speaking of his body as the sanctuary. So afterward when he had risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the passage of Scripture and what Jesus had said.

## §116. THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF THE MESSIAH'S WORK

JOHN 2:23—3:21

Now when he was at Jerusalem, at the Passover Festival, many, when they saw the signs that he showed, came to believe in him. But Jesus on his part would not trust himself to them, for he knew them all, and had no need of anybody's evidence about men, for he knew well what was in their hearts. Among the Pharisees there was a man named Nicodemus, a leader among the Jews. This man went to Jesus one night, and said to him, "Master, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can show the signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "I tell you, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born over again from above!" Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter his mother's womb over again and be born?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, if a man does not owe his birth to water and spirit, he cannot get into the Kingdom of God. Whatever owes its birth to the physical is physical, and whatever owes its birth to the Spirit is spiritual. Do not wonder at my telling you that you must be born over again from above. The wind blows wherever it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. That is the way with everyone who owes his birth to the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can that be?" Jesus answered, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet ignorant of this? I tell you, we know what we are talking about and we have seen the things we testify to, yet you all reject our testimony. If you will not believe the earthly things that I have told you, how can you believe the heavenly things I have to tell? Yet no one has gone up into heaven except the Son of Man who came down from heaven. And just as Moses in the desert lifted the serpent up in the air, the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that no one who believes in him should be lost, but that they should all have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to pass judgment upon the world, but that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him has to come up for judgment. Anyone who does not believe stands condemned already, for not believing in God's only Son. And the basis of the judgment is this, that the light has come into the world, and yet, be-

cause their actions were wicked, men have loved the darkness more than  
20 the light. For everyone who does wrong hates the light and will not come  
21 to it, for fear his actions will be exposed. But everyone who is living the  
truth will come to the light, to show that his actions have been performed  
in dependence upon God.

### §117. THE SUPREMACY OF THE CHRIST

JOHN 3:22-36

22 After this Jesus went into the country of Judea with his disciples, and  
23 stayed there with them and baptized. John too was baptizing at Aenon,  
near Salim, for there was plenty of water there, and people came there and  
24 were baptized. For John had not yet been put in prison. So a discussion  
25 arose between John's disciples and a man from Judea, about purification.  
26 And they went to John and said to him, "Master, the man who was with  
you across the Jordan, and to whom you yourself gave testimony, is bap-  
27 tizing, and everybody is going to him." John answered, "A man cannot  
28 get anything unless it is given to him from heaven. You will bear me wit-  
ness that I said, 'I am not the Christ; I have been sent in advance of him.'  
29 It is the bridegroom who has the bride; but the bridegroom's friend who  
stands outside and listens for his voice is very glad when he hears the  
30 bridegroom speak. So this happiness of mine is now complete. He must  
31 grow greater and greater, but I less and less." He who comes from above  
is above all others. A son of earth belongs to earth and speaks of earth.  
32 He who comes from heaven is above all others. It is to what he has seen  
and heard that he gives testimony, and yet no one accepts his testimony.  
33 Whoever does accept it has thereby acknowledged that God is true. For he  
34 whom God has sent speaks God's words, for God gives him his Spirit with-  
35 out measure. The Father loves his Son, and has put everything in his  
36 hands. Whoever believes in the Son possesses eternal life, but whoever dis-  
obeys the Son will not experience life, but will remain under the anger of  
God.

### §118. THE WITHDRAWAL TO GALILEE

JOHN 4:1-3

4 So when the Lord learned that the Pharisees had been told that he was  
2 gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—though it was not Jesus  
3 himself who baptized them, but his disciples—he left Judea and went back  
again to Galilee.

### §119. THE MESSIAH AS A REVEALER OF SIN

JOHN 4:4-42

4 Now he had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria  
5 called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph, and Jacob's  
spring was there. So Jesus, tired with his journey, sat down just as he



7 was by the spring. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to  
8 draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had  
9 gone into the town to buy some food. So the Samaritan woman said to him,  
10 "How is it that a Jew like you asks a Samaritan woman like me for a  
11 drink?" For Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans. Jesus answered,  
12 "If you knew what God has to give, and who it is that said to you, 'Give  
13 me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living  
14 water." She said to him, "You have nothing to draw water with, sir, and  
15 the well is deep. Where can you get your living water? Are you a greater  
16 man than our forefather Jacob, who gave us this well, and drank from it  
17 himself, with his sons and his flocks?" Jesus answered, "Anyone who  
18 drinks this water will be thirsty again, but anyone who drinks the water  
19 that I will give him will never be thirsty, but the water that I will give him  
20 will become a spring of water within him, bubbling up for eternal life."  
21 The woman said to him, "Give me this water, sir, so that I may never be  
22 thirsty, nor have to come all this way to draw water." He said to her, "Go  
23 and call your husband and come back here." The woman answered, "I  
24 have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say  
25 you have no husband, for you have had five husbands and the man you  
26 are now living with is not your husband. What you say is true." The wom-  
27 an said to him, "I see that you are a prophet, sir. Our forefathers wor-  
28 shipped God on this mountain, and yet you Jews say that the place where  
29 people must worship God is at Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me,  
30 the time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this moun-  
31 tain nor at Jerusalem. You worship something you know nothing about;  
32 we know what we worship, for salvation comes from the Jews. But a time  
33 is coming—it is already here!—when the true worshipers will worship the  
34 Father in spirit and sincerity, for the Father wants such worshipers. God  
35 is spirit, and his worshipers must worship him in spirit and in sincerity."  
36 The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming—he who is  
37 called the Christ. When he comes, he will tell us everything!" Jesus said  
38 to her, "I who am talking to you am he!" Just then his disciples came back,  
39 and they were surprised to find him talking with a woman, yet no one of  
40 them asked him what he wanted or why he was talking with her. So the  
41 woman left her pitcher and went back to the town, and said to the people,  
42 "Come, here is a man who has told me everything I ever did! Do you sup-  
43 pose he is the Christ?" The people went out of the town to see him. Mean-  
44 while the disciples urged him, saying, "Master, eat something." But he  
45 said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the dis-  
46 ciples said to one another, "Do you suppose that someone has brought  
47 him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is doing the will of  
48 him who sent me, and finishing his work. Are you not saying, 'Four months  
49 more and the harvest will come'? Look, I tell you! Raise your eyes and

36 see the fields, for they are white for harvesting. The reaper is already being  
37 paid and gathering the harvest for eternal life, so that the sower may be  
38 glad with the reaper. For here the saying holds good, 'One sows, another  
39 reaps.' I have sent you to reap a harvest on which you have not worked.  
40 Other men have worked and you have profited by their work." Many of  
41 the Samaritans in that town came to believe in him because of the testi-  
42 mony the woman gave when she said, "He has told me everything I ever  
43 did!" So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay  
44 with them, and he did stay there two days. And a great many more be-  
45 lieved because of what he said, and they said to the woman. "It is no  
longer because of your statement that we believe, for we have heard him  
ourselves, and we know that he is really the Savior of the world."

### §119a. JESUS HEALS THE SON OF A CENTURION

JOHN 4:43-54

43 When the two days were over, Jesus went on to Galilee, for he himself  
44 declared that a prophet is not honored in his own country. So when he  
45 reached Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, for they had seen everything  
he had done at Jerusalem, at the festival, for they too had gone to the fes-  
46 tival. So he came back to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water in-  
to wine. There was at Capernaum one of the king's officials whose son was  
47 sick. When he heard that Jesus had come back from Judea to Galilee, he  
went to him and begged him to come down and cure his son, for he was at  
48 the point of death. Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and marvels  
49 you will never believe!" The official said to him, "Come down, sir, before  
50 my child is dead!" Jesus said to him, "You can go home. Your son is going  
51 to live." The man believed what Jesus said to him and went home. While  
he was on the way, his slaves met him and told him that his boy was going  
52 to live. So he asked them at what time he had begun to get better, and  
53 they said to him, "Yesterday at one o'clock the fever left him." So the  
father knew that it was the very time when Jesus had said to him "Your  
son is going to live." And he and his whole household believed in Jesus.  
54 This second sign Jesus showed after coming back from Judea to Galilee.

### §120. THE MESSIAH AS A REVEALER OF GOD

JOHN, CHAPTER 5

5 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusa-  
6 lem. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep-gate a pool called in He-  
7 brew Bethzatha, which has five colonnades. In these there used to lie a  
8 great number of people who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed. There was  
9 one man there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus saw him ly-  
10 ing there, and finding that he had been in this condition for a long time, he

7 said to him, "Do you want to get well?" The sick man answered, "I have  
nobody, sir, to put me into the pool when the water stirs, but while I am  
8 getting down someone else steps in ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Get  
9 up, pick up your mat, and walk!" And the man was immediately cured,  
10 and he picked up his mat and walked. Now it was the Sabbath. So the  
Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is  
11 against the Law for you to carry your mat." But he answered, "The man  
12 who cured me said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' " They asked him,  
13 "Who was it that said to you, 'Pick it up and walk'?" But the man who  
had been cured did not know who it was, for as there was a crowd there,  
14 Jesus had left the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the Temple, and  
said to him, "See! You are well again. Give up sin, or something worse  
15 may happen to you." The man went and told the Jews that it was Jesus  
16 who had cured him. This was why the Jews used to persecute Jesus, be-  
17 cause he did things like this on the Sabbath. But he answered them, "My  
18 Father is still at work, and I work too." On account of this the Jews were  
all the more eager to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath but  
actually called God his Father, thus putting himself on an equality with  
19 God. So Jesus answered them, "I tell you, the Son cannot do anything of  
his own accord, unless he sees the Father doing it. For whatever the Father  
20 does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and lets him see  
everything that he himself is doing, and he will let him see greater deeds  
21 than these, to make you wonder. For just as the Father awakens the dead  
and makes them come to life, the Son makes anyone whom he chooses come  
22 to life. For the Father passes judgment on no one, but he has committed  
23 the judgment entirely to the Son, so that all men may honor the Son just  
as much as they honor the Father. Whoever refuses to honor the Son re-  
24 fuses to honor the Father who sent him. I tell you, whoever listens to my  
message and believes him who has sent me, possesses eternal life, and will  
25 not come to judgment, but has already passed out of death into life. I tell  
you, the time is coming—it is here already!—when those who are dead will  
26 listen to the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen to it will live. For  
just as the Father is self-existent, he has given self-existence to the Son,  
27 and he has given him the authority to act as judge, because he is a son of  
28 man. Do not be surprised at this, for the time is coming when all who are  
29 in their graves will listen to his voice, and those who have done right will  
come out to resurrection and life, and those who have done wrong, to resur-  
30 rection and judgment. I cannot do anything of my own accord. I pass  
judgment just as I am told to do, and my judgment is just, for I am not  
31 seeking to do what I please, but what pleases him who has sent me. If I  
32 testify to myself, my testimony is not true. It is someone else who testifies  
33 to me, and I know that the testimony that he gives about me is true. You  
34 yourselves sent to John, and he testified to the truth. But the testimony

that I accept is not from any man; I am only saying this that you may be saved. He was the lamp that burned and shone, and you were ready to be gladdened for a while by his light. But I have higher testimony than John's, for the things that my Father has intrusted to me to accomplish, the very things that I am doing, are proof that my Father has sent me, and my Father who has sent me has thus borne witness to me. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not keep his message in your hearts, for you do not believe the messenger whom he has sent. You pore over the Scriptures, for you think that you will find eternal life in them, and these very Scriptures testify to me, yet you refuse to come to me for life. I do not accept any honor from men, but I know well that you have not the love of God in your hearts. I have come in my Father's name, and you refuse to accept me. If someone else comes in his own name you will accept him. Yet how can you believe in me, when you accept honor from one another, instead of seeking the honor that comes from the one God? Do not suppose that I will accuse you to the Father. Moses is your accuser—Moses, on whom you have fixed your hopes! For if you really believed Moses, you would believe me, for it was about me that he wrote. But if you refuse to believe what he wrote, how are you ever to believe what I say?"

#### §121. THE BREAD OF EARTH

JOHN 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, or Tiberias, and a great crowd followed him, because they could see the signs he showed in what he did for the sick. But Jesus went up on the hill, and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Jewish festival of the Passover was coming. So Jesus, raising his eyes and seeing that a great crowd was coming up to him, said to Philip, "Where can we buy food for these people to eat?" Now he said this to test him, for he knew what he meant to do. Philip answered, "Forty dollars' worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have even a little." Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, another of his disciples, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and a couple of fish, but what is that among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there, so the men threw themselves down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the loaves, and gave thanks, and distributed them among the people who were resting on the ground, and in the same way as much of the fish as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he said to his disciples, "Pick up the pieces that are left, so that nothing may be wasted." So they picked them up, and they filled twelve baskets with pieces of the five barley loaves that were left after the people had eaten. When the people saw the signs that he showed, they said, "This is really the Prophet who was to come into

15 the world!" So Jesus, seeing that they meant to come and carry him off  
 16 to make him king, retired again to the hill by himself. But in the evening  
 17 his disciples went down to the sea and got into a boat and started across the  
 sea for Capernaum. By this time it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined  
 18 them; a strong wind was blowing and the sea was growing rough. When  
 19 they had rowed three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and  
 20 approaching the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is  
 21 I; do not be afraid!" Then as soon as they consented to take him into the  
 boat, the boat was at the shore they had been trying to reach.

## §122. THE BREAD OF HEAVEN

JOHN 6:22-71

22 Next day the people who had stayed on the other side of the sea saw  
 that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not embarked  
 in it with his disciples, but that the disciples had gone away by themselves.  
 23 But some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where they had eaten  
 24 the bread after Jesus had given thanks for it. So when the people saw that  
 neither Jesus nor his disciples were any longer there, they got into the  
 25 boats and went to Capernaum in search of him. And when they had crossed  
 the sea and found him, they said to him, "When did you get here, Master?"  
 26 Jesus answered, "I tell you, it is not because of the signs you have seen that  
 you have come in search of me, but because you ate that bread and had all  
 27 you wanted of it. You must not work for the food that perishes, but for  
 that which lasts for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, for God  
 28 the Father has authorized him to do so." Then they said to him, "What  
 29 must we do to carry out God's work?" Jesus answered them, "The work  
 God has for you is to believe in the messenger that he has sent to you."  
 30 Then they said to him, "Then what sign do you show for us to see and so  
 31 come to believe you? What work are you doing? Our forefathers in the  
 desert had manna to eat; as the Scripture says, 'He gave them bread out of  
 32 heaven to eat!' " Jesus said to them, "I tell you, Moses did not give you  
 the bread out of heaven, but my Father gives you the bread out of heaven,  
 33 for it is God's bread that comes down out of heaven and gives life to the  
 34 world." Then they said to him, "Give us that bread always, sir!" Jesus  
 35 said to them, "I am the bread that gives life. No one who comes to me will  
 36 ever be hungry, and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty. But as I  
 37 have told you, although you have seen me, you will not believe. All that my  
 Father gives to me will come to me, and I will never refuse anyone who  
 38 comes to me, for I have come down from heaven not to do what I please  
 39 but what pleases him who has sent me. And the purpose of him who has  
 sent me is this, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but  
 40 should raise them to life on the Last Day. For it is the purpose of my Fa-  
 ther that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal

41 life, and that I shall raise him to life on the Last Day." The Jews complained of him for saying, "I am the bread that has come down out of  
42 heaven," and they said, "Is he not Joseph's son, Jesus, whose father and  
43 mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down out of heaven'?"  
44 Jesus answered, "Do not complain to one another. No one can come  
45 to me unless the Father who sent me draws him to me; then I myself will  
46 raise him to life on the Last Day. In the prophets it is written, 'And all men  
47 will be taught by God!' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns  
48 from him will come to me. Not that anyone has ever seen the Father, except  
49 him who is from God; he has seen the Father. I tell you, whoever believes  
50 already possesses eternal life. I am the bread that gives life. Your forefathers  
51 in the desert ate the manna and yet they died. But here is bread that comes  
52 down out of heaven, and no one who eats it will ever die. I am this living  
53 bread that has come down out of heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live  
54 forever, and the bread that I will give for the world's life is my own flesh!"  
55 This led the Jews to dispute with one another. They said, "How can he give  
56 us his flesh to eat?" Then Jesus said to them, "I tell you, if you do not eat  
57 the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no self-existent  
58 life. Whoever lives on my flesh and drinks my blood possesses eternal life,  
59 and I will raise him to life on the Last Day. For my flesh is real food and  
60 my blood is real drink. Whoever lives on my flesh and drinks my blood  
61 remains united to me and I remain united to him. Just as the living Father  
62 has sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who lives on me will  
63 live because of me. This is the bread that has come down out of heaven—  
64 not like that which your forefathers ate and yet died. Whoever lives on  
65 this bread will live forever." Jesus said all this while he was teaching  
66 in the synagogue at Capernaum. Many of his disciples on hearing it said,  
67 "This is a harsh teaching! Who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing that  
68 his disciples were complaining about this, said to them, "Does this stagger  
69 you? Then what if you see the Son of Man go up where he was before? The  
70 Spirit is what gives life; flesh is of no use at all. The things that I have  
71 said to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who will  
72 not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who would not believe, and  
73 who was going to betray him. And he added, "This is why I say to you,  
74 'No one can come to me unless he is enabled to do so by the Father.'"  
75 In consequence of this many of his disciples drew back and would not  
76 go about with him any longer. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you  
77 mean to go away too?" Simon Peter answered, "To whom can we go,  
78 sir? You have a message of eternal life, and we believe and are satisfied  
79 that you are the Holy One of God." Jesus answered them, "Did I not  
80 myself select all twelve of you? And even of you, one is an informer." He  
81 meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, though he was one of the  
82 Twelve, was going to betray him.

## §123. CHRIST AND THE WAY OF LIFE

JOHN 7:1-52

7 After this Jesus went from place to place in Galilee, for he would not do  
2 so in Judea, because the Jews were making efforts to kill him. But the Jew-  
3 ish camping festival was coming. So his brothers said to him, "You ought  
to leave here and go to Judea, to let your disciples also see the things you  
4 are doing. For no one acts in secret when he desires to be publicly known.  
5 If you are going to do these things, let the world see you." For even his  
6 brothers did not believe in him. Then Jesus said to them, "It is not yet  
7 time for me to act, but any time is suitable for you. It is impossible for the  
world to hate you, but it does hate me for testifying that its ways are  
8 wrong. As for you, go up to the festival; I am not going up to this festival  
9 as yet, for it is not quite time for me to go." That was what he told them,  
10 and he stayed on in Galilee. But after his brothers had gone up to the festi-  
val, then Jesus went up also, not publicly, but as though he did not wish to  
11 be observed. Now the Jews were looking for him at the festival and asking  
12 where he was, and there was a great deal of muttering about him among the  
crowds, some saying that he was a good man, and others that he was not,  
13 but was imposing on the people. But no one spoke of him in public, for fear  
14 of the Jews. But when the festival was half over, Jesus went up to the  
15 Temple and began to teach. This astonished the Jews. "How is it that this  
16 man can read," they said, "when he has never gone to school?" So Jesus  
answered, "My teaching is not my own; it comes from him who has sent  
17 me. Anyone who resolves to do his will will know whether my teaching  
18 comes from God, or originates with me. Whoever speaks simply for himself  
is looking for honor for himself, but whoever looks for honor for the person  
who has sent him shows his sincerity; there is no dishonesty about him.  
19 Was it not Moses who gave you the Law? Yet not one of you obeys the  
20 Law. Why are you trying to kill me?" The crowd answered, "You must be  
21 possessed! Who is trying to kill you?" Jesus answered, "I have done just  
22 one deed, and you are all astonished at it. Yet Moses gave you the rite of  
circumcision—not that it began with Moses but with your forefathers—  
23 and you practice it even on the Sabbath. But if a person undergoes circum-  
cision on a Sabbath, to avoid breaking the Law of Moses, are you angry at  
24 me for making a man perfectly well on a Sabbath? You must not judge  
25 so externally; you must judge justly!" Some of the people of Jerusalem  
26 said, "Is not this the man they want to kill? And here he is speaking pub-  
licly, and they say nothing to him! Can the authorities really have found  
27 that he is the Christ? But then, we know where this man comes from, but  
28 when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from." So Jesus, as he  
was teaching in the Temple, cried out, "You do know me and you do know  
where I come from, and I have not come of my own accord but someone  
29 who is very real, whom you do not know, has sent me. I do know him, be-

30 cause I come from him, and he has sent me here." Then they tried to arrest  
31 him; and yet no one laid hands on him, because he was not yet ready. But  
many of the people believed in him, and said, "Will the Christ show more  
32 signs when he comes than this man has shown?" The Pharisees heard the  
people saying these things about him in whispers, and the high priests and  
33 the Pharisees sent attendants to arrest him. Jesus said, "I am to be with  
34 you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who has sent me. You  
will look for me and you will not find me, and you will not be able to go  
35 where I shall be." Then the Jews said to one another, "Where is he going,  
that we shall not find him? Is he going to our people scattered among the  
36 Greeks, and will he teach the Greeks? What does he mean by saying 'You  
will look for me and you will not find me, and you will not be able to go  
37 where I shall be?'" Now on the last day, the great day of the festival, Jesus  
stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.  
38 If anyone believes in me, streams of living water, as the Scriptures say, shall  
39 flow forth from his heart." He meant by this the Spirit which those who  
believed in him were to receive—for the Spirit had not yet come, because  
40 Jesus had not yet been glorified. So some of the people, when they heard  
41 these words, said, "This is certainly the Prophet!" Others said, "This is  
the Christ!" But they rejoined, "What! Is the Christ to come from Gali-  
42 lee? Do not the Scriptures say that the Christ is to spring from the de-  
scendants of David and to come from the village of Bethlehem where David  
43 lived?" So the people were divided about him, and some of them wanted to  
44 arrest him, yet no one laid hands on him. The attendants went back to the  
45 high priests and Pharisees, and they said to the attendants, "Why have you  
46 not brought him?" The attendants answered, "No man ever talked as he  
47 does!" The Pharisees answered, "Have you been imposed upon too? Have  
48 any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But these com-  
49 mon people who do not know the Law are doomed!" One of them, Nico-  
50 demus, who had previously gone to Jesus, said to them, "Does our Law con-  
demn the accused without first hearing what he has to say, and finding out  
51 what he has done?" They answered, "Are you from Galilee too? Study  
52 and you will find that no prophet is to appear from Galilee."

[§124. THE WOMAN TAKEN IN ADULTERY]

[JOHN 7:53—8:11]

53 8 [Then all the others went home, but Jesus went to the Mountain of  
2 Olives. Very early next morning he went back to the temple and all the  
3 people gathered about him, and he sat down and taught them. But the  
scribes and Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught committing  
4 adultery and they made her stand in the middle of the crowd, and said to  
him, "Master, this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery.  
5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women to death.



6 So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so as to get some charge to bring against him. But Jesus leaned forward and wrote on the ground 7 with his finger. When they insisted upon an answer, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the man among you who has never committed a sin 8 throw the first stone at her!" And he leaned forward again and went on 9 writing on the ground. But when they heard what he said, they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, and he was left by himself, with the 10 woman standing before him. And Jesus straightened up and said to her, 11 "Where are they? Did nobody condemn you?" And she said, "Nobody, sir."

[And Jesus said, "I will not condemn you either. Go free, and from this time give up sin."]

### §125. CHRIST AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JOHN 8:12-30

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again and said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not have to walk in darkness but will have the 13 light of life." The Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying to yourself. 14 Your testimony is not true." Jesus answered, "Even if I am testifying to myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I have come from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by material standards, but I am judging nobody. But even if I 16 do judge, my decision is just, because I am not by myself, but the Father who sent me is with me. Why, in your own Law it is stated that the testi- 17 mony of two persons is valid. Here I am testifying to myself, and the Fa- 18 ther who has sent me testifies to me." Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You do not know either me or my Father. 20 If you knew me, you would know my Father too." He said these things in the treasury, as he was teaching in the Temple, and no one arrested him, 21 because he was not yet ready. Then he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will look for me, but you will die in the midst of your sin. 22 You cannot come where I am going." So the Jews said, "Is he going to kill himself, and is that why he says, 'You cannot come where I am going'?" 23 He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You belong to this world; I do not belong to this world. That is why I said to you that 24 you would die in the midst of your sins, for unless you believe that I am 25 what I say, you will die in the midst of your sins." They said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I even talk to you at all? I have a great deal to say about you and to condemn in you, yet he who sent me is truthful, and the things that I say to the world are things that I have 27 learned from him." They did not understand that he was speaking to 28 them of the Father. So Jesus said, "When you lift the Son of Man up in the air, then you will know that I am what I say, and that I do nothing of

29 my own accord, but speak as the Father has instructed me. And he who has  
sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases  
30 him." And as he said this, many believed in him.

## §126. THE SPIRITUAL FREEDOM OF BELIEVERS

JOHN 8:31-59

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide by  
32 what I teach, you are really disciples of mine, and you will know the truth  
33 and the truth will set you free." They answered, "We are descended from  
Abraham, and have never been anyone's slaves. How can you say to us,  
34 'You will be set free?'" Jesus answered, "I tell you, everyone who commits  
35 sin is a slave to sin. Now a slave does not belong to a household permanent-  
36 ly; but a son does. So if the Son sets you free you will be really free. I know  
37 that you are descended from Abraham, yet you want to kill me, because  
38 there is no room in your hearts for my teaching. It is what I have seen in  
the presence of my Father that I tell, and it is what you have heard from  
39 your father that you do." They answered, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus  
40 said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, then do what Abraham did.  
41 But instead you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth he  
has heard from God. Abraham would not have done that. You are doing  
as your father does." They said to him, "We are not illegitimate children.  
42 We have one father, God himself." Jesus said to them, "If God were your  
father, you would love me, for I have come from God. I have not come of  
43 my own accord, but he has sent me. Why is it that you do not understand  
44 what I say? It is because you cannot bear to listen to my message. The  
devil is the father you are sprung from, and you want to carry out your  
father's wishes. He was a murderer from the first, and he has nothing to do  
with the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks  
45 in his true character, for he is a liar and the father of them. But because I  
46 tell the truth you will not believe me. Who among you can prove me guilty  
47 of sin? But if I tell you the truth, why do you refuse to believe me? Who-  
ever is sprung from God listens to God's words. The reason you refuse to  
48 listen is that you are not sprung from God." The Jews answered, "Are we  
49 not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and are possessed?" Jesus an-  
swered, "I am not possessed, but I have respect for my Father, and you  
50 have no respect for me. But I do not seek honor for myself; there is some-  
51 one who seeks it for me, and is the judge of it. I tell you, if anyone observes  
52 my teaching, he will never experience death." The Jews said to him, "Now  
we are sure that you are possessed! Abraham is dead and so are the proph-  
ets, and yet you say, 'If anyone observes my teaching, he will never know  
53 what death is!' Are you a greater man than our forefather Abraham? Yet  
54 he is dead and the prophets are dead. What do you claim to be?" Jesus  
answered, "If I show special honor to myself, such honor counts for nothing.

55 It is my Father who shows me honor. You say he is your God, yet you have never come to know him. But I know him. If I say I do not know him, I will be a liar like yourselves. No! I do know him, and I am faithful to his  
56 message. Your forefather Abraham exulted at the thought of seeing my  
57 coming. He has seen it, and it has made him glad." The Jews said to him,  
58 "You are not fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to  
59 them, "I tell you, I existed before Abraham was born!" At that, the Jews picked up stones to throw at him, but he disappeared and made his way out of the Temple.

## §127. HOW OPPOSITION DEVELOPS FAITH

### JOHN, CHAPTER 9

9 As he passed along, he saw a man who had been blind from his birth.  
2 His disciples asked him, "Master, for whose sin was this man born blind?  
3 For his own, or for that of his parents?" Jesus answered, "It was neither for his own sin nor for that of his parents, but to let what God can do be  
4 illustrated in his case. We must carry on the work of him who has sent me while the daylight lasts. Night is coming, when no one can do any work.  
5 As long as I am in the world, I am a light for the world." As he said this he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and he put the clay on  
7 the man's eyes, and said to him, "Go and wash them in the Pool of Siloam"—a name which means One who has been sent. So he went and washed  
8 them, and went home able to see. Then his neighbors and people who had formerly seen him begging, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and  
9 beg?" Some said, "Yes! It is he!" Others said, "No! but he looks like  
10 him." He himself said, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how  
11 does it happen that you can see?" He answered, "The man they call Jesus made some clay and rubbed it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash them.' So I went and when I had washed them I could see."  
12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He answered, "I do not know." They  
13 took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the clay and made him able to see. So once more the Pharisees asked him how he had become able to see, and he said to them, "He put some clay on my eyes, and I washed them, and I can see."  
16 Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man does not come from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man show  
17 such signs as this?" And there was a division of opinion among them. So they asked the blind man again, "What have you to say about him, because he has  
18 made you able to see?" He said, "He is a prophet!" But the Jews would not believe that he had been blind and had become able to see until they  
19 summoned the parents of the man who had been given his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How is it that he can  
20 see now?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that

21 he was born blind. But we do not know how it is that he can see now, or  
who has made him able to see. You must ask him. He is grown up. Let  
22 him tell you about himself." His parents said this because they were afraid  
of the Jews, for the Jews had already made an agreement that if anyone  
acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, he should be excluded from the syna-  
23 gogues. That was why his parents said, "He is grown up; you must ask  
24 him." So they again summoned the man who had been blind, and they said  
25 to him, "Give God the praise. This man we know is a sinful man." He  
answered, "I do not know about his being a sinful man. All I know is that  
26 I was blind before and now I can see." They said to him, "What did he do  
27 to you? How did he make you able to see?" He answered, "I have already  
told you and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again?  
28 Do you want to become disciples of his too?" Then they sneered at him,  
and said, "You are a disciple of his yourself, but we are disciples of Moses.  
29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this man  
30 came from." The man answered, "There is something very strange about  
this! You do not know where he came from, and yet he has made me able  
31 to see! We know that God does not listen to sinful people, but if a man is  
32 devout and obeys God, God will listen to him. It was never heard of in this  
33 world that anyone made a man born blind able to see. If this man were not  
34 from God, he could not do anything." They answered, "You were born in  
utter sin, and are you trying to teach us?" So they excluded him from the  
35 synagogue. Jesus learned that they had excluded him, and he found the  
36 man and said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man  
37 answered, "Who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus  
said to him, "You have seen him already, and it is he who is now talking to  
38 you." And he said, "I believe, sir!" and he fell on his knees before him.  
39 And Jesus said, "I have come into this world to judge men, that those who  
40 cannot see may see, and that those who can see may become blind." Some  
Pharisees who were present heard this, and they said to him, "Then are we  
41 blind too?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would be guilty of  
no sin, but as it is, you say 'We can see'; so your sin continues.

### §128. A SACRIFICE OF SERVICE

JOHN 10:1-21

10 "I tell you, any man who does not enter the sheepfold by the door,  
2 but climbs over at some other place, is a thief and robber. But the man who  
3 enters by the door is the shepherd of the flock. The watchman opens the  
door to him, and the sheep obey his voice, and he calls to his own sheep and  
4 leads them out. When he gets his own flock all out, he goes in front of them,  
5 and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. But they will never  
follow a stranger but will run away from him, because they do not know  
6 the voices of strangers." This was the figure Jesus used in speaking to

7 them, but they did not understand what he meant by it. So Jesus said  
 8 again, "I tell you, I am the door of the sheepfold. All who have come before  
 9 me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep would not obey them. I am the  
 10 door. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will pass in and out  
 11 and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have  
 12 come to let them have life, and to let them have it in abundance. I am the  
 13 good shepherd. A good shepherd will give his life for his sheep. A hired  
 14 man who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, when he sees a wolf  
 15 coming, will leave the sheep and run away, and the wolf will carry them  
 16 off and scatter the flock. For he is only a hired man, and does not care  
 17 about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep  
 18 know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I am  
 19 giving my life for my sheep. I have other sheep too that do not belong to  
 20 this fold. I must lead them too, and they will obey my voice, and they will  
 21 all become one flock, with one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me,  
 22 because I am giving my life, but giving it to take it back again. No one has  
 23 taken it from me, but I am giving it of my own accord. I have power to  
 24 give it, and I have power to take it back again. These are the orders I have  
 25 received from my Father." These words caused a fresh division of opinion  
 26 among the Jews. Many of them said, "He is possessed and mad! Why do  
 27 you listen to him?" Others said, "These are not the words of a man who is  
 28 possessed. Can a madman make blind men see?"

#### §129. THE TRUE POWER OF DIVINE LOVE

JOHN 10:22-42

22 That was the time of the Rededication Festival at Jerusalem. It was  
 23 winter time and Jesus was walking up and down inside the Temple, in  
 24 Solomon's Colonnade. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him,  
 25 "How much longer are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are really  
 26 the Christ, tell us so frankly!" Jesus answered, "I have told you so, and  
 27 you will not believe it. The things I have been doing by my Father's au-  
 28 thority are my credentials, but you do not believe it because you do not  
 29 belong to my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice, and I know them and  
 30 they follow me, and I give them eternal life, and they shall never be lost,  
 31 and no one shall tear them out of my hands. What my Father has intrusted  
 32 to me is of more importance than anything else, and no one can tear any-  
 33 thing out of the Father's hands. The Father and I are one." The Jews  
 34 again picked up stones to stone him with. Jesus answered, "I have let you  
 35 see many good things, from the Father; which of them do you mean to stone  
 me for?" The Jews answered, "We are not stoning you for doing anything,  
 but for your impious talk, and because you, a mere man, make yourself out to  
 be God." Jesus answered, "Is it not declared in your Law, 'I said, "You  
 are gods" '? If those to whom God's message was addressed were called

36 gods—and the Scripture cannot be set aside—do you mean to say to me  
whom the Father has consecrated and made his messenger to the world,  
37 ‘You are blasphemous,’ because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? If I am not doing  
38 the things my Father does, do not believe me. But if I am doing them, then  
even if you will not believe me, believe the things I do, in order that you  
may realize and learn that the Father is in union with me, and I am in union  
39 with the Father.” In consequence of this they again tried to arrest him,  
40 and he withdrew out of their reach. He went across the Jordan again to the  
41 place where John used to baptize at first, and there he stayed. And people  
came to him in great numbers, and they said to him, “John did not show  
any sign in proof of his mission, but all that he said about this man was  
42 true.” And many became believers in him in that place.

### §130. AT THE TOMB OF A FRIEND

JOHN 11:1–46

11 Now a man named Lazarus was sick; he lived in Bethany, the village of  
2 Mary and her sister Martha. It was the Mary who poured perfume upon  
the Master and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was  
3 sick. So the sisters sent this message to Jesus: “Master, your friend is  
4 sick.” When Jesus received it he said, “This sickness is not to end in death,  
but is for the honor of God, that through it the Son of God may be hon-  
5 ored. Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard  
6 that Lazarus was sick, he stayed on for two days in the place where he was,  
7 and then afterward said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” The  
8 disciples said to him, “Master, the Jews have just been trying to stone you,  
9 and are you going back there again?” Jesus answered, “Is not the day  
twelve hours long? If a man travels by day he will not stumble, for he can  
10 see the light of this world; but if he travels at night he will stumble because  
11 he has no light.” He told them this, and then he added, “Our friend Laza-  
12 rus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him.” The disciples said  
13 to him, “Master, if he has fallen asleep he will recover.” Now Jesus had  
referred to his death. But they supposed that he meant a natural falling  
14 asleep. So Jesus then told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and for your sake  
15 I am glad that I was not there, so that you may learn to believe in me.  
16 But let us go to him.” So Thomas the Twin said to his fellow-disciples,  
17 “Let us go also, and die with him.” When Jesus arrived he found that  
18 Lazarus had been buried for four days. Now Bethany is only about two  
19 miles from Jerusalem, and a number of Jews had come out to see Mary and  
20 Martha, to condole with them about their brother. When Martha heard  
that Jesus was coming she went out to meet him, but Mary remained at  
21 home. Martha said to Jesus, “Master, if you had been here, my brother  
22 would not have died! Even now I know that anything you ask God for, he  
23 will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to  
24

him, "I know that he will rise at the resurrection, on the Last Day."  
 25 Jesus said to her, "I myself am Resurrection and Life. He who believes in  
 26 me will live on, even if he dies, and no one who is alive and believes in me  
 27 will ever die. Do you believe that?" She said to him, "Yes, Master, I do  
 indeed believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come  
 28 into the world." With these words she went and called her sister Mary,  
 29 whispering to her, "Here is the Master, asking for you." When she heard it  
 30 she sprang up and went to him, for Jesus had not yet come into the village,  
 31 but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were  
 sitting with her in the house, condoling with her, when they saw Mary  
 spring up and go out, supposed that she was going to weep at the tomb,  
 32 and followed her. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she fell  
 at his feet, and said, "Master, if you had been here, my brother would not  
 33 have died!" When Jesus saw her weep and the Jews who had come with her  
 34 weeping too, repressing a groan, and yet showing great agitation, he said,  
 "Where have you laid him?" They answered, "Come and see, Master."  
 35 Jesus shed tears. So the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But  
 36 some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of that  
 37 blind man, have kept Lazarus from dying?" Again repressing a groan,  
 Jesus went to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid against the mouth  
 39 of it. Jesus said, "Move the stone away." The dead man's sister, Martha,  
 said to him, "Master, by this time he is decaying, for he has been dead four  
 40 days." Jesus said to her, "Have I not promised you that if you will believe  
 41 in me you will see the glory of God?" So they moved the stone away. And  
 Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for listening to me,  
 42 though I knew that you always listen to me. But I have said this for the  
 sake of the people that are standing around me that they may believe that  
 43 you have made me your messenger." After saying this he called out in a  
 44 loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, bound hand  
 and foot with wrappings, and with his face muffled with a handkerchief.  
 45 Jesus said to them, "Unbind him and let him move." So it came about that  
 many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and saw what Jesus did,  
 46 came to believe in him, but some of them went back to the Pharisees and  
 told them what he had done.

### §131. GROWING OPPOSITION TO THE REVEALER

JOHN 11:47-57

47 Then the high priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council,  
 and they said, "What are we to do about the fact that this man is showing  
 48 so many signs? If we let him go on, everybody will believe in him, and then  
 the Romans will come and put an end to our holy place and our people."  
 49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them,  
 50 "You know nothing about it. You do not realize that it is to your interest

that one man should die for the people, instead of the whole nation being destroyed." Now he was not self-moved in saying this, but as high priest for that year he was inspired to say that Jesus was to die for the nation—and not only for the nation but also for the purpose of uniting the scattered children of God. So from that day they planned to kill Jesus. In consequence of this, Jesus did not appear in public among the Jews any longer, but he left that neighborhood and went to the district near the desert, to a town called Ephraim, and stayed there with his disciples. Now the Jewish Passover Festival was approaching and many people went up to Jerusalem from the country, to purify themselves before the Passover. So they were looking for Jesus there, and asking one another as they stood in the Temple, "What do you think? Do you think he will not come to the festival at all?" For the high priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where he was should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

### §132. A RETOLD ANECDOTE OF THE MASTER

JOHN 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead, was living. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha waited on them, while Lazarus was at the table with him. And Mary took a pound of choice perfume, very costly, and poured it on Jesus' feet, and then wiped his feet with her hair, and the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, who was going to betray him, said, "Why was this perfume not sold for sixty dollars, and the money given to the poor?" But he did not say this because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief and when he had charge of the purse he used to take what was put in it. Jesus said, "Let her alone; let her keep it for the day of my funeral, for you always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." A great many of the Jews found out that he was there, and they came to Bethany not only to see Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. But the high priests planned to kill Lazarus also, for because of him many of the Jews were leaving them and becoming believers in Jesus.

### §133. THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF MESSIAHSHIP

JOHN 12:12-19

On the following day the crowds that had come up to the festival, hearing that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, got palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"God bless him!

God bless him who comes in the Lord's name!

Blessings on the king of Israel!"



14 And Jesus found a young ass and mounted it, in accordance with the Scripture,

15 "Do not be afraid, Daughter of Zion!

See, your king is coming mounted on an ass's colt!"

16 His disciples did not understand this at the time but after Jesus was glorified they remembered that this was said of him in Scripture and that it had happened to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead was telling about it. 18 That was why the crowd went out to meet him, because they heard that he had showed that sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see, you cannot do anything! The whole world has run after him!"

### §134. JESUS' NEW TEMPTATION AND NEW FAITH

JOHN 12:20-50

20 There were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the festival, and they went to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made this request of him: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip went to Jesus and told him. Jesus answered, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains just one grain. But if it dies, it yields a great harvest. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me, and wherever I am found, my servant must be also. If anyone serves me, my Father will show him honor. Now my heart is troubled; what am I to say? Father, save me from this trial! And yet it was for this very purpose that I have come to this trial. Father, honor your own name!" Then there came a voice from the sky, "I have honored it, and I will honor it again!" The crowd of bystanders heard it and said it was thunder. Others said, "It was an angel speaking to him!" Jesus answered, "It was not for my sake that the voice came, but for yours. The judgment of this world is now in progress. Its evil genius is now to be expelled, and if I am lifted up from the ground, I will draw all men to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. 34 The crowd answered, "We have learned from the Law that the Christ is to remain here forever. So how can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "You will have the light only a little while longer. Go on while you still have the light, so that darkness may not overtake you, for those who go about in the dark do not know where they are going. While you have the light believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." With these words Jesus went away, and disappeared from them. But for all the signs he had shown

38 among them, they refused to believe in him, in fulfilment of the saying of the prophet Isaiah,

“Lord, who has believed our account?

And to whom has the Lord’s mighty arm been unveiled?”

39 So they could not believe; for Isaiah says again,

40 “He has made their eyes blind and their minds dull,

To keep them from seeing with their eyes, and understanding with their minds,

And turning to me to be cured.”

41 Isaiah said this because he saw his glory; it was of him that he spoke.

42 Yet for all that, even among the leading men, many came to believe in him, but on account of the Pharisees they would not acknowledge it, for fear of

43 being excluded from the synagogues, for they cared more for the approval of men than for the approval of God. But Jesus cried loudly, “Whoever

45 believes in me, believes not in me but in him who has sent me: and whoever 46 sees me, sees him who has sent me. I have come into the world as a light,

47 so that no one who believes in me may have to remain in darkness. If any- one hears my words and disregards them, it is not I that judge him, for I

48 have not come to judge the world but to save the world. Whoever rejects me and refuses to accept my teachings is not without his judge; the very

49 message I have given will be his judge on the Last Day, for I have not spoken on my own account, but the Father who has sent me has himself

50 given me orders what to tell and what to say. And I know his orders mean eternal life. So whatever I say, I say only as the Father has told me.”

### §135. THE SETTING OF THE TEACHING

JOHN 13:1-30

13 Before the Passover Festival began, Jesus knew that the time had come

for him to leave this world and go to the Father, but he had loved those who 2 were his own in the world, and he loved them to the last. So at supper—

the devil having by this time put the thought of betraying Jesus into the 3 mind of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son—Jesus, fully aware that the Father

had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was 4 going back to God, rose from the table, took off his outer clothing, and

5 fastened a towel about his waist. Then he poured water into the basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, wiping them with the towel that was

6 about his waist. So he came to Simon Peter. He said to him, “Master, are 7 you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You cannot understand

8 now what I am doing, but you will learn by and by.” Peter said to him, “I 9 will never let you wash my feet!” Jesus answered, “You will have no share

10 only my feet but my hands and my face too!” Jesus said to him, “Anyone who has bathed only needs to have his feet washed to be altogether clean.

11 And you are already clean—though not all of you.” For he knew who was going to betray him; that was why he said, “You are not all of you clean.”  
 12 When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes and taken his place, he said to them again, “Do you understand what I have been doing to you?  
 13 You call me Teacher and Master, and you are right, for that is what I am.  
 14 If I then, your Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet too. For I have set you an example, in order that  
 15 you may do what I have done to you. I tell you, no slave is superior to his  
 17 master, and no messenger is greater than the man who sends him. Now  
 18 that you have this knowledge, you will be blessed if you act upon it. I do not mean all of you; I know whom I have chosen; but let the Scripture be fulfilled:

‘He who is eating my bread  
 Has raised his heel against me.’

19 From now on I will tell you things before they happen, so that when they  
 20 do happen you may believe that I am what I say. I assure you, whoever welcomes any messenger of mine welcomes me and whoever welcomes me  
 21 welcomes him who has sent me.” After Jesus had said this he was greatly moved and said solemnly, “I tell you, it is one of you that will betray me!”  
 22 The disciples looked at one another in doubt as to which of them he meant.  
 23 Next to Jesus, at his right at the table, was one of his disciples whom Jesus  
 24 especially loved. So Simon Peter nodded to him and said to him, “Tell us  
 25 whom he means.” He leaned back from where he lay, on Jesus’ breast, and  
 26 said to him, “Master, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I am going to give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.”  
 So he dipped the piece of bread and took it and gave it to Judas, Simon  
 27 Iscariot’s son. After he took the bread, Satan took possession of him. Then  
 28 Jesus said to him, “Be quick about your business.” But no one else at the  
 29 table knew what he meant by telling him this, for some of them thought that as Judas had the purse Jesus meant to say to him, “Buy what we need  
 30 for the festival,” or to have him give something to the poor. So immediately after taking the piece of bread he went out. It was then night.

### §136. THE GLORY OF SACRIFICIAL LOVE

JOHN 13:31-38

31 When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been honored,  
 32 and God has been honored through him, and God will through himself  
 33 honor him; he will honor him immediately. My children, I am to be with  
 you only a little longer. You will look for me, but, as I said to the  
 34 Jews, where I am going you cannot follow. I give you a new command:  
 Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must love one another.  
 35 By this they will all know that you are my disciples—by your love for one  
 36 another.” Simon Peter said to him, “Master, where are you going?” Jesus

answered, "I am going where you cannot follow me now, but you will follow me later." Peter said to him, "Master, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "You will lay down your life for me? I tell you, before a cock crows, you will disown me thrice over!"

**§137. THE TRUE MEANING OF THE CHRIST'S  
DEPARTURE AND RETURN**

**JOHN, CHAPTER 14**

14 "Your minds must not be troubled; you must believe in God, and believe in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I would have told you, for I am going away to make ready a place for you. 3 And if I go and make it ready, I will come back and take you with me, so 4 that you may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am 5 going." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am Way and Truth 7 and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you knew me, you would know my Father also. From now on you do know him and 8 you have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, let us see the Father, and 9 it will satisfy us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you, Philip, have not recognized me? Whoever has seen me has seen 10 the Father. How can you say, 'Let us see the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in union with the Father and the Father is in union with me? I am not the source of the words that I say to you, but the Father who is 11 united with me is doing these things himself. You must believe that I am in union with the Father and that the Father is in union with me, or else you 12 must believe because of the things themselves. I tell you, whoever believes in me will do such things as I do, and things greater yet, because I am going 13 to the Father. Anything you ask for as followers of mine I will grant, so 14 that the Father may be honored through the Son. I will grant anything 15 you ask me for as my followers. If you really love me, you will observe my 16 commands. And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Helper 17 to be with you always. It is the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot obtain that Spirit, because it does not see it or recognize it; you recognize it because it stays with you and is within you. I am not going to leave you 18 friendless. I am coming back to you. In a little while the world will not see me any more, but you will still see me, because I shall live on, and you will 19 live on too. When that day comes you will know that I am in union with 20 my Father and you are with me and I am with you. It is he who has my commands and observes them that really loves me, and whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and show myself to him." 22 Judas (not Judas Iscariot), said to him, "Master, how does it happen that 23 you are going to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered, "Anyone who loves me will observe my teaching, and my Father

24 will love him and we will come to him and live with him. No one who does  
 not love me will observe my teaching, and yet the teaching you are listening  
 25 to is not mine but is that of him who has sent me. I have told you this  
 26 while I am still staying with you, but the Helper, the holy Spirit which the  
 Father will send in my place, will teach you everything and remind you of  
 27 everything that I have told you. I leave you a blessing; I give you my own  
 blessing. I do not give it to you as the world gives. Your minds must not  
 28 be troubled or afraid. You have heard me say that I am going away and  
 am coming back to you; if you loved me you would be glad that I am going  
 29 to my Father, for the Father is greater than I. And I have told you of it  
 30 now before it happens, in order that when it happens you may believe in  
 30 me. I shall not talk much more with you, for the evil genius of the world is  
 31 coming. He has nothing in common with me, but he is coming that the  
 world may know that I love the Father and am doing what he has com-  
 manded me to do. Come, let us go away."

### §138. THE TRUE MEANING OF LOYALTY TO THE MESSIAH

#### JOHN, CHAPTERS 15, 16

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the cultivator. Any branch of  
 2 mine that does not bear fruit he trims away, and he prunes every branch  
 3 that bears fruit, to make it bear more. You are pruned already because of  
 4 the teaching that I have given you. You must remain united to me and I  
 will remain united to you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself unless  
 5 it remains united to the vine, you cannot unless you remain united to me. I  
 am the vine, you are the branches. Anyone who remains united to me, with  
 me united to him, will be very fruitful, for you cannot do anything apart  
 6 from me. Anyone who does not remain united to me is thrown away like  
 a branch and withers up, and they gather them and throw them into the  
 7 fire and burn them. If you remain united to me and my words remain in  
 8 your hearts, ask for whatever you please and you shall have it. When you  
 9 are very fruitful and show yourselves to be disciples of mine, my Father is  
 9 honored. I have loved you just as the Father has loved me. You must re-  
 10 tain my love. If you keep my commands you will retain my love, just as I  
 11 have observed the Father's commands and retain his love. I have told you  
 all this so that you may have the happiness I have had, and your happiness  
 12 may be complete. The command that I give you is to love one another just  
 13 as I have loved you. No one can show greater love than by giving up his  
 14 life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you to  
 15 do. I do not call you slaves any longer, for a slave does not know what his  
 master is doing, but now I call you friends, for I have made known to you  
 16 everything that I have learned from my Father. It was not you who chose  
 me, it is I that have chosen you, and appointed you to go and bear fruit—

fruit that shall be lasting, so that the Father may grant you whatever you  
17 ask him for as my followers. What I command you to do is to love one an-  
18 other. If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. If you be-  
19 longed to the world, the world would love what was its own. But it is be-  
cause you do not belong to the world, but I have selected you from  
20 the world, that the world hates you. Remember what I said to you: No  
slave is greater than his master. If they have persecuted me they will perse-  
cute you too. If they have observed my teaching, they will observe yours  
21 too. But they will do all this to you on my account, because they do not  
22 understand him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they  
would not have been guilty of sin, but as it is, they have no excuse for their  
23 sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done things be-  
24 fore them that no one else ever did they would not be guilty of sin. But as it  
is, they have seen both me and my Father, and they have hated us both.  
25 But the saying of their Law, 'They hated me without cause,' must be ful-  
26 filled. When the Helper comes whom I will send to you from the Father—  
that Spirit of Truth that comes from the Father—he will bear testimony  
27 to me, and you must bear testimony too, because you have been with me  
from the first.

16 2 "I have told you this to keep you from faltering. They will exclude you  
from their synagogues; why, the time is coming when anyone who kills you  
3 will think he is doing religious service to God. They will do this because  
4 they do not know the Father or me. But I have told you about these things  
in order that when the time comes for them to happen, you may remember  
that I told you of them. I did not tell you this at first because I was still  
5 staying with you. But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not  
6 one of you asks me where I am going, but your minds are full of sorrow be-  
7 cause I have told you this. Yet it is only the truth when I tell you that it is  
better for you that I should go away. For if I do not go, the Helper will not  
8 come to you, but if I go I will send him to you. When he comes, he will  
bring conviction to the world about sin and uprightness and judgment;  
9 about sin, as shown in their not believing in me; about uprightness, as  
10 shown by my going away to the Father, where you can no longer see me;  
11 and about judgment, as shown by the condemnation of the evil genius of  
12 this world. I have much more to tell you, but you cannot take it in now,  
13 but when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into the full truth,  
for he will not speak for himself but will tell what he hears, and will an-  
14 nounce to you the things that are to come. He will do honor to me, for he  
15 will take what is mine and communicate it to you. All that the Father has  
belongs to me. That is why I said that he will take what is mine and com-  
16 municate it to you. In a little while you will not see me any longer, and a  
17 little while after, you will see me again." Then some of his disciples said to  
one another, "What does he mean when he tells us, 'In a little while you

will not see me any longer, and a little while after, you will see me again,'  
 18 and 'Because I am going away to the Father?'" So they kept saying, "What  
 does he mean by 'In a little while'? We do not know what he is talking  
 19 about." Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him a question, and he said to  
 them, "Are you asking one another about my saying 'In a little while you  
 will not see me any longer, and a little while after, you will see me again'?  
 20 I tell you, you will weep and wail while the world will be happy; you will  
 21 grieve, but your grief will change to happiness. When a woman is in labor  
 she is sorrowful, for her time has come; but when the child is born, she for-  
 gets her pain in her joy that a human being has been brought into the  
 22 world. So you, too, are sorrowful now; but I will see you again, and your  
 23 hearts will be happy, and no one will rob you of your happiness. When that  
 time comes, you will not ask me any questions; I tell you, whatever you ask  
 24 the Father for, he will give you as my followers. Hitherto you have not  
 asked for anything as my followers, but now ask, and you will receive, so  
 25 that your happiness may be complete. I have said all this to you in figura-  
 tive language, but a time is coming when I shall not do so any longer, but  
 26 will tell you plainly about the Father. When that time comes you will ask  
 as my followers, and I do not promise to intercede with the Father for you,  
 27 for the Father loves you himself because you love me and believe that I  
 28 have come from the Father. I did come from the Father and enter the  
 world. Now I am leaving the world again and going back to the Father."  
 29 His disciples said, "Why, now you are talking plainly and not speaking  
 30 figuratively at all. Now we know that you know everything and do not  
 need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you  
 31 have really come from God." Jesus answered, "Do you believe that now?  
 32 Why, a time is coming—it has already come!—when you will all be scat-  
 tered to your homes and will leave me alone. And yet I am not alone, for  
 33 the Father is with me. I have told you all this, so that through me you may  
 find peace. In the world you have trouble; but take courage! I have con-  
 quered the world."

§139. THE SUMMARY OF THE GOSPEL OF THE  
 REVEALER OF GOD AND ETERNAL LIFE

JOHN, CHAPTER 17

17 When Jesus had said all this he raised his eyes to heaven and said,  
 "Father, the time has come. Do honor to your son, that your son may do  
 2 honor to you, just as you have done in giving him power over all mankind,  
 3 so that he may give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And  
 eternal life means knowing you as the only true God, and knowing Jesus  
 4 your messenger as Christ. I have done honor to you here on earth, by com-  
 5 pleting the work which you gave me to do. Now, Father, do such honor to  
 6 me in your presence as I had done me there before the world existed. I

have revealed your real self to the men you gave me from the world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have obeyed your message. Now at last they know that all that you have given me comes from you, for I have given them the truths that you gave me, and they have accepted them and been convinced that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me. I have a request to make for them. I make no request for the world, but only for those whom you have given me, for they are yours—all that is mine is yours and what is yours is mine—and they have done me honor. Now I am to be no longer in this world, but they are to remain in the world, while I return to you. Holy Father, keep them by your power which you gave me, so that they may be one just as we are. As long as I was with them I kept them by your power which you gave me, and I protected them, and not one of them was lost (except the one who was destined to be lost), so that what the Scripture says might come true. But now I am coming to you, and I say this here in this world in order that they may have the happiness that I feel fully realized in their own hearts. I have given them your message, and the world has come to hate them, for they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask you to take them away from the world, but to keep them from evil. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them by truth. Your message is truth. Just as you sent me to the world, I have sent them to the world. And it is for their sake that I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated by truth. It is not for them only that I make this request. It is also for those who through their message come to believe in me. Let them all be one. Just as you, Father, are in union with me and I am with you, let them be in union with us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, so that they may be one just as we are, I in union with them and you with me, so that they may be perfectly unified, and the world may recognize that you sent me and that you love them just as you loved me. Father, I wish to have those whom you have given me with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me, for you loved me before the creation of the world. Righteous Father, though the world did not know you, I knew you, and these men knew that you had sent me. I have made yourself known to them and I will do so still, so that the love which you have had for me may be in their hearts, and I may be there also."

#### §140. THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST

JOHN 18:1-11

18 When Jesus had said this, he went out with his disciples to the other side of the Ravine of the Cedars where there was a garden, and he went into it with his disciples. Judas who betrayed him also knew the place, for Jesus often met his disciples there. So Judas got out the garrison and some at-



tendants from the high priests and Pharisees, and came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Then Jesus, as he knew everything that was going to happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Who is it you are looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." He said to them, "I am he." Judas who betrayed him was standing among them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Then he asked them again, "Who is it you are looking for?" They said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am he, so if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfil the saying he had uttered, "I have not lost one of those whom you have given me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword with him, drew it and struck at the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which the Father has offered me?"

#### §141. JESUS IS EXAMINED BY ANNAS

JOHN 18:12-27

So the garrison and the colonel and the attendants of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him, and they took him first to Annas. For he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it was for their interest that one man should die for the people. But Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. This other disciple was an acquaintance of the high priest, and he went on with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, while Peter stood outside at the door. So this other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the woman at the door and brought Peter in. The maid at the door said to Peter, "Are you also one of this man's disciples?" He said, "No, I am not." As it was cold the slaves and attendants had made a charcoal fire, and stood about it warming themselves. And Peter also was among them, standing and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues or in the Temple where all the Jews meet together, and I have said nothing in secret. Why do you question me? Ask those who have heard me what it was that I said to them. They will know what I have said." When he said this, one of the attendants who stood near struck him and said, "Is that the way you answer the high priest?" Jesus replied, "If I have said anything wrong, testify to it; but if what I have said is true, why do you strike me?" So Annas sent him over still bound to Caiaphas the high priest. But Simon Peter still stood warming himself. So they said to him, "Are you also one of his disciples?" He denied it and said, "No, I am not." One of the high priest's slaves, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Did I not see you with him in the garden?" Peter again denied it, and at that moment a cock crowed.

**§142. JESUS, THOUGH DECLARED INNOCENT, IS EXECUTED BY  
PILATE AS A POLITICAL OFFENDER**

JOHN 18:28—19:37

28 Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's house. It was  
early in the morning, and they would not go into the governor's house  
themselves, to avoid being ceremonially defiled and to be able to eat the  
29 Passover supper. So Pilate came outside to them, and said, "What charge  
30 do you make against this man?" They answered, "If he were not a crimi-  
31 nal, we would not have turned him over to you." Pilate said to them,  
"Take him yourselves, and try him by your law." The Jews said to him,  
32 "We have no authority to put anyone to death." This was to fulfil what  
33 Jesus said when he declared how he was to die. So Pilate went back into  
the governor's house and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the king of  
34 the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Did you think of that yourself, or has someone  
35 else said it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Do you take me for a  
Jew? Your own people and the high priests handed you over to me. What  
36 offense have you committed?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not a  
kingdom of this world. If my kingdom were a kingdom of the world, my  
men would have fought to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.  
37 But as it is, my kingdom has no such origin." Pilate said to him, "Then  
you are a king?" Jesus answered, "As you say, I am a king. It was for this  
that I was born and for this that I came to the world, to give testimony for  
38 truth. Everyone who is on the side of truth listens to my voice." Pilate said  
to him, "What is truth!" With these words he went outside again to the  
39 Jews and said to them, "I can find nothing to charge him with. But it is  
your custom to have me release one man for you at Passover time. Do you  
40 want me therefore to release the king of the Jews for you?" Then they  
shouted back, "No! Not him, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a rob-  
19 ber. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers made  
2 a wreath out of thorns and put it on his head, and put a purple coat on him,  
3 and they marched up to him, saying, "Long live the king of the Jews!" each  
4 one giving him a blow. And Pilate went outside again and said to the Jews,  
"See! I will bring him out to you, to show you that I can find nothing to  
5 charge him with." So Jesus came out, still wearing the wreath of thorns  
6 and the purple coat. And Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When  
the high priests and their attendants saw him, they shouted, "Have him  
crucified! Have him crucified!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves  
7 and have him crucified, for I can find nothing to charge him with." The  
Jews answered, "We have a law, and by our law he deserves death, for de-  
8 claring himself to be a son of God." When Pilate heard that, he was more  
9 frightened than before and he went back into the governor's house and  
said to Jesus, "Where do you come from?" But Jesus made no answer.  
10 Then Pilate said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not  
11 know that it is in my power to release you or to have you crucified?" Jesus

answered him, "You would have no power at all over me, if it were not given to you from above. So you are less guilty than the man who betrayed me to you." This made Pilate try to find a way to let him go, but the Jews shouted, "If you let him go, you are no friend of the emperor's! Anyone who calls himself a king utters treason against the emperor!"

When Pilate heard that, he had Jesus brought out and had him sit in the judge's seat in the place they call the Stone Platform, or in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. And Pilate said to the Jews, "There is your king!" At that they shouted, "Kill him! Kill him! Have him crucified!" Pilate said to them, "Am I to crucify your king?" The high priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor!" Then Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out carrying the cross by himself to a spot called the Place of the Skull, or in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, with two others, one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had written a placard and had it put on the cross; it read "Jesus the Nazarene, the king of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this placard, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the Jewish high priests said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The king of the Jews,' but write 'He said, I am the king of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written!" When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier, besides his shirt. Now his shirt had no seam; it was woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but let us draw for it, to see who gets it." This was to fulfil what the Scripture says:

"They divided my garments among them,  
And for my clothing they cast lots."

This was what the soldiers did. Near Jesus' cross stood his mother and her sister Mary, the daughter of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. So Jesus, seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, said to his mother, "There is your son!" Then he said to his disciple, "There is your mother!" And from that time his disciple took her into his home. After that, Jesus, knowing that everything was now finished, to fulfil the saying of the Scripture, said, "I am thirsty." A bowl of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge soaked in the wine on a pike and held it to his lips. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished!" Then bowing his head he gave up his spirit. As it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, in order that the bodies might not be left on the crosses over the Sabbath, for that Sabbath was an especially important one, the Jews asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies removed. So the soldiers went and broke the legs of the first man and then of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus they saw that

34 he was dead already, and they did not break his legs, but one of the soldiers thrust a lance into his side, and blood and water immediately flowed out. 35 The man who saw it testifies to it—his testimony is true; he knows that he 36 is telling the truth—to lead you also to believe. For this happened to fulfil what the Scripture says:

“Not one of its bones will be broken.”

37 Moreover, it says in another place,

“They shall look at the man whom they pierced.”

#### §143. THE BURIAL OF JESUS

JOHN 19:38-42

38 After this, Joseph, of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one, because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him remove Jesus' body, and Pilate gave him permission. So Joseph went and took the 39 body down. And Nicodemus also, who had first come to Jesus at night, went, taking a roll of myrrh and aloes weighing about a hundred pounds. 40 So they took Jesus' body, and wrapped it with the spices in bandages, in 41 the Jewish way of preparing bodies for burial. There was a garden at the place where Jesus had been crucified, and in the garden was a new tomb in 42 which no one had yet been laid. So because it was the Jewish Preparation day, and the tomb was close by, they put Jesus there.

#### §144. JESUS APPEARS TO MARY MAGDALENE

JOHN 20:1-18

20 On the day after the Sabbath very early in the morning while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, and she saw that the stone 2 had been removed from it. So she ran away and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple who was dear to Jesus, and said to them, “They have taken the Master out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have 3 put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out of the city and started 4 for the tomb. And they both ran, and the other disciple ran faster than 5 Peter and got to the tomb first. And he stooped down and saw the hand- 6 ages lying on the ground, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came up behind him, and he went inside the tomb, and saw the bandages lying on 7 the ground, and the handkerchief that had been over Jesus' face not on 8 the ground with the bandages, but folded up by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first went inside too, and saw and was con- 9 vinced. For they did not yet understand the statement of Scripture that he 10 must rise from the dead. So the disciples went home again. But Mary 11 stood just outside the tomb, weeping. And as she wept she looked down 12 into the tomb, and saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus' body had

13 been, one at his head and one at his feet. And they said to her, "Why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Master away, and  
14 I do not know where they have put him." As she said this she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was he.  
15 Jesus said to her, "Why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She, supposing that he was the gardener, said to him, "If it was you, sir, that carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will take him away.  
16 "Mary!" said Jesus. She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!"  
17 which means Master. Jesus said to her, "You must not cling to me, for I have not yet gone up to my Father, but go to my brothers and say to them that I am going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your  
18 God." Mary of Magdala went and declared to the disciples, "I have seen the Master!" and she told them that he had said this to her.

#### §145. JESUS APPEARS TO THE TWELVE

JOHN 20:19-25

19 When it was evening on that first day after the Sabbath, and the doors of the house where the disciples met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came in and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you!"  
20 Then he showed them his hands and his side, and the disciples were full of  
21 joy at seeing the Master. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as my Father sent me forth so I now send you." As he said this he  
22 breathed upon them, and said, "Receive the holy Spirit! If you forgive any men's sins, they are forgiven them, and if you fix any men's sins upon them,  
23 they will remain fixed." But Thomas, one of the Twelve, who was called  
24 the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came in. So the rest of the disciples said to him, "We have seen the Master!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands, and put my finger into them, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe it!"

#### §146. THE FAITH OF THOMAS AND THE FAITH OF ALL BELIEVERS

JOHN 20:26-29

26 A week after, the disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood  
27 among them, and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands, and take your hand and put  
28 it in my side, and be no longer unbelieving, but believe!" Thomas answered him, "My Master and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Is it because you have seen me that you believe? Blessed be those who believe without  
29 having seen me!"

§147. THE CONCLUSION OF THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:30-31

30 There were many other signs that Jesus showed before his disciples  
31 which are not recorded in his book. But these have been recorded so that  
you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and through be-  
lieving you may have life as his followers.

§148. APPENDIX

1. OTHER APPEARANCES OF JESUS TO HIS DISCIPLES

JOHN 21:1-23

21 After this Jesus again showed himself to the disciples at the Sea of  
2 Tiberias, and he did so in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,  
Nathanael, of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples  
3 of Jesus were all together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."  
They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the  
4 boat, and that night they caught nothing. But just as day was breaking,  
Jesus stood on the beach, though the disciples did not know that it was he.  
5 So Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered,  
6 "No." "Throw your net in on the right of the boat," he said to them, "and  
you will find them." They did so, and they could not haul it in for the  
7 quantity of fish in it. Then the disciple who was dear to Jesus said to Peter,  
"It is the Master!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Master, he  
8 put on his clothes, for he had taken them off, and sprang into the sea. The  
rest of the disciples followed in the boat, for they were not far from land,  
9 only about a hundred yards, dragging in the net full of fish. When they  
landed they saw a charcoal fire burning, with a fish on it, and some bread.  
10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So  
11 Simon Peter got into the boat and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a  
hundred and fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net  
12 was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the  
disciples dared to ask him who he was, for they knew it was the Master.  
13 Jesus went and got the bread and gave it to them, and the fish also. This  
14 was the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples, after he had  
15 risen from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to  
Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, are you more devoted to me than these  
others are?" Peter said to him, "Yes, Master, you know that I love you."  
16 Jesus said to him, "Then feed my lambs!" Again Jesus said to him a second  
time, "Simon, son of John, are you devoted to me?" He said to him,  
"Yes, Master, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Then be a  
17 shepherd to my sheep!" Jesus said to him a third time, "Simon, son of  
John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because the third time Jesus asked

him if he loved him, and he answered, "Master, you know everything, you  
18 can see that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Then feed my sheep! I tell  
you, when you were young, you used to put on your own girdle and go  
where you pleased, but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands  
and someone else will put a girdle on you and take you where you have no  
19 wish to go." He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter was to  
20 honor God; and after he had said it he said to Peter, "Follow me!" Peter  
turned and saw following them the disciple who was very dear to Jesus,  
who at the supper leaned back on Jesus' breast and said, "Master, who is  
21 it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus,  
22 "But, Master, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If I wish him to wait  
23 till I come, what does it matter to you? You must follow me." So the story  
spread among the brothers that this disciple was not going to die. But  
Jesus did not tell him that he was not going to die; he said, "If I wish him  
to wait till I come, what does it matter to you?"

## 2. THE GUARANTY OF THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL

JOHN 21:24, 25

24 It is this disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down,  
25 and we know that his testimony is true. There are many other things that  
Jesus did, so many in fact that if they were all written out, I do not suppose  
that the world itself would hold the books that would have to be written.







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