

Matthew 15

Mark 7

The Syrophenician Woman

When Jesus arose² and went from² there, and departed into the borders² and territories of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into a house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. ²For a *certain* Greek woman ¹of Canaan heard of him, and came out of the same territories. She was ²a Syrophenician by nation, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit. She fell at his feet, and cried to him, saying,

“Have mercy on me,
O Lord, *you* son of David;

my daughter is grievously afflicted with a demon.”

²And she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. ¹Mt 15:21-22 ²Mk 7:24-26

¹But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and sought him, saying, “Send her away; for she cries after us.” But he answered and said, “**I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**” Then she came and worshiped him, saying, “Lord, help me.” But he answered and said² to her, “**Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children’s bread, and to cast it to the² dogs.**”

¹Mt 15:23-26 ²Mk 7:27

¹And she answered² and said to him², “Yes², true, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the children’s² crumbs which fall from under² their master’s table.”

¹Then Jesus answered and said to her,

“O woman, great is your faith:
be it to you even as you will.

²For this saying go your way, the devil is gone out of your daughter.”

And her daughter was healed from that very hour. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

¹Mt 15:27-28 ²Mk 7:28-30



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Healing the Deaf

And again² Jesus departed from² the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, and he² came near to the sea of Galilee; ²through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis and ascended a mountain, and sat down there. And great multitudes came to him, having with them *those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at*



Jesus' feet; and he healed them.

²And they brought to him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to put his hand on him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "**Ephphatha,**" that is, 'Be opened.' And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published *it*; So the multitude wondered, ²and were astonished beyond measure when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel saying, "He has done all things well: He makes both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak."

¹Mt 15:29-31 ²Mk 7:31-37

Feeding the 4000

In ²those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him, and said ²to them, "**I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued to be with me three days, and have nothing to eat: And I will not¹ send them away fasting to their own houses², if¹ I do they will faint by or in¹ the way: for various ones of them came from far.**" ¹Mt 15:32 ²Mk 8:1-3

And his disciples said to him, "Where should we have so much bread in the wilderness? ²From where can a man satisfy so great a multitude?"

¹Mt 15:33 ²Mk 8:4

Healing the Sick - Heinrich Hoffman

The Blended Gospel

Matthew 15,16

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Luke 12

²And Jesus¹ asked them, “**How many loaves have you?**” And they said, “Seven, ¹and a few little fishes.” ¹Mt 15:34 ²Mk 8:5

¹And he commanded the people² in the multitude to sit down² on the ground. And he took the seven loaves and the few small² fishes, and he blessed² and gave thanks, and broke them, and gave to his disciples² to set before *them*; and commanded they set *them* before the people. ¹Mt 15:35-36 ²Mk 8:6-7

¹And so² they all did eat² and were filled: and they took up of the broken² fragments that were left seven baskets full¹. And they that had eaten were about² four thousand ¹men, besides women and children. And he sent away the multitude, and straightway² he took a boat² and entered in with his disciples, and came to the borders of Magdala¹ and parts of Dalmanutha.² ¹Mt 15:37-39 ²Mk 8:8-10

Signs of the Times

And ²the Pharisees came forth ¹and also the Sadducees, and began to question with him, ²tempting him ¹that he would show them a sign from heaven. ¹Mt 16:1 ²Mk 8:11

²And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and ¹answered and said to them, “**Why does this generation seek after a sign?** ¹When it is evening, you say, *It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.* And in the morning, *It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering.* ³When you see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway you say, ‘*Here comes a shower;*’ and so it is. And when *you see* the south wind blow, you say, ‘*There will be heat;*’ and it comes to pass. ¹*O you hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth;* ³but how is it³ that

**you do not discern
the signs of the times?**

¹A wicked and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; and ²truly I say to you, *There shall no sign be*

given unto this generation, but the sign of the prophet Jonah.” And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

¹Mt 16:2-4 ²Mk 12-13 ³Lk 12:54-56

¹And when his disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread, ²neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf. ¹Then Jesus ²charged them, saying, “**Take heed and¹ beware of the leaven of the Pharisees ¹and of the Sadducees, ²and of the leaven of Herod.**” ¹Mt 16:5-6 ²Mk 8:14-15

²And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “*It is because we have taken¹ no bread.*” ²And when Jesus knew and perceived¹ it, he said to them, “**O you of little faith¹, why do you reason among yourselves¹, because you have brought¹ no bread? Do you not yet perceive, have you your heart yet hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? and having ears, do you not hear?**” ¹Mt 16:7-8 ²Mk 8:17,18

“**Do you not yet understand, neither remember² when I broke ¹the five loaves among² the five thousand, and how many baskets² full of fragments did you take up?**” They said to him, “**Twelve.**” “²And neither¹ when the seven loaves¹ among the four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?” And they said, “**Seven.**”

¹Mt 16:9,10 ²Mk 8:19,20

²And he said to them, “**How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread, but that you should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?**” ¹Then they understood that he did not *caution them* against the leaven of bread, but against the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. ¹Mt 16:11-12 ²Mk 8:21

Blind Man of Bethsaida

²And he came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw anything.

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²And he looked up, and said, "I see men as trees, walking." After that he put *his* hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. And he sent him away to his house, saying, "**Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.**"² Mk8:22-26

Upon This Rock

³And it came to pass, ²Jesus, and his disciples, went out into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way ³as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, "**Who do³ the people¹ say that I the Son of man am?**"

¹Mt16:13 ²Mk8:27 ³Lk9:18

¹And they answered^{2,3} and said, "Some *say that you are* John the Baptist: but^{2,3} some Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the old³ prophets ³is risen again. ²And he said to them, "**But whom do you say that I am?**" And Simon¹ Peter answered and said to him, "You are the Christ, ¹the Son of the living God."

¹Mt16:14-16 ²Mk8:28-29 ³Lk9:19-20

¹And Jesus answered and said to him, "**Blessed are you, Simon-Barjona: for flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but my Father Who is in heaven. And I say also to you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatever you shall bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you shall loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven.**"¹ Mt16:17-19

¹Then he straitly³ charged his disciples and commanded³ them that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. ¹From that time forth Jesus began to show and teach² his disciples, that he, the Son of man^{2,3} must go to Jerusalem¹, and be rejected^{2,3} of and suffer many things ¹from the elders and chief priests, and scribes, and be slain³ and killed, and be raised again the third day. And he spoke that saying openly. ¹Mt16:20-21 ²Mk8:30-32 ³Lk9:21-22

Get Behind Me Satan

Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, "Be it far from you, Lord: this shall not be to you." But when² he had² turned and ²looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, "**Get behind me, Satan: you are an offense to Me: for you savor not the things that are of God, but those that are of men.**"¹ Mt16:22-23 ²Mk8:32-33



Get Thee Behind Me - Heinrich Hoffmann

Take Up Your Cross

Then ²when he had called the people to him, ¹then Jesus said to his disciples, "**If any *one* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily³, and follow me. ¹For whoever will save his life, shall lose it: but whoever will lose his life for my sake ²and the gospel's, the same shall find it.**"¹ Mt16:24-25 ²Mk8:34-35 ³Lk9:23-24

Matthew 16,17

Mark 8,9

Luke 9,14

Count the Cost

“³For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first, and count the cost, whether he has *sufficient* materials to finish it? Lest haply, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, ‘This man began to build, and was not able to finish.’

Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first, and consult whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him that comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an ambassador, and desires conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever does not forsake all that he has, he cannot be my disciple.” ³Lk 14:28-33

“¹For what advantage³ is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose himself³ and his own soul, or be cast away³? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man will come in the glory of his Father, with his angels; and then he will reward every man according to his works. ³Whoever therefore² shall be ashamed of me and of my words² in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also² shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he comes in his own glory³, and the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

¹Mt 16:26-27 ²Mk 8:36-38 ³Lk 9:25-26

²And he said to them, “³But I tell you the truth, ¹there are some of them² standing here, who shall not taste of^{2,3} death, till they² have seen the kingdom of God and ¹the Son of man² come with power.”

¹Mt 16:28 ²Mk 9:1 ³Lk 9:27

The Transfiguration

And ³it came to pass after about six^{1,2} or eight³ days, Jesus¹ took Peter, James, and John his brother¹, and ²led them up into a high^{1,2} mountain apart² by themselves³ to pray. ³And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, ^{1,2}and he was transfigured before them. ¹His face shone as the sun, ^{1,2}and his raiment² became shining, exceeding white as snow, so as no fuller on earth can whiten them and glistening³ as the light¹.



Transfiguration - Titan 1488-1576

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³But Peter and those that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, ¹behold, there appeared to them two men ³Moses and Elijah ¹and they were talking and stood ³with Jesus ³who appeared in glory, and spoke of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

³And it came to pass, as they departed from him, ²Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here: if you will, ²let us make here ¹three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He knew not what to say, for they were sore afraid. ¹Mt 17:3-4 ²Mk 9:4-6 ³Lk 9:30-33

³While he was yet speaking ¹, there came a bright ¹cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And behold ¹, ³there came a voice out of the cloud, saying "This is my beloved Son, ¹in whom I am well pleased: hear him." ¹Mt 17:5 ²Mk 9:7 ³Lk 9:34,35

¹And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were in great fear. And, ³when the voice was past, ¹Jesus came and touched them, and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

²And suddenly, when they had ¹lifted up their eyes and ²looked round about, they saw no one anymore, except Jesus, ³who was found alone ²only with themselves. ¹Mt 17:6-8 ²Mk 9:8 ³Lk 9:36

¹And as they were descending the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, "**Tell the vision and ²what things you have seen ¹to no one, until the Son of man is raised again ¹from the dead.**" ²And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one another what the rising from the dead should mean.

²And his disciples ¹asked him, saying, "Why then ¹do the scribes say that Elijah must first come?"

¹And Jesus answered and said to them, "**Elijah truly will first come, and restore all things: ²and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nothing. ¹But I say to you, that Elijah is indeed ²come already ¹, and they knew him not, but have done to him whatever**

they pleased, ²as it is written of him: ¹likewise will also the Son of man suffer by them." ¹Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them concerning John the Baptist. ³And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen. ¹Mt 17:9-13 ²Mk 9:9-13 ³Lk 9:36

If You Can Believe

And ³it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, ²he came to his disciples, and saw a great ²multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to ¹him saluted him. And he asked the scribes, "**What are you questioning them?**"

¹Mt 17:14 ²Mk 9:14-16 ³Lk 9:37

³And, behold ¹there came to him a *certain* man ³of the company ¹kneeling down to him, and ³cried out, saying, "Lord ¹, Master, I beseech you, look on my son whom ²I have brought to you and ³have mercy: ¹for he is a lunatic having ²a dumb spirit and he ³is my only child." ¹Mt 17:14-15 ²Mk 9:17 ³Lk 9:38

³And a spirit takes him ²and wherever he takes him, he tears him ³and bruising him hardly departs from him: ²and he foams, and gnashes with his teeth, and pines away. ³He suddenly cries out and foams again. ¹And I brought him to your disciples ²that they should cast him out, and they could not ¹cure him." ¹Mt 17:15-16 ²Mk 9:18 ³Lk 9:39-40

¹Then Jesus answered him ²and said, "**O faithless and perverse ^{1,3} generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring your son ³here to me.**" ¹Mt 17:17 ²Mk 9:19 ³Lk 9:41

²And as ³they brought him to him: ³the devil threw him down, and ²straightway the spirit tore him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

²Mk 9:20 ³Lk 9:42

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²And he asked his father, "How long ago is it since this came to him?" And he said, "Since a child. For often he falls into the fire where ²it casts him, and often into the ²waters, to destroy him and is grievously distressed. ²But if you can do anything, have compassion on us, and help us."

¹Mt 17:15 ²Mk 9:21-22

²Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes." And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears,

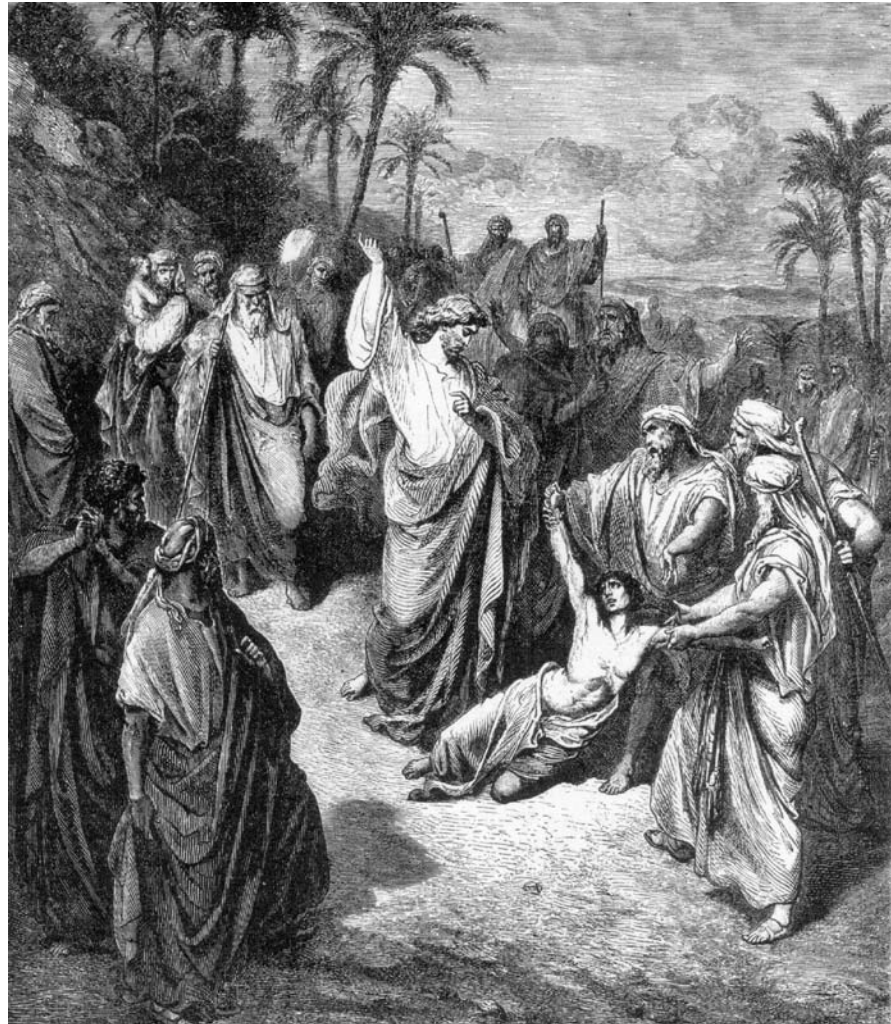
**"Lord, I believe;
help my unbelief!"**

²Mk 9:23-24

²When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul and unclean³ spirit, saying to the demon, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I charge you, come out of him, and enter no more into him." And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; so much that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose, and ³Jesus delivered him again to his father. ¹And the child was cured from that very hour. ¹Mt 17:18 ²Mk 9:25-27 ³Lk 9:42

²And when he was come into the house, his disciples ¹came apart and ²asked him privately, "Why couldn't we cast him out?" And Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief: for truly I say to you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Remove from here to yonder place,' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you. However, this kind ²can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

¹Mt 17:19-21 ²Mk 9:28-29



Casting Out the Deamon - Gustav Dore

Raised the Third Day

And ³they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, ²they departed there, and passed through and abode¹ in Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it. And while¹ there Jesus ²taught his disciples, and said to them, "³Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man ¹will be betrayed and delivered^{2,3} into the hands of men. And they will kill him, and after² the third day he will be raised again."

³But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not. ¹And though they were exceedingly grieved, ³they feared to ask

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Capernaum Discourse on Forgiveness

And ²he came to Capernaum. ³Then by the way ²there arose a reasoning among them, ²for they had disputed among themselves, ³which of them should be greatest. ²And being in the house he asked them, “**What was it that you disputed among yourselves by the way?**” But they held their peace. Then ¹at the same time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?””¹Mt18:1 ²Mk9:33-34 ³Lk9:46

them, “**Truly I say to you,**

Except you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.



This Little Child - Carl Heinrich Bloch 1886

²And he sat down, and called the twelve, and said to them, “**If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.**”

³And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little ¹child, and ^{1,2}set him in the midst of them, and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto

Whoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”¹Mt18:2-4 ²Mk9:35-36 ³Lk9:47

³And he said to them, “**Whoever shall receive one such little child in my name receives me. ^{2,3}And whoever shall receive me, receives not me², but Him that sent me: ³for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great. ¹But whoever shall ²offend one of these little ones who believe in me, ¹and cause him to sin, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were ²cast into ¹the depth of the sea and drowned.²”**

¹Mt18:5-6 ²Mk9:37, 42 ³Lk9:38

“**Woe to the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come (³it is impossible but that they will come); but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! Wherefore, if your hand or your foot offends you² and causes you to sin, cut them off, and cast¹ them from you: it is better for you to enter into life halt or maimed, rather¹ than having two hands or two feet, go into hell² to be cast into the everlasting fire ²that never shall be quenched. Where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched. ¹And if your eye offends² you and causes you to sin, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for you to enter into life in the kingdom of God² with one eye, rather¹ than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.² Where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched.**”¹Mt18:7-9 ²Mk9:43-50 ³Lk17:1

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For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good: but if the salt has lost his saltiness, wherewith will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.”¹ Mt 18:7-9 ² Mk 9:43-50 ³ Lk 17:1

2 or 3 Witnesses

Moreover, 'if your brother shall trespass against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone: if he shall hear you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear you, then take with you one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it to the church: but if he shall neglect to hear the church, let him be to you as a heathen and a publican.”

“Truly I say to you, Whatever you shall bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven: and whatever you shall loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, That if two of you shall agree on earth, concerning any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them by my Father who is in heaven.

**For where two or three
are assembled in my name,
there am I
in the midst of them.”**

¹ Mt 18:15-20

Forgive Seven Times?

Then ³he said to the disciples, “Take heed to yourselves: If your brother trespasses against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he trespass against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to you, saying, ‘I repent;’ you shall forgive him.”

³ Lk 17:3,4

¹Then came Peter to him, and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I say not to

you, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.”¹ Mt 18:21, 22

³And the apostles said unto the Lord, “Increase our faith.” And the Lord said, “If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you might say to this sycamine tree, Be plucked up by the root, and be planted in the sea; and it should obey you. ³“But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say to him by and by, when he is come from the field, ‘Go and sit down to eat?’

And will not rather say to him, ‘Make ready that I may sup, and gird yourself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward you shall eat and drink?’ Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. So likewise you, when you shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.’”³ Lk 17:7-10

Ungrateful Servant

Therefore 'is the kingdom of heaven likened to a certain king who would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he had not ability to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshiped him, saying, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, who owed him a hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe.’”

“And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ But he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.”

Matthew 17,18

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“So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told their lord all that was done. Then his lord, having called him, said to him, ‘O you wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt, because you desired me: Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, even as I had pity on you?’ And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due to him. likewise shall my heavenly Father do to you, if you from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.”¹ Mt18:23-35

³And John answered and said, “Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followed not with us.” But² Jesus said to him, “Forbid him not: ²for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. ³For he that is not against us is for us and ²on our part. For whoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”² Mk9:38-41 ³Lk9:49-50

The Temple Tax

And¹ when they had come to Capernaum, they that received tribute-money, came to Peter, and said, “Doesn’t your Master pay tribute?” He said, “Yes.” And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? From their own

children, or from strangers?” Peter said to him, “From strangers.” Jesus said to him, “Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go to the sea, and cast a hook, and take the fish that first comes up: and when you have opened his mouth, you will find a piece of money: take that, and give to them for me and you.”¹ Mt17:24-27



A Fish Pays the Tribute Money - Mattia Preti 1640

My Time is Not Yet Come

Now¹ the Jews’ feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brothers therefore said to him, “Depart here, and go to Judaea, that your disciples also may see the works that you do. For there is no man that does anything in secret, and he himself seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.” For neither did his brothers believe in him.⁴ Jn 7:2-5

“Then Jesus said to them, “My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.”

⁴The world cannot hate you; but me it hates, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. You go up to this feast: I am not yet going up to this feast;

**for my time
is not yet fully come."**

When he had said these words to them, he abode *still* in Galilee. ⁴Jn 7:6-9

⁴But when his brothers were gone up, then he went also up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, "Where is he?" And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, "He is a good man:" But others said, "No, he deceives the people." However no one spoke of him openly for fear of the Jews. ⁴Jn 7:10-13

Jesus Goes To The Temple

Now ⁴about the middle of the feast Jesus went up to the temple, and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this man know letters, having never learned?" ⁴Jn 7:14-15

⁴Jesus answered them, and said, "**My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaks of himself seeks his own glory: but he that seeks His glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keep the law? Why do you go about to kill Me?**" The people answered and said, "You have a devil: who goes about to kill you?"

⁴Jn 7:16-20

⁴Jesus answered and said to them, "I have done one work, and you all marvel. Moses therefore gave to you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and you on the sabbath day circumcise a man. If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath day, that the law of Moses should not be

broken; are you angry at me, because I have made a man every bit whole on the sabbath day? Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." ⁴Jn 7:21-24

He Speaks Boldly

Then ⁴said some of them from Jerusalem, "Is not this he, whom they seek to kill? But, look, he speaks boldly, and they say nothing to him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ? However we know where this man is: but when Christ comes, no man knows where he is."

⁴Jn 7:25-27

⁴Then Jesus cried in the temple as he taught, saying, "**You both know me, and you know where I am: and I am not come of myself, but He that sent me is true, whom you do not know. But I know Him: for I am from Him, and He has sent me.**"

Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come. And many of the people believed on him, and said, "When Christ comes, will he do more miracles than these which this *man* has done?" ⁴Jn 7:28-31

⁴The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.

Then Jesus said to them, "**I am with you yet a little while, and then I go to Him that sent me. You shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, there you cannot come.**"

Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where will he go, that we shall not find him? Will he go to the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles? What *kind of saying* is this that he said, 'You shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, there you cannot come?'" ⁴Jn 7:32-36

If Any Man Thirst

In ⁴the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying,

John 7,8

**“If any man thirst,
let him come unto me,
and drink.”**

“He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, ‘out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’” (But this he spoke of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, “Of a truth this is the Prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hasn’t the scripture said, That Christ comes of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” So there was a division among the people because of him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

⁴Jn 7:37-44

Never a Man Spoke Like This

“Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said to them, “Why haven’t you brought him?”

The officers answered, “Never a man spoke like this man.” Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed on

him? But this people who knows not the law are cursed.” Nicodemus (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) said to them, “Does our law judge *any* man, before it hears him, and know what he does?” They answered and said to him, “Art you also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee arises no prophet.” And every man went to his own house. Jesus went to the mount of Olives.

⁴Jn 7:45-53; 8:1

Woman Taken in Adultery

And ⁴early in the morning he came again to the temple, and all the people came to him; and he sat down, and taught them.

And the scribes and Pharisees brought to him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They said to him, “Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what do you say?” ⁴Jn 8:2-5

The Woman taken in Adultery - Rembrandt van Rijn 1644



⁴This they said, tempting him, that they might have something to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not.* ⁴Jn 8:6-8

“Go, and sin no more”

John 8:11



He that is Without Sin Cast the First Stone - Valentin de Boulogne 1594-1632

So when they continued asking him, he lifted himself up, and said to them, “**He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.**” And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. ⁴Jn 8:6-8
⁴And those who heard it, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even to the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

When Jesus had lifted himself up, and saw none but the woman, He said to her, “**Woman, where are your accusers? Has no man condemned you?**” She said, “No man, Lord.” And Jesus said to her,

**“Neither do I condemn you:
go, and sin no more.”**

⁴Jn 8:9-11

John 8

The Light of the World

Then Jesus spoke again to them, saying, **“I am the light of the world”**

He that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” The Pharisees therefore said to him, “You bear record of yourself; your record is not true.” Jesus answered and said to them, “Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know from where I came, and to where I go; but you cannot tell from where I come, and to where I go. You judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me bears witness of me.” ⁴Jn 8:12-18

Where is Your Father?

“Then they said to him, “Where is your father?” Jesus answered, “You neither know me, nor my Father: if you had known me, you should have known my Father also.” These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come. Then Jesus said again to them, “I go my way, and you shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: where I go, you cannot come.” Then the Jews said, “Will he kill himself? because he said, ‘Where I go, you cannot come.’” ⁴Jn 8:19-22

I Am Not of This World

“And he said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above: you are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you, that you shall die in your sins: for if you do not believe that I am, you shall die in your sins.” Then they said to him, “Who are you?”



The Light of the World - William Holman Hunt 1851-1853

*Hunt's painting depicts Jesus knocking at the door with no handle on the outside.
See Revelation 3:20*

⁴And Jesus said to them, “*Even the same* that I said to you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge of you: but *He* that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of *Him*.” They did not understand that he spoke to them of the Father. ⁴Jn 8:25-27

⁴Then Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you shall know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father has taught me, I speak these things. And *He* that sent me is with me: the Father has not left me alone; for I always do those things that please *Him*.” As he spoke these words, many believed on him. ⁴Jn 8:28-30

The Truth Shall Make You Free

⁴Then Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, “If you continue in my word, *then* are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how can you say, ‘You shall be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, *Whoever* commits sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abides not in the house forever: *but* the Son abides ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.” ⁴Jn 8:31-36

Abraham’s Seed

“I know that you are Abraham’s seed; but you seek to kill me, because my word has no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and you do that which you have seen with your father.” They answered and said to him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill me, a man that has told you the truth, which I have heard of God: Abraham did not do this. You do the deeds of your father.” ⁴Jn 8:37-41

Your Father the Devil

⁴Then they said to him, “We are not born of

fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.”

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither did I come of myself, but *He* sent me. Why do you not understand my speech? *Even* because you cannot hear my word. You are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. *He* was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell *you* the truth, you do not believe me. Which of you can convince me of sin? And if I say the truth, why don’t you believe me? *He* that is of God hears God’s words: therefore you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God.” ⁴Jn 8:41-47

Never See Death?

⁴Then the Jews answered, and said to him, “Do we not say well that you are a Samaritan, and have a devil?” Jesus answered, “I have not a devil; but I honor my Father, and you do dishonor me. And I seek not my own glory: there is One that seeks and judges. Truly, truly, I say to you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.” Then the Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and you say, ‘If a man keeps my saying, he shall never taste of death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: who do you make yourself to be?” ⁴Jn 8:48-53

Before Abraham was I Am

⁴Jesus answered, “If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honors me; of whom you say, that *He* is your God: Yet you have not known *Him*; but I know *Him*: and if I should say, I know *Him* not, I shall be a liar like you: but I know *Him*, and keep *His* saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad.”

John 8,9

Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and you have seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "**Truly, truly, I say to you,**

Before Abraham was, I am."

Then they took up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by. ⁴Jn 8:54-59

A Man Born Blind

And ⁴as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, "Master, who sinned, this man, or his parents, so that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "**Neither has this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day:**

the night comes, when no man can work.

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁴Jn 9:1-5

⁴When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And said to him, "**Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,**" (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came back seeing. The neighbors therefore, and those which had seen him before that he was blind, said, "Isn't this he that sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him."

But he said, "I am *he*!" ⁴Jn 9:6-9

⁴Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash:' and I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him that was blind beforehand to the Pharisees. Because it was the Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. ⁴Jn 9:10-14



Healing the Man Born Blind - Carl Heinrich Bloch 1871

⁴Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and do see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not of God, because he does not keep the Sabbath day." Others said, "How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say of him, that he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ⁴Jn 9:15-17

⁴But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: But by what means he now sees, we do not know; or who has opened his eyes, we do not know: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself." His parents spoke these words because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' ⁴Jn 9:18-23

⁴Then again they called the man that was blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I do not know: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you did not hear: why would you hear it again? Will you be his disciples also?" ⁴Jn 9:24-27

⁴Then they reviled him, and said, "You are his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses: as for this fellow, we do not know where he is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why here is a marvelous thing, that you

do not know where he is from, and yet he has opened my eyes. Now we know that God does not hear sinners: but if any man is a worshiper of God, and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it was not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us?" And they cast him out. ⁴Jn 9:28-34

⁴Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, "**Do you believe on the Son of God?**" He answered and said, "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?" And Jesus said to him, "**You have both seen him, and it is he that talks with you.**" And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ⁴Jn 9:35-38

⁴And Jesus said, "**For judgment I am come into this world, that they which do not see might see; and that they which see might be made blind.**" And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said to him, "Are we blind also?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you should have no sin: but now you say, 'We see;' therefore your sin remains." ⁴Jn 9:39-41

The Sheepfold

Truly, ⁴truly, I say to you, he that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The porter opens to him; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. And when he puts forth his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And they will not follow a stranger, but will flee from him: for they do not know the voice of strangers."

Jesus spoke this parable to them: but they did not understand what things they were which he spoke to them." ⁴Jn 10:1-6

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The Door

Then ⁴Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me were thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: if any man enters in by me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief comes not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

⁴Jn10:7-10

The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd: the good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose sheep are not his own, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees: and the wolf catches them, and scatters the sheep. The hireling flees, because he is a hireling, and does not care for the sheep.

I am the good Shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine. As the Father knows me, even so I know the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold: I must bring them also, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd. Therefore does my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to

take it again. I have received this commandment from my Father." ⁴Jn10:11-18

⁴There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, "He has a devil, and is mad; why do you hear him?" Others said, "These are not the words of one that has a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?"

⁴Jn10:19-21

The Good Shepherd - Charles Emile Jacque 1813-1894



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Matthew 11,19

Mark 10

Luke 9,10

Not Come to Destroy Men

And 'it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these sayings and ³the time was come that he should be received up, he arose² and 'departed from Galilee, and came into the borders of Judea, beyond or ²by the farther side of Jordan: ³He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem. ¹Mt 19:1 ²Mk 10:1 ³Lk 9:51

³And he sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do you want that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elijah did?" But he turned, and rebuked them, and said,

**"You do not know
of what manner of spirit you are.
For the Son of man is not come
to destroy men's lives,
but to save *them*."**

And they went to another village. ³Lk 9:52-56

¹And great multitudes followed him, and he healed them there. ²And the people resorted to him again; and, as he was willing, he taught them again.

¹Mt 19:2 ²Mk 10:1

Sending Out the Seventy

³After these things the Lord appointed another seventy also, and sent them two by two before his face into every city and place, where he himself would come. Therefore he said to them, "**The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. He that hears you hears me; and he that despises you despises me; and he that despises me despises Him that sent me.**"

³Lk 10:1-2, 16

³And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject to us through your name." And he said to them, "**I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give to you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject to you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**" ³Lk 10:17-20

Jesus Prays

¹At that time and in that hour³ Jesus rejoiced³ in spirit³ and said, "I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hid these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things are delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows who³ the Son is³, but the Father; neither does anyone know who³ the Father is³, except the Son, and *he* to whomever the Son will reveal *him*." ¹Mt 11:25-27 ³Lk 10:21-22

The Good Samaritan

And, ³behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "**What is written in the law? How do you read it?**" And he answering said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

And he said to him, "**You have answered right: do this, and you shall live.**" But, willing to justify himself, he said to Jesus,

"And who is my neighbor?"

³Lk 10:25-29

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³And Jesus answering said, "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his clothing, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him*, and passed by on the other side."

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*, and went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow



The Good Samaritan - Jean-jacques Henner c. 1870

and whatever you spend more, when I come again, I will repay you.' Which now of these three, do you think, was neighbor to him that fell among the thieves?"

Gustave Dore 1832-1883



Eugene Delacroix 1798-1863

when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said to him, 'Take care of him;



And he said, "He that showed mercy on him."
Then Jesus said to him,

"Go, and do likewise." ³Lk 10:25-37

Mary and Martha

³Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

³Lk 10:38-42



Feast of Dedication

And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews came round about him, and said to him, "How long do you make us doubt? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

⁴Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you didn't believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But you do not believe, because you are not of my sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any one pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them to me, is greater than all; and no one is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

"I and my Father are one."

⁴Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. ⁴Jn 10:22-31

⁴Jesus answered them, "Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do you stone me?"

The Jews answered him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone you; but for blasphemy; and because you, being a man, make yourself God."

⁴Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, You are gods?'⁵ If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Do you say of him, whom the Father has sanctified, and sent into the world, 'You blaspheme'; because I said, 'I am the Son of God?'"

⁴Jn 10:32-37 ⁵Ps 82:6

Mary and Martha - Jan Vermeer 1675

Luke 10

John 10

If I do not the works of my Father, do not believe me. But if I do, though you do not believe me, believe the works: that you may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him.”⁴Jn10:32-38

“Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, and went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he stayed. And many resorted to him, and said, “John did no miracles: but all things that John spoke of this man were true.” And many believed on him there.”⁴Jn10:39-42

Teach us to Pray

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”³Lk11:1cf Mt6:9

“And he said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?’ And from within he shall answer and say, ‘Don’t trouble me: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and serve you.’ I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many loaves as he needs.”³Lk11:5-8

Clean Inside

“And as he spoke, a certain Pharisee sought to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to eat. And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner. And the Lord said to him, “You scribes and Pharisees make the outside of the cup and the platter clean; but within your inward part is full of ravening³ extortion³ and wicked³ excess³. You blind fools, didn’t he that made what is outside also make that which is inside? Clean first that which is inside the cup and platter, that the outside may also be clean.”³But rather give alms of

such things as you have; and, behold, all things are clean to you.”¹Mt23:25-26³Lk11:37-41

“And as he said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things: laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.”³Lk11:45-54

“In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, inso-much that they tread one upon another, He began to speak to his disciples first of all.

The Abundance of Things

“And one of the company said to him, “Master, speak to my brother, that he should divide the inheritance with me.” And he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?” And he said to them, “Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for

a man’s life consists
not in the abundance
of the things
which he possesses.”

³Lk12:13-15

Bigger Barns

“And he spoke a parable to them, saying, “The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?’ And he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there I will bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.’” But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your soul shall be required of you: then whose shall those things be, which you have provided?’³Lk12:16-20

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Luke 12,13



The Old Barn - Gary Hullquist 1998

So is he that lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”³ Lk 12:20 cf Mt 6:25

Fire and Division

“³I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it is already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! Do you suppose that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, No; but rather division: for from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and the daughter in law against her mother-in-law.”³ Lk 12:49-53

Tragedies

³There were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

And Jesus answering said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were sinners above all

the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, No: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, do you think that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, No: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish.”³ Lk 13:1-5

Cut Down the Fig Tree

³He also spoke this parable; “A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit on it there, and found none. Then he said to the dresser of his vineyard, ‘Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why does it cumber the ground?’ And

he answering said to him, ‘Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bears fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that you shall cut it down.’”³ Lk 13:6-9

Enter the Strait Gate

³And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. Then one said to him, “Lord, are there few that are saved? And he said to them,

“**Strive to enter in at the strait gate:** for many, I say to you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.”³ Lk 13:22-24

Tell That Fox

³The same day certain of the Pharisees came, saying to him, “Get out, and depart from here: for Herod will kill you.” And he said to them, “Go, and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected. Nevertheless I must walk today, and tomorrow, and the *day* following:’ for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.”³ Lk 13:31-33

Matthew 18

The Best Seat in the House

³And he put forth a parable to those which were invited, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, “When you are invited of any man to a wedding, do not sit down in the highest room; lest a more honorable man than you is invited of him; And he that invited you and him comes and says to you, ‘Give this man your place;’ and you begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that invited you comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher;’ then you shall have worship in the presence of them that sit to eat with you. For whoever exalts himself shall be abased; and he who humbles himself shall be exalted.” ³Lk14:7-11

³Then he said also to him that invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not call your friends, nor your brothers, neither your kinsmen, nor your rich neighbors; lest they also bid you again, and a recompense is made to you. But when you make a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And you shall be blessed; for they cannot repay you: for you shall be rewarded at the resurrection of the just.” And when one of them that sat at the meal with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.” ³Lk14:12-15

The Lost Sheep and the Ninety and Nine

³Then all the publicans and sinners drew near to hear him.

Luke 14,15

And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, “This man receives sinners, and eats with them.” And he spoke this parable to them, saying, “Take heed that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. ³What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if ¹one of them is gone astray and ³he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety and nine ¹and go to the mountains ³in the wilderness, and go ³seek ¹after that which is ¹gone astray and ³lost, until he finds it?

¹Mt18:10-14 ³Lk15:1-6

Leaving the Ninety and Nine - Luigi Chiavivva 1842-1914



Matthew 18

Luke 15

the mountains ³in the wilderness, and go ³seek¹ after that which is 'gone astray and ³lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.'³ Truly I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep, than over the ninety-nine which went not astray. 'I say to you, that likewise there shall be more joy in heaven over one sinner that repents, than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.'" ¹Mt 18:10-14 ³Lk 15:1-6

Searching for the Lost Coin - Guercino 1618-1622



The Lost Coin

"Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she loses one piece, does not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls *her* friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.'

Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents."

³Lk 15:1-10

Prodigal Son, Prodigal Father

³And he said, "A certain man had two sons: and the



younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me. And he divided unto them *his* living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living."

"And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

³Lk 15:1-10

The Prodigal Son - Gerrit van Honthorst 1622

Luke 15,16

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave to him. And when he came to himself, he said, 'How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you, and am no more worthy to be called your son: make me as one of your hired servants.'

"And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight, and am no more worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hie the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to be merry."

"Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother is come; and your father has killed the fatted calf, because

he has received him safe and sound.'

And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore his father came out, and entreated him. And he answering said to his father, 'Lo, these many years do I serve you, neither transgressed I at any time your commandment: and yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this your son was come, which has devoured your living with harlots, you have killed for him the fatted calf.'

And he said to him, 'Son, you are ever with me, and all that I have is yours. It was proper that we should make merry, and be glad: for this your brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.'"³ Lk 15:11-32

My Son is Alive Again - Gustave Dore



The Blended Gospel

Luke 16

The Shrewd Steward

³And he said also to his disciples, "There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused to him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said to him, 'How is it that I hear this about you? Give an account of your stewardship; for you may no longer be steward.' Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my lord takes away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.'"

"So he called every one of his lord's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my lord?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write fourscore.'"

"And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." ³Lk 16:1-8

³"And I say to you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when you fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

**He that is faithful
in that which is least
is faithful also in much:**

and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore you have not been faithful in unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?" ³Lk 16:9-12

³"And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said to them, "You justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presses into it." ³Lk 16:14-16

The Rich Man and Lazarus

There ³was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.



Lazarus Begging at the Rich Man's Gate - Gustave Doré

Luke 16

John 11

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried."

"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and you are tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from here to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from there.'"

"Then he said, 'I pray you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house: For I have five brothers; that he may testify to them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham: but if one went to them from the dead, they will repent.' And he said to him, 'If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.'"³ Lk 16:19-31

Raising Lazarus

'Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom you love is sick." When Jesus heard *that*, he said, "*This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might thereby be glorified.*" Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he stayed two days more in the same place where he was."⁴ Jn 11:1-6

'Then after that he said to *his* disciples, "*Let us go to Judaea again.*" His disciples said to him, "Master, the Jews of late sought to stone you; and you go there again?" Jesus answered, "*Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbles, because there is no light in him.*" He said these things: and after that he said to them, "*Our friend Lazarus sleeps; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.*" Then his disciples said, "Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well." However Jesus spoke of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking a rest in sleep. Then Jesus said to them plainly, "*Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent that you may believe; nevertheless let us go to him.*" Then Thomas, which is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."⁴ Jn 11:7-16

'Then when Jesus came, he found that he had already *lain* in the grave four days. Now Bethany was near to Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs (2 miles) away: And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary *still* sat in the house. Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know, that even now, whatever you will ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "*Your brother shall rise again.*" Martha said to him, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?*" She said to him, "Yes, Lord: I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who should come into the world."⁴ Jn 11:17-27

‘And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, “The Master has come, and calls for you.” As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly, and came to him. Now Jesus was not yet come into town, but was in the place where Martha met him. The Jews then who were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, “She goes to the grave to weep there.” Then when Mary had come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, “**Where have you laid him?**” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. ^{Jn 11:28-35} ‘Then the Jews said, “Behold how he loved him!” And some of them said, “Could not this Man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?”

Jesus therefore again groaning in himself came to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, “**Take away the stone.**”

Martha, the sister of him that was dead, said to him, “Lord, by this time he stinks: for he has been *dead* for four days.” Jesus said to her, “**Did I not say to you, that, if you would believe, you should see the glory of God?**” Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, “**Father, I thank You that**

You have heard me. And I know that You always hear me: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that You have sent me.” And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice,

“Lazarus, come forth!”



Take away the stone - Carl Heinrich Bloch

Luke 17,18

John 11

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus said to them, "**Loose him, and let him go.**"⁴Jn11:36-44

'Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, "What do we do? For this man does many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation." And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, nor consider that

it is expedient for us,
that one man should die
for the people,
and that the whole nation
does not perish."

And this he spoke not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation: And not for that nation only, but that he should also gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together to put him to death.

⁴Jn11:45-53

'Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went from there to a country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples. And the Jews' passover was near at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. Then they sought for Jesus, and spoke among themselves, as they stood in the temple, "What do you think, that he will not come to the feast?" Now both the chief priests and the

Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should show it, that they might take him.⁴Jn11:54-57

The Ten Lepers

And³ it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, ten men who were lepers met him there. They stood afar off: and lifted up *their* voices, and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." And when he saw *them*, he said to them, "**Go show yourselves to the priests.**" And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, "**Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found any that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.**" And he said to him, "**Arise, go your way: your faith has made you whole.**"³Lk17:11-19

³And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, "**The kingdom of God does not come with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**"

And he said unto the disciples, "**The days will come, when you shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you shall not see it. But first he must suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.**"³Lk17:20-25

The Unrighteous Judge

³And he spoke a parable to them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not faint; Saying, "**There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Avenge me of my adversary.'**"

The Blended Gospel

Matthew 19

Mark 10

Luke 18

³And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubles me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'"

And the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge says. And will not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man comes, shall he find faith on the earth?"³ Lk 18:1-8

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You, that I am not as other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes to heaven, but smote his breast, saying, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted."³ Lk 18:9-14



Pharisee and the Publican - Gustave Doré

A Pharisee and Publican Pray

And ³he spoke this parable to certain of them which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

Divorce

'The Pharisees also came to him, tempting him, and saying to him asked², "Is it lawful for a man to put away *his* wife'for every cause?"¹ Mt 19:3 ²Mk 10:2

'And he answered and said to them, "Have you not read, that he who made them, at the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'For this cause shall a man leave his² father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they two shall be one flesh?' Wherefore then² they are no more two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man put asunder."

'They said to him, "Then why did Moses command to give a writing of divorce, and to put *her* away?"² And he answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" And they said, "Moses allowed one to write a bill of divorce, and to put her away."

¹Mt 19:4-7 ²Mk 10:3-9

'He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts² wrote you this precept and allowed you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so."

Matthew 19

Mark 10

Luke 16,18

¹And I say to you, Whoever shall put away his wife, except for lewdness¹, and shall marry another, commits adultery against her²: and whoever marries her who is put away from her husband³, commits adultery. ²And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she commits adultery.”¹Mt19:8-9 ²Mk10:6-9, 11-12 ³Lk16:18

²And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter, “If the case of the man is so with his wife, it is not good to marry.” But he said to them, “All men cannot receive this saying, except them to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, who were so born from their mother’s womb: and there

are some eunuchs, who were made eunuchs by men: and there are eunuchs, who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.”¹Mt19:10-12 ²Mk10:10

Blessing the Children

Then were brought young² children and also infants³ to him, that he should touch^{2,3} them and put his hands on them, and pray. ³But when his disciples saw it, they rebuked² those that brought them. ¹Mt19:13 ²Mk10:13 ³Lk18:15

²But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased. He³ called them to him and said to them,

Blessing the Children - Carl Vogel von Vogelstein



Matthew 19

Mark 10

Luke 18

"Allow the² little children to come to me, and do not forbid them: for of such is the kingdom of God in heaven¹. ^{2,3}Truly I say to you, Whoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."

²And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands on them, blessed them, ¹and departed from there.

¹Mt 19:13-15 ²Mk 10:13-16 ³Lk 18:15-17

The Rich Young Ruler

¹And behold, ²when he was gone forth into the way, ²a certain ruler ²came running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, saying³, "Good Master, what good thing¹ shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

¹Mt 19:16 ²Mk 10:17 ³Lk 18:18

²And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? *There is none good but one, that is God.* ¹But if you will enter into life, keep the commandments." ¹And he said to him, "Which?" Jesus said, "^{2,3}You know them: Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, ¹You shall do no murder, ^{2,3}Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not², honor your father and your³ mother, ¹and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹Mt 19:19 ²Mk 10:18-19 ³Lk 18:19-20

And the young man¹ said to him, "Master², all these things¹ have I kept and observed² from my youth up³: ¹what do I lack yet?"

³Now ²then Jesus beholding him loved him, ³and when Jesus heard these things, he said to him, "*You lack one thing yet. If you will be perfect, go your way² and sell all³ that you have, distribute³ and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross², and follow me.*"

¹But when the young man heard that saying, ²he was sad, and went away very³ sorrowful and grieved²: for he had great possessions and³ was very rich.

¹Mt 19:20-22 ²Mk 10:20-22 ³Lk 18:21-23

The Eye of a Needle

³And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he ²looked round about, and said to his disciples, "*Truly I say to you, that a rich man with difficulty shall hardly^{2,3} enter into the kingdom of God^{2,3} in heaven.*"



The Rich Young Ruler Heinrich Hoffmann

²And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answered again, and said to them, "*Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! For³ it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.*"

¹Mt 19:23-24 ²Mk 10:23-25 ³Lk 18:24-25

Matthew 19,20

Mark 10

Luke 18

When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed and astonished out of measure², saying among themselves², “Then who can be saved?”

But Jesus, ²looking at them, ¹said to them, “With men this is impossible, but not with God:² for with God all things are possible.”

¹Mt19:25-26 ²Mk10:26-27 ³Lk18:26-27

²Then Peter answered¹ and began to say to him, “Look, we have forsaken¹ and left all, and followed you. What shall we therefore have?”

And Jesus answered² and said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed me in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. There is no man^{2,3} that has left and forsaken¹ houses, or lands^{1,2}, or parents³, or children, or brothers, or sisters, or father^{1,2}, or mother, or wife for my name's sake, and ³the kingdom of God's sake, ²and the gospel's, ³who shall not receive a hundredfold now² and manifold more³ in this present time, and in the world to come shall inherit¹ eternal² life everlasting.

^{1,2}But many that are first shall be last, and the last shall be first.”

¹Mt19:27-30 ²Mk10:28-31 ³Lk18:28-30

The Vineyard Workers

For¹ the kingdom of heaven is like a man that is a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market place, And said to them, ‘You go also into the vineyard; and whatever is right, I will give you.’ And they departed. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.”

“And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all the day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard; and you shall receive whatever is right.’” ¹Mt20:1-16

“So when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers, and give them *their* hire, beginning from the last to the first.’ And when those that were hired about the eleventh hour came, every man received a penny. And when the first came, they supposed that they should receive more; but every man likewise received a penny.”

“And when they had received it, they murmured against the master of the house. Saying, ‘These last have worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who have borne the burden and heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them, and said, ‘Friend, I do you no wrong: did you not agree with me for a penny? Take *what is* yours, and go your way: I will give to this last, even as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own? Is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for

many are called,
but few chosen.” ¹Mt20:1-16

Jesus Foretells His Death

And ²they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. ³Then he took again² to him the twelve disciples¹ apart in the way, ²and began to tell them what things should happen to him. ³And he said to them, “Notice, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.”

¹Mt20:17-19 ²Mk10:32-34 ³Lk18:31-33

Matthew 20

Mark 10

Luke 18

²The Son of man will be betrayed¹ and delivered to the chief priests, and to the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to the Gentiles. And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, ²and shall spit on him, ³and he shall be spitefully treated. And they shall put him to death³ and kill² and crucify¹ him: and the third day he will rise again.”¹ Mt 20:17-19 ² Mk 10:32-34 ³ Lk 18:31-33

³And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither did they know the things which were spoken.³ Lk 18:34

James and John Ask Favors

Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children, with her sons, ²James and John, 'worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him, saying, "Master, we would like you to do for us whatever we shall desire."

²And he said to them, "What would you like that I should do for you?"

And she said to him, "Grant that these my two sons may sit, one on your right hand, and the other on your² left hand, in your glory and in your kingdom."

'But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They said to him, "We can²."

²And Jesus said unto them, "You shall indeed drink of my cup that I drink of; and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with. But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared by my Father."

²And when the ten heard it, they began to be moved and much displeased with indignation against the two brothers, ²James and John.

'But Jesus called them to him, and said ²to them, "You know that the princes¹ who are accounted to rule over² the Gentiles exercise dominion¹ and lordship² over them, and their great ones² exercise authority upon them." But it shall not be so among you: but whoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant² of all: For² even as the Son of man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

¹ Mt 20:20-28 ² Mk 10:35-45



Healing the Blind - El Greco 1570

Blind Bartimaeus

²And they came to Jericho: ³and it came to pass, that as he came near to Jericho ²with his disciples, 'a great multitude of people² followed him.

'And as he ²went out and 'departed from Jericho behold, two blind men were sitting by the wayside begging.^{2,3}

³And hearing the multitude pass by, ³a certain² blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, ³asked what it meant. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth passes by.

Matthew 20

Mark 10

Luke 18,19

And ¹when they heard that ²it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

²And many ¹of the multitude ³which went ahead rebuked him that he should hold his peace: but they cried ³so much the more ²a great deal, ¹saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, *You* son of David!"

³And Jesus stood still^{1,2}, and commanded him to be brought to him. ²And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good comfort, rise; he calls you." ²And, casting away his garment, he rose, and came to Jesus. ³And when he was come near, ²Jesus answered and said to him, "*What wilt you that I should do to you?*"

¹They said to him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." And ²the blind man said to him, "^{2,3}Lord, that I might receive my sight."

¹So Jesus had compassion *on them*, and touched their eyes: ³And Jesus said to him, "*Receive your sight, ²go your way, your faith has saved you¹ and made you whole².*" And immediately ¹their eyes received sight, and they followed ²Jesus in the way, ³glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

¹Mt 20:29-34 ²Mk 10:46-52 ³Lk 18:35-43

Zacchaeus

And ¹Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, now, there was a man named Zacchaeus, who was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran ahead, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said to him, "*Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at your house.*"

And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be a guest with a man that is a sinner.

And Zacchaeus stood, and said to the Lord; "Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "*This day is salvation come to this house, for he is also a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*"

³Lk 19:1-10

Zacchaeus, Come Down. Repainted from The Illustrated Bible



Matthew 25

The Ten Talents

³And as they heard these things, he added and spoke a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

He said therefore, "A certain nobleman³ went traveling¹ into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his own¹ ten servants, and delivered to them his goods:¹ ten pounds.³ ¹And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability.³ And he said to them, 'Occupy till I come.' But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'"

"Then he who had received the five talents, went and traded with the same, and gained another five talents. And likewise he who *had received* two, he also gained another two. But he who had received one, went and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money."

"And it came to pass, ¹after a long time, that when³ the lord of those servants¹ was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called to him, to whom he had given the money, ¹and reckoned with them³ that he might know how much every man had gained by trading."

"Then the first¹ that had received five talents, came and brought the other five talents, saying, 'Lord, ³your pound has gained ten pounds. ¹You delivered to me five talents: behold, I have gained besides them five talents more.'³ And his lord said to him,

'Well done¹,

you good and faithful¹ servant:

because you have been

faithful over¹ a very³ few things,

I will make you ruler

over many things:

Luke 19

³you have authority over ten cities. ¹Enter into the joy of your lord.'"

"³And the second one ¹who had received two talents came, saying³, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents besides them: ³your pound has gained five pounds.'

³And likewise his lord¹ said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: ³You will also be over five cities. ¹Enter into the joy of your lord.'"

"Then he who had received the one talent came, and said, 'Lord, ³look, here is your pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: For I feared you, because I knew¹ you are a hard¹ and austere man: you take up what you did not lay down, reaping where¹ you have not sown, ¹and gathering where you have not strewn. So ¹I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the earth: here you have what is yours.'"

"And his lord¹ answered¹ and said to him, 'Out of your own mouth will I judge you, *you* wicked and slothful¹ servant. You knew that I was an austere man, taking up what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow, ¹and I gather where I have not strewn: ³Then why did you not give my money to the bank³ exchangers¹, that at my coming I might have received my own with interest?' And he said to those who stood by, 'Take therefore¹ the pound from him, and give it to him that has ten pounds.' (And they said to him, 'Lord, he already has ten pounds.')"

"For I say to you, That to every one who has shall be given, ¹and he shall have abundance; but from him that has not, ³even what he has shall be taken away from him. ¹And cast the unprofitable servant into utter darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ³But those, my enemies, who would not consent that I should reign over them, bring here, and slay *them* before me.'"

And when he had thus spoken, he went ahead, ascending up to Jerusalem. ¹Mt 25:14-30 ³Lk 19:11-28

Matthew 21

Mark 11

Luke 19

John 12

Triumphal Entry

³And it came to pass, 'on the next day 'when they drew near to Jerusalem, and had come to Bethphage ^{2,3}and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, 'then Jesus sent forth² two of his^{2,3} disciples, 'saying to them, "Go your way² into the village over opposite you, and immediately² as soon as you are entered into it, you shall find 'an ass tied, and a colt with her ^{2,3}whereon a man has never sat, loose them, and bring them here³ to me. 'And if any one shall say to you, ^{1,2,3}Why do you loose³ him?' you shall say to him³, 'Because³ the Lord has need of them;' and immediately he will straightway² send them here²."

¹Mt 21:1-3 ²Mk 11:1-3 ³Lk 19:29-31 ⁴Jn 12:12

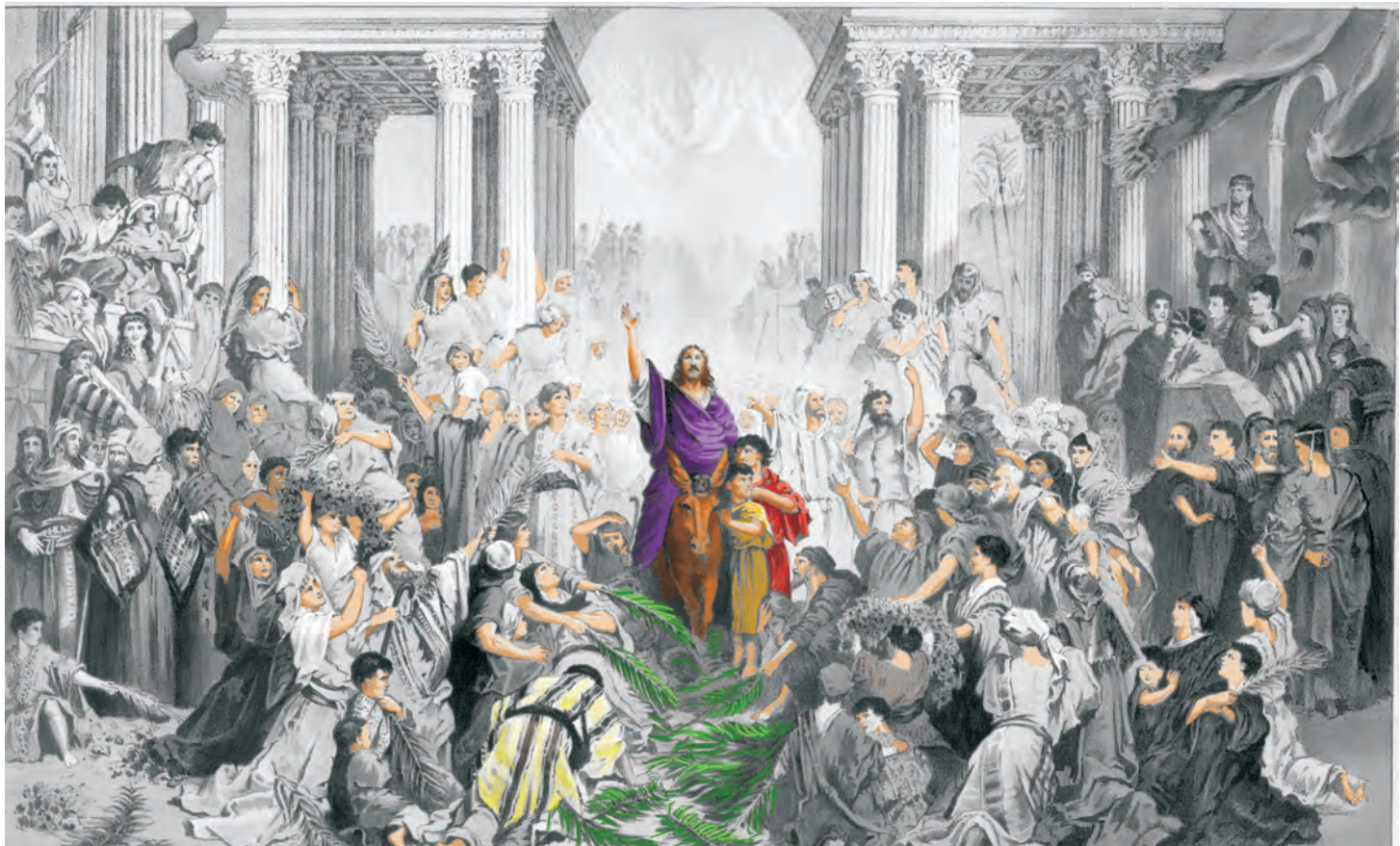
'All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Fear not⁴, tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King comes to you', meek¹, and sitting upon a colt, the foal of an ass."

⁴His disciples did not understand these things at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things to him.

¹Mt 21:4-5 ⁴Jn 12:15-16

'And the disciples³ that were sent^{2,3} went their way, and found³ the colt tied by the door outside in a place where two ways met; even as he had said to them. 'And they did as Jesus commanded them, ²they loosed him. ³And as they were loosing the colt, the owners² that stood there said to them, ³"Why do you loose the colt?"² And they said to them even as Jesus had commanded: ³"The Lord has need of him."² And they let them go. ²And they brought the ass¹ and the colt to Jesus, and put¹ their garments on the colt³; ³and they set Jesus on him.

¹Mt 21:6-7 ²Mk 11:4-7 ³Lk 19:32-35



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Matthew 21

Mark 11

Luke 19

John 12

³And as he went ¹a very great multitude of ⁴many people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ⁴went forth to meet him and ³spread their clothes in the way; and others cut down branches from the palm ⁴trees, and strew *them* in the way.

⁴The people therefore that were with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. For this cause the people also met him, for they heard that he had done this miracle. ³And when he was come near, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples ^{1,2}that went before, and those that followed, cried and ³began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "²Hosanna, ¹Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is the King ³of Israel" that comes

in the name of the Lord, ²Blessed be the kingdom of our father David: ³peace in heaven, and glory, ¹Hosanna ²in the highest!"

¹Mt 21:8-9 ²Mk 11:8-10 ³Lk 19:36-38 ⁴Jn 12:12-13, 17-18

⁴The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "Do you perceive how you prevail nothing? Look, the world is gone after him." ³And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said to him, "Master, rebuke your disciples."

And he answered and said to them, "**I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.**" ³Lk 19:39-40 ⁴Jn 12:19

¹And when he had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" And the multitude said, "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." ¹Mt 21:10-11

He Cast Them Out - Jacob Jordaens 1650



Matthew 21

Mark 11,12

Luke 13,19

³And when he came near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, If you had known, even you, at least in this your day, the things which belong to your peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. For the days shall come upon you, that your enemies shall cast a trench about you, and compass you round, and keep you in on every side, and shall lay you even with the ground, and your children within you; and they shall not leave in you one stone upon another; because you knew not the time of your visitation."

³Lk13:34-35; 19:41-44

²And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple. And when he had looked round about upon all things, and the eventide was now come, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.²Mk11:11

Fruitless Fig Tree

¹Now in the morning ²on the morrow when they were returning into the city from Bethany, he was hun-gry. ¹And when he saw a fig tree afar off² in the way having leaves, he came to it, ²if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing on it, but only leaves, for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said to it, "Let no man eat fruit from you ¹henceforth forever."

²And his disciples heard it.¹Mt 21:18-19 ²Mk11:12-14

Second Temple Cleansing

²And they came to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple of God, and began² to cast out all that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of those that sold doves.¹Mt 21:12 ²Mk11:15 ³Lk19:45

²And he taught, saying to them, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer of all nations², but you have made it a den of thieves."

²And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

¹Mt 21:13 ²Mk11:16-17 ³Lk19:46

¹And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, "Hosanna to the son of David," they were greatly displeased, and said to him, "Do you hear what these say?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes: have you never read, You have perfected praise out of the mouth of babes and sucklings?"¹Mt 21:14-16

³And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and scribes and the chief of the people sought ²how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. ³And could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

²Mk11:18 ³Lk19:47-48

²And when even was come, he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany, and he lodged there.

¹Mt 21:17 ²Mk11:19

Withered Fig Tree

²And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the withered¹ fig tree dried up from the roots. ¹And when the disciples saw it, they marveled. ²And Peter calling to remembrance said to him, "Master, behold, the fig tree which You cursed! ¹How soon is it withered away!" Jesus answered and said to them,

"²Have faith in God. For truly I say to you, If you have faith, and do not doubt, you shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also, if whoever shall say to this mountain, 'Be removed, and be cast into the sea;' ²and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he said shall come to pass, ¹it shall be done, ²and he shall have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, ¹And all things whatever you desire² and shall ask in prayer, ²believe that you receive them, ¹and you shall receive."¹Mt 21:19-22 ²Mk11:20-24

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Matthew 21

Mark 11

Luke 20

By What Authority?

²And they came again to Jerusalem: ³and it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, ¹the chief priests and scribes^{2,3} and the elders of the people came to him, and said "Tell us³, by what authority do you do these things? And who gave you this authority² to do these things?"

¹Mt 21:23 ²Mk 11:27-28 ³Lk 20:1-2

And Jesus^{1,2} answered and said to them, "I will also ask of you one thing, a question², which if you answer^{2,3} and tell¹ me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things: The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from¹ men? ²Answer me."

¹Mt 21:24 ²Mk 11:29,30 ³Lk 20:3,4

And they reasoned with themselves, saying, "If we shall say, 'From heaven;' he will say to us¹, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we shall^{1,2} say, 'From men;' we fear³ all the people will stone us: for all^{1,2} men² are persuaded³ that John was a prophet² indeed."

¹Mt 21:25,26 ²Mk 11:31,32 ³Lk 20:5,6

²And they answered and said to Jesus, "We cannot tell³ where it was from." And Jesus answering² said to them, "Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things."

¹Mt 21:27 ²Mk 11:33 ³Lk 20:7-8

The Two Sons

"¹But what do you think? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not;' but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir:' and went not.

Which of the two did the will of his father?"

They say to him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and you, when you had seen it, did not repent afterward, that you might believe him." ¹Mt 21:28-32

The Wicked Husbandmen

Then ³he began to speak to the people, "Hear another parable; There was a certain householder, who planted a vineyard, ²and set a hedge around it, and dug a place for the winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far remote² country ³for a long time." ¹Mt 21:33 ²Mk 12:1 ³Lk 20:9

A Father and His Two Sons - John Everett Millais 1870



Matthew 21,22

Mark 11

Luke 20

"²And at the season ¹when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants¹ to the husbandmen, that they might receive from the husbandmen² the fruits² of the vineyard². ³But the husbandmen ¹took and caught² his servants, and beat one ^{2,3}and sent *him* away empty, ¹and killed another, and stoned another."¹ Mt 21:34-35² Mk 12:2-3³ Lk 20:10

"¹And again he sent to them² ¹other servants more than the first: and they did to them in like manner. ²And at him they cast stones, and wounded *him* in the head, ³and they beat him also, and treated him shamefully, and sent *him* away empty."

¹Mt 21:36² Mk 12:4³ Lk 20:11

"³And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast *him* out, ²and many others; beating some, and killing some."² Mk 12:5³ Lk 20:12

"¹But last of all ²having yet therefore one son, ³the lord of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my well² beloved³ son: it may be³ they will reverence my son^{1,2} when they see him³."

¹Mt 21:37² Mk 12:6³ Lk 20:13

"¹But when those² husbandmen saw the son¹, they reasoned³ among themselves, saying³, 'This is the heir: come, let us kill him, ¹and let us seize on his inheritance, ³that it may be ours.' So³ they took² and caught¹ him, cast him³ out of the vineyard, and killed *him*."¹ Mt 21:38-39² Mk 12:7-8³ Lk 20:14-15

"¹Therefore, when¹ the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those husbandmen?"³ And when they heard it, they said to him¹, "God forbid³ He will come^{2,3} and miserably¹ destroy those wicked¹ husbandmen, and will give the vineyard to other ¹husbandmen who will render him the fruits in their seasons."¹ Mt 21:40-41² Mk 12:9³ Lk 20:15-16

³And Jesus¹ beheld them, and said ¹to them, "⁴³What is this then that is written, did you never read in the scriptures, 'The stone which the builders rejected, the same^{1,3} is become the head of the corner: this was³ the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?' ^{2,3}And whoever shall fall on that³ stone shall

be broken; but on whomever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. ¹Therefore I say to you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits of it."

¹Mt 21:42-44² Mk 12:10-11³ Lk 20:17-18

¹And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he had spoken this parable against^{2,3} them. ³And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; but they feared the people ¹and the multitude, because they took him for a prophet. ³And they left him, and went their way.

¹Mt 21:45-46² Mk 12:12³ Lk 20:19

The Wedding Garment

And Jesus answered, and spoke to them again by parables, and said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who made a marriage for his son, and sent his servants to call them that were invited to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell them who are invited, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come to the marriage.'"

"But they made light of it, and went, one to his farm, another to his merchandise. And the remnant took his servants, and treated *them* spitefully, and slew *them*."

"But when the king heard *of it*, he was angry: and he sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but they who were invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the highways, and as many as you shall find, invite to the marriage.'" ¹Mt 22:1-9

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Matthew 22

Mark 12

Luke 14,20

"So those servants went out into the highways, and collected all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who had not a wedding garment."

¹Mt 22:10-11



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"And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here, not having a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness.' There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen." ¹Mt 22:12-14

The Great Supper Invitation

³Then he said to him, "A certain man made a great supper, and invited many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were invited, 'Come; for all things are now ready.' And they all with one consent began to make excuses. The first said to

him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it: I pray you have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray you have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'"

"So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Lord, it is done as you have commanded, and yet there is room.' And the lord said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.' For I say to you, That none of those men which were invited shall taste of my supper."

³Lk 14:16-24

Caesar's Tribute

Then 'the Pharisee went and took counsel how they might ³take hold of his words or catch² and 'entangle him in *his* talk. ³They watched *him* and sent out¹ ²to him certain of their disciples' and

Herodians ³as spies which should feign themselves as just men, so they might deliver him to the power and authority of the governor.

¹Mt 22:15-16 ²Mk 12:13 ³Lk 20:20

Matthew 22

Mark 12

Luke 20

²And when they were come, they asked³ him, saying, “Master, we know that You are true,^{1,2} that you teach rightly³, and care not for any¹ man: for you do not regard the person of men,³ but you teach the way of God truly. Tell us therefore, what do you think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? ²Shall we give, or shall we not give?”¹ Mt 22:16-17

²Mk 12:14-15 ³Lk 20:21-22

¹But Jesus perceived their wicked craftiness³, and ²knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “**Why do you tempt me, you hypocrites? Bring me a penny^{2,3} and show me the tribute-money that I may see it².**”

^{1,2}And they brought him a penny.¹ Mt 22:18-19

²Mk 12:15-16 ³Lk 20:23-24

^{1,2}And he said to them, “**Whose image and superscription is this?**” And they answered³ and said to him, “Caesar’s.”¹ Mt 22:20-21 ²Mk 12:16 ³Lk 20:24

Then¹ Jesus answering² said to them,

“Render therefore^{1,3} to Caesar the things which are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

¹When they had heard *this* ³they could not take hold of his words before the people: ¹they marveled ³at his answer, held their peace, ²left him, and departed.

¹Mt 22:21-22 ²Mk 12:17 ³Lk 20:25-26

Resurrection Debate

The same day certain³ of the Sadducees, who deny³ and say that there is no resurrection, came to him and asked, saying, “Master, Moses wrote to us^{2,3} and said, If a man shall die, and leave² no children, his brother should take^{2,3} and marry his wife, to raise up seed for his brother.”

¹Mt 22:23-24 ²Mk 12:18-19 ³Lk 20:27-28

“²Now there were therefore³ with us¹ seven brothers: and the first, when he took² and married a wife, ³died without having any issue¹ of children, but left his wife to his brother. Likewise¹ the second also¹ took her² to wife³, and he died childless³, ²neither did he leave any seed. And the third took her³ likewise²; ³and in like manner the seven also had her²: they left no children or seed², and died. And last of all the woman died also.”¹ Mt 22:25-27 ²Mk 12:20-22 ³Lk 20:29-32

“Therefore in the resurrection, when they shall rise², whose wife shall she be¹ of the seven? For all seven^{2,3} had her to wife^{2,3}.”¹ Mt 22:28 ²Mk 12:23 ³Lk 20:33



Certain of the Sadducees - Gustave Dore

Matthew 22,26

Mark 12,14

Luke 7,20

John 12

And Jesus answered and said to them, “¹You err, ²because you do not know the scriptures nor the power of God. ³The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage, but ⁴in the resurrection ⁵from the dead, they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, neither marry, nor are given in marriage, ⁶but are as the angels of God¹ which are² in heaven. ⁷Neither can they die anymore: for they are equal to the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.”

¹Mt 22:29-30 ²Mk 12:24-25 ³Lk 20:34-36

“¹But now² concerning the resurrection of the dead ³that they⁴ are raised, have you not read ⁵in the book of Moses⁶ that which was spoken to you⁷ how in the bush God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’ ⁸God is not the God of the dead, but the God⁹ of the living: ¹⁰for all live unto him. ¹¹You therefore do greatly err.”

And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

¹Mt 22:31-33 ²Mk 12:26,27 ³Lk 20:37,38

The Great Commandment

But¹ when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were assembled about him. Then one of the scribes² who was a lawyer, ³and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, ⁴asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying, “Master, which is the first⁵ and great commandment in all⁶ the law?”

¹Mt 22:34,36 ²Mk 12:28

²And Jesus answered and said¹ to him, “*The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, ²and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment.*”

¹Mt 22:37-38 ²Mk 12:29-30

“²And the second *is like it*, namely this, *You shalt*

love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. ²There is no other commandment greater than these.” ¹Mt 22:39,40 ²Mk 12:31

²And the scribe said to him, “Master, You have well¹ said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

²And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said to him, “*You are not far from the kingdom of God.*” ³And after than no man² dared ask him³ any question at all. ²Mk 12:32-34 ³Lk 20:39,40

Mary Anoints His Feet

Six¹ days before the passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, but whom he raised from the dead. Now when Jesus was in Bethany, ²Simon the leper, ³one of the Pharisees, desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. ⁴There they made him a supper, and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

¹Mt 26:6 ²Mk 14:3 ³Lk 7:36 ⁴Jn 12:1-3

⁴Many people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. ⁴Jn 12:9

⁴Then Mary, ³a woman in the city, who was a sinner, ⁴took a pound of spikenard in¹ an alabaster box, very precious and costly⁴ ointment, ²and she broke the box¹ and poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ¹Mt 26:6 ²Mk 14:3

And she³ stood at his feet behind *him* weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and wipe *them* with her hair⁴, and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment: ⁴and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. ³Lk 7:36 ⁴Jn 12:3

Matthew 26

Mark 14

Luke 7

John 12



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'But when his disciples saw it, ¹one of them, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who should betray him, ¹had indignation, ²and said, "Why was this waste of the ointment made? ¹And to what purpose? For it might have been sold for more than ²three hundred pence, and given to the poor."² And they murmured against her. ⁴He said this, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bore what was put therein.¹ ¹Mt 26:8,9 ²Mk 14:5 ⁴Jn 12:4-6

'When Jesus understood it, he said to them,

"^{2,4} Let her alone; ^{1,2} Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work on me. ⁴For you always have the poor with you; ²and whenever you want you may do them good: ⁴but you do not always have me."

¹Mt 26:10,11 ²Mk 14:6,7 ⁴Jn 12:7,8

³Now when the Pharisee which had invited him saw it, he spoke within himself, saying, "This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that touches him: for she is a sinner."

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And Jesus answering said to him, "**Simon, I have something to say to you.**"

And he said, "Master, say on."

"**There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both.**

Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose that *he*, to whom he forgave most." And he said to him, "**You have rightly judged.**"

And he turned to the woman, and said to Simon, "**See this woman? I entered into your house, you gave me no water for my feet: but she has washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head. You gave me no kiss: but this woman, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil: but this woman has anointed my feet with ointment. ²She has done what she could: she kept this¹ ointment¹ and is come beforehand to anoint my body¹ for my burial. Truly I say to you,**

**Wherever this gospel
shall be preached
throughout² the whole world,
there also shall this,
which this woman has done,
be told for a memorial of her.**

³Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."

And he said to her, "**Your sins are forgiven.**"

And those that sat at the meal with him began to say within themselves, "Who is this that also forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "**Your faith has saved you; go in peace.**"

Judas and the Priests

¹And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, "**You know that after two days is *the feast of the passover*, ^{2,3}and of unleaven bread, ¹and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.**" ¹Mt 26:1-2 ²Mk 14:1 ³Lk 22:1

¹Then the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, assembled in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and consulted and sought how^{2,3} they might take Jesus by craft² and subtlety, and ²put him to death; ³for they feared the people. ²But they said, "Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among¹ the people."

¹Mt 26:3-5 ²Mk 14:1-2 ³Lk 22:2

³Then Satan entered into ¹one of the twelve, called Judas surnamed³ Iscariot. ³And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, ²to betray him to them, ¹and said, "What will you give me, and I will deliver him to you?" ²And when they heard this, they were glad, and promised to give him money. ¹And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. ¹And from that time he promised³ to seek an opportunity ²how he might conveniently betray him ³to them in the absence of the multitude. ¹Mt 26:14-16 ²Mk 14:11 ³Lk 22:3-6

⁴And the chief priests consulted that they might also put Lazarus to death; Because by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus. ⁴Jn 12:10-11

The Lord the son of David

Mhile ¹the Pharisees were assembled, ²and as Jesus taught in the temple, ¹he asked them, "**What do you think of Christ?**

Whose son is he?"

They said to him, "**The son of David.**"

³And he said to them, "**Then ²How do the scribes say that Christ is the Son of David? And how does David² by the Holy Spirit call him Lord?**

¹Mt 22:41-43 ²Mk 12:35,36 ³Lk 20:41

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Luke 7,22

John 12



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²For David himself said ³in the book of Psalms,
'The LORD said to my Lord, Sit on my right
hand, till I make your enemies your footstool.'

¹Mt 22:44 ²Mk 12:36 ³Lk 20:42,43

"If then David ²therefore himself calls him Lord,
how is he then ³his son?"

'And no man was able to answer him a word, neither
did any one, from that day forward, ask him any
more questions. ²And the common people heard him
gladly. ¹Mt 22:45,46 ²Mk 12:37 ³Lk 20:44

If I be Lifted Up

'And there were cer-
tain Greeks among
them that came up to
worship at the feast.
Therefore they came
to Philip, which was
of Bethsaida of
Galilee, and desired
him, saying, "Sir, we
would see Jesus."

Philip came and told
Andrew: and again
Andrew and Philip
told Jesus. And
Jesus answered
them, saying, "The
hour is come, that
the Son of man
should be glorified.
Truly, truly, I say to
you, "Except a corn
of wheat fall into the
ground and die, it
abides alone: but if it
dies, it brings forth

much fruit. He that loves his life shall lose it; and he
that hates his life in this world shall keep it to life
eternal. If any man serves me, let him follow me;
and where I am, there also shall my servant be:
if any man serve me, him will my Father honor."

⁴Jn 12:20-26

"Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say?
Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause I
came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name."
Then there came a voice from heaven, saying,

"I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." ⁴Jn 12:27,28

Matthew 23

Mark 12

Luke 11

John 12

⁴The people therefore, that stood by, and heard *it*, said that it thundered: others said, "An angel spoke to him." Jesus answered and said, "*This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*"⁴Jn 12:29-31

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me." This he said, signifying what death he should die.

The people answered him, "We have heard out of the law that Christ abides for ever: and why do you say, 'The Son of man must be lifted up?' Who is this Son of man?" Then Jesus said to them, "Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walks in darkness knows not where he goes. While you have light, believe in the light, that you may be the children of light." Jesus spoke these things and departed, and hid himself from them.⁴Jn 12:32-36

Many Believe on Him

But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they did not believe on him: that the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, "Lord, who has believed our report? and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again, "He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them." These things Isaiah said, when he saw his glory, and spoke of him. Nevertheless among the chief rulers many also believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

⁴Jn 12:37-43

⁴Jesus cried and said, "He that believes on me, believes not on me, but on Him that sent me. And he

that sees me sees Him that sent me. I am come as a light into the world, that whoever believes on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believes not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejects me, and receives not my words, has one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father who sent me, He gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: whatever I speak therefore, even as the Father said to me, so I speak."

⁴Jn 12:44-50

Woes!

Then ³in the audience of all the people Jesus spoke to the multitude, and to his disciples, ²in his doctrine, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses's seat. All therefore, whatever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do: but do not do according to their works: for they say, and do not."

³Then one of the lawyers answered and said to him, "Master, you reproach us also." And he said, "Woe to you also, you lawyers! For you³ bind heavy burdens grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but you yourselves do not touch the burdens or move them with one of your fingers."

¹Mt 23:1-4 ²Mk 12:38 ³Lk 11:45-46; 20:45

⁴²Beware of the scribes, who love to go and ³walk in long robes. They make broad their phylacteries and enlarge the borders of their garments. But they do all their works to be seen by men."

⁴³Woe to you, Pharisees! For you love the highest and uppermost seats rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and ³love greetings and ²salutations in the market places, and to be called by men, Rabbi, Rabbi."

¹Mt 23:5-7 ²Mk 12:38-39 ³Lk 11:43; 20:46

Matthew 23

Mark 12

Luke 11,20

“But don’t be called Rabbi: for One is your Master, even Christ; and all of you are brothers. And call no man your father on the earth: for One is your Father who is in heaven. Neither be called masters: for One is your master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you, shall be your servant. And whoever shall exalt himself, shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself, shall be exalted.”¹ Mt 23:8-12

“But woe to you, lawyers, scribes and Pharisees! hypocrites! for you³ have taken away the key of knowledge and¹ shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: you neither go in yourselves³, neither allow those that are entering, to go in, but hindered them.”³

¹ Mt 23:13 ³ Lk 11:52

“¹ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses, and for a show³ of pretense make long prayer: therefore you shall receive the greater damnation.”

¹ Mt 23:14 ² Mk 12:40 ³ Lk 20:47

“¹ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, you make him twice more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe to you blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is indebted.’ You blind fools: for which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold? And ‘Whoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is guilty.’ You blind fools:

for which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift? Whoever therefore shall swear by the altar, swears by it, and by everything on it. And whoever shall swear by the temple, swears by it, and by Him that dwells in it. And he that shall swear by heaven, swears by the throne of God, and by He that sits upon it.”¹ Mt 23:15-22

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“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay¹ tithe of mint, and anise, and cummin,³ and rue and all manner of herbs, but pass over¹ and have omitted the weightier matters of the law: judgment, mercy, faith³ and the love of God: these you ought to have done, and not to leave the others¹ undone. ‘You blind guides, who strain out a gnat, and swallow a camel.’”¹ Mt 23:23-24³ Lk 11:42

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitened sepulchres and³ as graves which appear not, ‘which indeed appear beautiful outward, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them, but inside are full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness. Thus you also appear outwardly righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.’”¹ Mt 23:27-28³ Lk 11:42-44

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs and sepulchres³ of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous (and your fathers killed them.) And you say, ‘If we had been in the days of our fathers, we

would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.’ Wherefore truly³ you are witnesses to yourselves, ‘that you allow the deeds of your fathers: ‘you are the children of those who killed the prophets,³ for they indeed killed them, and you build their sepulchres. ‘Fill up then the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell?’”

“³Therefore also the wisdom of God said, ‘I will³ send to you prophets and apostles³, and wise men, and scribes; and some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them ye will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute³ them from city to city: ‘That upon you may come³ the blood of all the righteous¹ prophets which was shed ‘upon the earth³ from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zacharias ‘son of Barachias, ‘who perished and ‘whom you slew between the altar and the temple. ‘Truly I say to you, all these things¹ shall be required of this generation.’”¹ Mt 23:29-36³ Lk 11:45-52



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