

# MATTHEW

## Chapter 1

Matt. 1:1 The written record containing the genealogy [ancestry] of Jesus the Messiah [Christ, the Anointed], the descendant of David, the descendant of Abraham [back to Adam].

Matt. 1:2 Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of Judah and his brothers,

Matt. 1:3 And Judah became the father of Phares and Zara out from Thamar [his Gentile wife Tamar], and Phares became the father of Hesrom, and Hesrom became the father of Aram,

Matt. 1:4 And Aram became the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab became the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon became the father of Salmon,

Matt. 1:5 And Salmon became the father of Boes out from Rachab [his Gentile wife Rahab], and Boes became the father of Obed out from Ruth [his Gentile wife], and Obed became the father of Jesse,

Matt. 1:6 And Jesse became the father of David the King, and David became the father of Solomon out from the one [Bathsheba, the former Gentile wife of Uriah the Hittite] belonging to Urias [his wife],

Matt. 1:7 And Solomon became the father of Roboam, and Roboam became the father of Abia, and Abia became the father of Asaph,

Matt. 1:8 And Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat became the father of Joram, and Joram became the father of Ozias,

Matt. 1:9 And Ozias became the father of Joatham, and Joatham became the father of Achaz, and Achaz became the father of Hezekias,

Matt. 1:10 And Hezekias became the father of Manasses, and Manasses became the father of Amos, and Amos became the father of Josias,

Matt. 1:11 And Josias became the father of Jechonias and his brothers during the deportation to Babylon.

Matt. 1:12 And after the deportation to Babylon, Jechonias became the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel became the father of Zorobabel,

Matt. 1:13 And Zorobabel became the father of Abioud, and Abioud became the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim became the father of Azor,

Matt. 1:14 And Azor became the father of Sadok, and Sadok became the father of Achim, and Achim became the father of Elioud,

Matt. 1:15 And Elioud became the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar became the father of Matthan, and Matthan became the father of Jacob,

Matt. 1:16 And Jacob became the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, out from whom Jesus was born, Who is called the Messiah [the Anointed One, the Christ].

Matt. 1:17 Accordingly, all of the generations from Abraham up to David *are* fourteen generations, and from David up to the deportation to Babylon *are* fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon up to the Messiah *are* fourteen generations.

Matt. 1:18 Now, the birth of Jesus the Messiah happened in this manner. After Mary, His mother, was engaged to be married to Joseph, before they had come together intimately, she was found with child [pregnant], brought about by the Holy Spirit.

Matt. 1:19 However, Joseph, her husband, who was a fair and just man and who did not wish to publicly humiliate her, was willing to divorce her secretly.

Matt. 1:20 Now, while his options were being considered, behold, an angel of the Lord was revealed [became visible] to him during a dream, saying: “Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid [as a natural consequence of your own disturbed thoughts] to accept [receive with respect] Mary, your wife, because that which was conceived inside her is from the Holy Spirit as a Source.

Matt. 1:21 Furthermore, she will give birth to a son and you will call His name, Jesus, for He Himself will save [justification-salvation] His people from their sins.”

Matt. 1:22 Now, this entire pronouncement [divine instructions] happened in order that it might be fulfilled, that which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

Matt. 1:23 “Behold, the virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son and they will call His name [title] Emmanuel, which being translated means ‘God with us.’”

Matt. 1:24 Then Joseph, after being awakened from sleep, began to do as the angel had ordered him. Accordingly, he accepted [received with favor] his wife,

Matt. 1:25 Furthermore, he did not come to know her intimately [euphemism: sexual relationship] until which time she gave birth to a son. Subsequently [after He was born], he called His name Jesus.

## Chapter 2

Matt. 2:1 Now, because Jesus [*Bread of Life*] had been born in Bethlehem [*House of Bread*], Judea, during the time of King Herod, behold, Magi [astrologers] from the Orient [land of the rising sun: Babylon] arrived in Jerusalem,

Matt. 2:2 Asking: “Where is He, the One [Jesus the Messiah] who was born King of the Jews? For we saw His star [an unusual star out of Jacob - Numbers 24:17] in the east and have arrived to worship Him.”

Matt. 2:3 Now, when King Herod heard *about this*, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him.

Matt. 2:4 And so, after gathering together all chief priests and scholars along the people, he inquired alongside of them where the Messiah was supposed to be born.

Matt. 2:5 And they replied to him: “In Bethlehem, Judaea, for thus it is written through the prophet [Micah]:

Matt. 2:6 And as for you, Bethlehem, land of Judas, you are by no means inferior with reference to influential princes [officials], for out from you will come *One* who is a guide and ruler, One who will lead and shepherd My people, Israel.”

Matt. 2:7 Then Herod [being a liar and consummate politician], after contacting the Magi secretly, ascertained from them the length of time since the star had appeared.

Matt. 2:8 Subsequently, before sending them to Bethlehem, he said: “As you travel, conduct a careful search for the young Child and when you find *him*, notify me so that I may also come to worship him face-to-face.”

Matt. 2:9 Then, after listening to the king, they departed [proceeded to Bethlehem], and behold, the star which they saw in the east continued to lead them until, having arrived, it stood above [hovered, stayed in one place] where the young Child was staying.

Matt. 2:10 And as they looked at the star, they became joyous with exceedingly [beside themselves] great happiness.

Matt. 2:11 Then, having entered into the building, they saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and after prostrating themselves [throwing themselves upon the ground], they worshipped Him, and after opening their treasure chests, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense [costly oils and perfume] and myrrh [analgesic medicine].

Matt. 2:12 Then, having been warned through a dream not to return to Herod, they returned to their country by another road.

Matt. 2:13 Now, after they [the Magi] withdrew and departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph during a dream, saying: “After you wake up, take the young Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. For Herod intends to search for the young child for the purpose of killing Him.”

Matt. 2:14 And when he woke up, he took the young Child and His mother by night and took refuge in Egypt.

Matt. 2:15 And he remained there until the death of Herod, in order that it would be fulfilled - that which was declared by the Lord through the prophet [Hosea], saying: “Out of Egypt I will summon My Son.”

Matt. 2:16 Then Herod, realizing that he had been deceived by the Magi, became exceedingly angry, and having sent assassins, he murdered all the young boys in Bethlehem and in all its surrounding regions, from two-years old and under, according to the time which he carefully ascertained [exactly calculated] from the Magi.

Matt. 2:17 Then it was fulfilled which was reported by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

Matt. 2:18 “A voice in Ramah was heard, great crying and mourning (*like* Rachel weeping for her children) and not wishing to be consoled, because they were no longer alive.”

Matt. 2:19 Now, when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in Egypt,

Matt. 2:20 Saying: “After you wake up, take the young Child and His mother and return to the land of Israel, for those who seek the life of the child have died.”

Matt. 2:21 And when he woke up, he took the young Child and His mother and returned to the land of Israel.

Matt. 2:22 However, when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judaea after his father, Herod, he was afraid to go there. Furthermore, after being warned during a dream, he took refuge in the region of Galilee,

Matt. 2:23 And after he arrived, he settled in a town called Nazareth, in order that it would be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

### Chapter 3

Matt. 3:1 Now, in those days, John the Baptizer made his initial appearance, preaching publicly in the desert of Judaea,

Matt. 3:2 Saying: “Repent [change your mind, be converted], for the kingdom of heaven [earthly, Messianic kingdom] is drawing near [approaching].”

Matt. 3:3 For this is the one who was spoken of through Isaiah, the prophet, who said: “A voice in the desert will be shouting, Start making preparations for the way of the Lord at once. Proceed on His paths.”

Matt. 3:4 Now, John himself was in the habit of wearing clothing *made* of camel’s hair, and a leather belt around his waist. Furthermore, his food was locusts and wild honey.

Matt. 3:5 Then, there proceeded out face-to-face to him Jerusalemites and every part of Judaea and the entire region by the Jordan,

Matt. 3:6 And they [*true* Israel, a remnant of believers] were baptized in the Jordan river by him after confessing [acknowledging, privately citing] their sins.

Matt. 3:7 But, having seen many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them: “Brood [offspring] of vipers [poisonous snakes], who has warned you to flee from the wrath which is coming?

Matt. 3:8 Therefore, start producing fruit [spiritual variety] worthy of your repentance.

Matt. 3:9 Furthermore, don’t start thinking within yourselves for the purpose of claiming: ‘We have a father, Abraham,’ for I am telling you that God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

Matt. 3:10 As a matter of fact, the axe [divine judgment] has already been laid and is ready to be used at the root [the Pharisees and Sadducees] of the trees [unbelieving Jews]. Therefore, each tree which does not produce fruit is cut down and cast into fire.

Matt. 3:11 As for myself, on the one hand, I baptize you in water [ritual only] in response to repentance, but on the other hand, He [the Messiah] who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire,

Matt. 3:12 Whose winnowing shovel *is* in His hand. Consequently, He will clean out His threshing floor and gather His wheat [elect Jews] into the barn. However, He will burn up the chaff [non-elect Jews] with inextinguishable fire.”

Matt. 3:13 Then Jesus made a public appearance from Galilee up to the Jordan face-to-face to John for the purpose of being baptized by him.

Matt. 3:14 But John tried to prevent Him by asking: “As for myself, I have need to be baptized by You, yet You are coming face-to-face to me?”

Matt. 3:15 But answering with discernment, Jesus said face-to-face to him: “Permit it at this time, for thus it is appropriate for us to fulfill every religious requirement [for His priestly office].” Then he permitted Him.

Matt. 3:16 Then Jesus, after being baptized, immediately came up from the water, and behold, the heavens opened to Him, and He saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove [representing purity, innocence, and gentleness] and coming [hovering] over Him.

Matt. 3:17 And behold, a Voice out of the heavens [God the Father] was saying: “This is My Son, the beloved One, in Whom I am well pleased.”

## Chapter 4

Matt. 4:1 Then Jesus was led up into a desolate place by the Spirit for the purpose of being tested [enticed to sin by the author of sin] by the devil [slanderer, accuser].

Matt. 4:2 And having fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He became hungry.

Matt. 4:3 Then, he who incites to sin approached Him, saying: “If You are the Son of God, speak so that these stones become loaves of bread.”

Matt. 4:4 But responding with discernment, He replied: “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by each word which proceeds out from the mouth of God.”

Matt. 4:5 Then the devil escorted Him to a city set apart for worship and had Him stand above the summit of the temple,

Matt. 4:6 And said to Him: “If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down below, for it is written that He will give His angels orders concerning You, and they will lift You up with *their* hands in order that You may not strike Your foot against a stone.”

Matt. 4:7 Jesus replied to him: “It is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test [presumption].’”

Matt. 4:8 Once more the devil escorted Him to an exceedingly high mountain and showed Him all the ruled territories [political realms] of the world system and their splendor.

Matt. 4:9 And he said to Him: “I will give to You all these things [ruled territories and their inhabitants] if, falling to Your knees, You will worship me.”

Matt. 4:10 Then Jesus replied to him: “Go away [get out of here], Satan, for it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.’”

Matt. 4:11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came forward and began to take care of Him.

Matt. 4:12 Now, having heard that John had been delivered up [into the hands of the politico-religious leaders], He returned to Galilee.

Matt. 4:13 Then, after leaving Nazareth and making His initial public appearance, he settled in Capernaum by the sea, in the regions of Zabulon and Nephthalim,

Matt. 4:14 In order that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet when he said:

Matt. 4:15 The land of Zabulon and the land of Nephthalim, along the road by the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee, during the time of the Gentiles.

Matt. 4:16 The people who were living in darkness [spiritually] saw great light [Jesus Christ], and for those who were living in a region and shadow of death, light sprung up before them.

Matt. 4:17 From that time forward, Jesus began to preach and said repeatedly: “Repent [change your mind, be converted], for the kingdom of heaven is drawing near [approaching].”

Matt. 4:18 Then, while walking along the sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, the one called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

Matt. 4:19 And He said to them: Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matt. 4:20 And after immediately abandoning their nets, they began to follow Him.

Matt. 4:21 And advancing from there, He saw two other brothers, Jacob, the one from Zebedee, and John his brother, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. Then He called them.

Matt. 4:22 And immediately, after leaving the boat and their father, they began to follow Him.

Matt. 4:23 Subsequently, He went in every part of Galilee [walk-about], teaching [pastoral function] in their synagogues and preaching [evangelistic function] the kingdom gospel and healing all manner of diseases and all manner of sicknesses among the people.

Matt. 4:24 Consequently, His fame went out into every part of Syria. Then they brought to Him all kinds of severely ill people who had various kinds of diseases and who were tormented by means of great pain and were possessed by demons and were lunatics [psychiatric cases, epilepsy] and paralytics and He healed them.

Matt. 4:25 And great multitudes followed Him from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judaea and on the other side of the Jordan.

## Chapter 5

Matt. 5:1 Then, after seeing the multitudes, He ascended a mountain. And when He had seated Himself, His disciples [the Twelve was the audience for the Sermon on the Mount] approached Him.

Matt. 5:2 And having opened His mouth, He began to teach them [about the standard operating principles that will be in effect during the Millennium], saying repeatedly:

Matt. 5:3 Blessed [happineses] *are* the destitute [helpless] with respect to spiritual assets, because the kingdom of heaven [Messianic kingdom] will be theirs.

Matt. 5:4 Blessed *are* those who are suffering [prolonged grieving, under pressure], because they will be comforted and encouraged.

Matt. 5:5 Blessed *are* the genuinely humble, because they will inherit the land [Palestinian covenant].

Matt. 5:6 Blessed *are* those who hunger [spiritual appetite] and thirst for righteousness, because they will be completely satisfied.

Matt. 5:7 Blessed *are* the merciful [grace orientation], because they will receive mercy.

Matt. 5:8 Blessed *are* the pure with respect to mentality of the soul, because they will see [perception, understanding] God.

Matt. 5:9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers, because they will be called the sons of God.

Matt. 5:10 Blessed *are* those who are persecuted on account of righteousness, because the kingdom of heaven [Messianic Kingdom] will be theirs.

Matt. 5:11 Blessed are you when they revile you and persecute *you* and speak every type of evil thing [wicked slander, character assassination] against you by repeated lying on account of Me.

Matt. 5:12 Keep on maintaining inner happiness and keep on rejoicing, because your reward in heaven *will be* great. For in this manner, they persecuted the prophets before you.

Matt. 5:13 As for you [twelve disciples], you are the salt of the earth [includes the remnant of believers at that time, *true* Israel]. But if the salt becomes tasteless, by what means will it become salty [be restored to its intended state of saltiness, function as a preservative]? It is good for nothing [useless, no positive impact], except to be cast out, to be trampled underfoot by men [treated with disdain, self-inflicted discipline].

Matt. 5:14 As for you [twelve disciples], you are the light of the world [the Jewish community that is hostile to the Messiah]. A city which is located on top of a mountain is not able to be hidden.

Matt. 5:15 Neither do they light a lamp and put it under a bushel [Roman measuring basket], but on a lampstand, and it shines upon all those in the house.

Matt. 5:16 In this manner, let your light [spiritual life] begin to shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and as a result glorify your Father in heaven.

Matt. 5:17 Do not think that I have come [first advent] to destroy [dismantle] the law or the prophets. I did not come to destroy, but to fulfill [complete and abrogate Codex 1 and 2].

Matt. 5:18 For truly I am saying to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one small letter or protrusion [punctuation mark] will pass away [become invalid] from the law until all [of them] have accomplished their purpose [the integrity of God cannot do otherwise].

Matt. 5:19 Therefore, if anyone breaks one of these least commandments and teaches men accordingly, he will be called [addressed publicly as] inferior [the least] in the kingdom of heaven. But if anyone keeps *the least commandments* and teaches them, he will be called superior [great due to faithfulness] in the kingdom of heaven [levels of rewards during the Millennium].

Matt. 5:20 For I am saying to you, that unless your righteousness [due to faithfulness] greatly exceeds the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter [experientially] into the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 5:21 You have heard that it was said by those in previous times: ‘You shall not commit murder.’ Furthermore, if someone commits murder, he will be subject to judgment.

Matt. 5:22 But as for Me, I am saying to you [twelve disciples] that each person who becomes increasingly angry [incremental, lack of self-control] with his brother will be subject to judgment. Furthermore, if someone says to his brother, “Fool,” he will be subject to the Sanhedrin [they are coming back during the Millennium]. Moreover, if someone says, “Moron,” he will be subject to Gehenna [burning manure piles, not hell] accompanied by fire.

Matt. 5:23 Therefore, if you bring your gift-offering to the altar [sacrificial system will be in effect during the Messianic kingdom] and there you remember that your brother has something against you,

Matt. 5:24 Leave your gift-offering before the altar and return home. First, you must become reconciled to your brother, and then, after returning, present your gift-offering.

Matt. 5:25 Keep on being friendly toward your opponent in a lawsuit without delay as long as you are with him in the way [spiritual life], so that the legal opposition does not deliver you over to the judge and the judge to the officer of the court and you are thrown into prison.

Matt. 5:26 Truly, I am saying to you, you will never come out of there [be released from prison] until after you have paid the last farthing [every penny that is owed].

Matt. 5:27 You have heard that it was said: “You shall not commit adultery.”

Matt. 5:28 But as for Me, I am saying to you that each man who is looking face-to-face at a woman with the result that he eagerly desires her has already committed adultery with her in the mentality of his soul.

Matt. 5:29 So then, if your right eye causes you to fall into sin, tear it out and throw it away from you [hyperbole for taking drastic action], for it is advantageous for you that one of your body parts is ruined rather than your entire body being cast into Gehenna [refuse dump].



Matt. 5:30 And if your right hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off and throw it away from you, for it is advantageous for you that one of your body parts is ruined rather than your entire body goes into Gehenna [refuse dump].

Matt. 5:31 Furthermore, it was said [oral tradition], if a man wants to divorce his wife, let him give her divorce papers.

Matt. 5:32 But as for Me, I am saying to you, that each man who wants to divorce his wife except for a case of illicit sex, is causing her to commit adultery. Also, if a man marries *a woman* who had been divorced, he has been caused to commit adultery [marital unfaithfulness without cause].

Matt. 5:33 Again, you have heard that it was said by those in previous times [verbal rather than written tradition]: ‘You shall not break an oath, but rather keep [fulfill] your oaths out of respect for the Lord.’

Matt. 5:34 But as for Me, I am saying to you: Do not swear an oath at all, neither by heaven – because it is the throne of God,

Matt. 5:35 Nor by the land – because it is the footstool for His feet, nor by Jerusalem – because it is the city of the great King.

Matt. 5:36 Neither should you swear an oath by your head, because you are not able to make one hair white or black,

Matt. 5:37 But let your word be, Yes, Yes, No, No. In fact, anything exceeding this [simple affirmative or negative] is out from the source of evil.

Matt. 5:38 You have heard that it was said [verbal rather than written tradition]: ‘An eye in place of an eye and a tooth in place of a tooth.’

Matt. 5:39 But as for Me, I am saying to you: ‘Do not set yourself against evil [resisting injustice during the Millennium], but anyone who slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him also the other one.’

Matt. 5:40 Furthermore, to the one who desires to obtain a judgment against you, even to take your tunic [undergarments], give up your robe [outer-garments] as well.

Matt. 5:41 And anyone who will press you into service [as a courier or luggage bearer during a military campaign] for one mile, go with him two.

Matt. 5:42 To the one who asks you, give, and to the one who desires to borrow money from you, do not turn away.

Matt. 5:43 You have heard that it was said: ‘Maintain a relaxed mental [impersonal love] attitude towards your neighbor [one who is close to you, in your periphery] and hate [righteous indignation] your enemy.’

Matt. 5:44 But as for Me, I am saying to you: ‘Keep on maintaining a relaxed mental attitude [impersonal love] towards your enemies [hostile ones] and keep praying on behalf of those who make it a practice to persecute you,

Matt. 5:45 In order that you may become sons of your Father in heaven, because He causes His sun to shine upon evil ones as well as good ones and causes it to rain upon righteous ones as well as unrighteous ones.

Matt. 5:46 For if you maintain a relaxed mental attitude towards those who continue to maintain a relaxed mental attitude towards you, what reward will you obtain? Aren't tax-collectors doing the same thing?

Matt. 5:47 And if you pay your respects [welcome] to your brethren only, what more are you doing? Aren't even the Gentiles doing the same thing?

Matt. 5:48 Therefore, as for you, you shall become increasingly mature spiritually [experiential sanctification], as your heavenly Father is spiritually mature.

## Chapter 6

Matt. 6:1 Furthermore, make sure your behavior towards men based on personal integrity [righteousness, justice, equity] is not paraded before men, for the purpose of being seen by others, otherwise, you will not obtain a reward in the presence of your Father in heaven.

Matt. 6:2 Therefore, whenever you are practicing kindness, do not sound a trumpet before you as hypocrites [actors or other mask wearers who try to appear other than they are, making a false impression] customarily do in the synagogues and streets in order that they may be honored by men [approbation lust]. Truly, I am saying to you, they have received in full their reward [from men, not God].

Matt. 6:3 Now, when you are practicing kindness, do not allow your left hand to know what your right hand is doing,

Matt. 6:4 In order that your kindness may be in secret, and your Father who always sees in secret [hidden things] will reward you.

Matt. 6:5 Furthermore, when you are praying, you shall not be as the hypocrites [actors], because they love to pray while standing in the synagogues and on street corners, in order that they might be recognized by men. Truly, I am saying to you, they have their reward in full [from men, not God].

Matt. 6:6 But as for you, when you are praying, enter into your private room and after shutting your door, pray to your Father in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matt. 6:7 Furthermore, when you pray, do not use many inane words as the Gentiles *do*, for they suppose that they will be heard and heeded because of their wordiness [mere utterance of words to impress oneself or others].

Matt. 6:8 Therefore, do not be like them, for your Father knows [omniscience] the things you have need of before you ask Him.

Matt. 6:9 Accordingly, as for you, keep on praying in this manner [template for disciples to use in prayer]: "Our Father who *is* in heaven, may your Name be held in reverence.

Matt. 6:10 May Your [Messianic] kingdom come; may Your will be done on earth as also in heaven [rule of the heavens over the earth].

Matt. 6:11 Give us today our bread for tomorrow.

Matt. 6:12 And forgive us our financial obligations, just as we also forgive those under obligation [guilty of being late on their payments] to us.

Matt. 6:13 And do not lead us into adversity [divine discipline for sinning, pressure testing], but deliver us from the evil one [from Satan, and evil as his sphere of operation].”

Matt. 6:14 For if you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Matt. 6:15 But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.

Matt. 6:16 Now when you are fasting, stop being like the sad and gloomy hypocrites, for they make their faces unrecognizable [put on an actor’s mask or persona] for the purpose of appearing to men as though they were fasting [pretense, con job, trick]. Truly, I am saying to you, they have received in full their reward [from men, not God].

Matt. 6:17 But as for you, when you are fasting, anoint your head and wash your face.

Matt. 6:18 In order that you may not appear to men as fasting, but to your Father in secret, and your Father who observes in secret will reward you.

Matt. 6:19 Stop accumulating treasures on earth for yourselves [wrong priorities] where moth and corrosion destroy and where thieves break in and steal.

Matt. 6:20 But keep on accumulating [spiritual] treasures in heaven for yourselves where moth nor corrosion destroys and where thieves do not break in nor steal.

Matt. 6:21 For where your treasure is, there the mentality of your soul will be.

Matt. 6:22 The lamp of the body is the eye [the symbol of the outlooking power of the soul]. If, therefore, your eye is honest [open and aboveboard, without guile], your entire body will be full of light [illuminated].

Matt. 6:23 But if your eye is diseased [degenerate, evil], your whole body will be full of darkness. If, therefore, the light in you is darkness [full of evil], how great the darkness.

Matt. 6:24 No one is able to serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other one of a different kind, or he will devote himself to one and despise the other one of a different kind. You are not able to serve God and materialism.

Matt. 6:25 Because of this, I am saying to you, Stop worrying about your life - what you will eat or what you will drink; not even about your body - what you will wear. Isn’t life [spiritual life characterized by doctrine in the mentality of the soul] greater than food and the body *greater than* clothing?

Matt. 6:26 Consider the birds in the sky, for they are not sowing seed, nor harvesting, nor gathering into barns. And yet your heavenly Father feeds them [His faithfulness]. Are you not worth more than them?

Matt. 6:27 Furthermore, who among you, by being anxious, has the ability to add one cubit to his height [stature, lifespan]?

Matt. 6:28 And concerning clothing, why are you worrying? Observe the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not toil nor spin.

Matt. 6:29 And yet I am saying to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.

Matt. 6:30 Therefore, if God clothes the grass of the field in this manner, which exists today and tomorrow is cast into an oven [furnace], much more you of little faith.

Matt. 6:31 Therefore, stop worrying [emotional sin], when you repeatedly ask: “What will we eat,” or, “What will we drink,” or, “What will we wear?”

Matt. 6:32 For all these things the Gentiles [pagans] are constantly seeking after. Indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all of these things.

Matt. 6:33 Instead, keep on seeking the [Messianic] kingdom and His righteousness first, and all these things will be provided to you.

Matt. 6:34 Therefore, do not begin to worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have enough to worry about itself. Today *has* enough evil itself.

## Chapter 7

Matt. 7:1 Stop judging [condemnation without mercy], so that you are not judged,

Matt. 7:2 For the standard of judgment by which you are judging, you will be judged, and the standard of measure by which you are measuring, it will be measured to you.

Matt. 7:3 Furthermore, why are you focusing on the speck [splinter] in your brother’s eye rather than observing the log [beam of wood] in your own eye?

Matt. 7:4 Or, how can you say to your brother, ‘Allow me to remove the speck from your eye,’ and yet *ignore* the log in your own eye?

Matt. 7:5 Hypocrite [pretender, play actor], remove first the log from your own eye, and then you may focus on removing the speck from your brother’s eye.

Matt. 7:6 Do not give a holy [spiritual] thing to dogs, nor throw your pearls [advanced Bible teaching] before swine [brutal stupidity], lest they trample them under their feet, and after turning around, they tear you to pieces.

Matt. 7:7 Keep on asking [prayer request] and it will be given to you. Keep on searching [consulting Scripture] and you will find [outside of prayer]. Keep on knocking [repeated requests] and it will be opened to you.

Matt. 7:8 For each one who keeps on asking [prayer request] will receive, and the one [with personal initiative] who keeps on searching [personal effort] will find, and to the one who keeps on knocking it will be opened [dependance on God and personal initiative work together].

Matt. 7:9 For example, who is there among you (a father) who, should his son ask for bread, instead give him a rock?

Matt. 7:10 Or, should he also ask for a fish, would he give him a snake?

Matt. 7:11 Therefore, if you [twelve disciples], being evil men [hypothetical], know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things [grace provision] to those who ask Him?

Matt. 7:12 Therefore, all things that you [twelve disciples] wish that men should do to you, in this manner, as for you, you should indeed make it a practice to do to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

Matt. 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate [high status], because wide is the gate and broad is the way which leads to spiritual ruin [spiritual and psychological misery, destruction] and many are those who are constantly entering through it [the wide gate or the broad way].

Matt. 7:14 Why? Narrow *is* the gate, i.e., the way which has been and still is narrow, the one which leads into life - and there are few who find it [the genuine spiritual life].

Matt. 7:15 Constantly be on guard for false prophets [believers and unbelievers], who are of such a character as to approach you face-to-face in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

Matt. 7:16 By their fruits [good or evil] you may come to fully recognize them. Can they harvest grapes from thorns or ripe figs from thistles [acceptable spiritual fruit will not come from a rotten source]?

Matt. 7:17 In the same manner, every good [groomed and taken care of] tree produces beautiful [delicious, edible] fruits, but every rotten tree [untended and left to decay on its own] produces spoiled [nauseating, inedible] fruits.

Matt. 7:18 A good tree is not able to produce spoiled fruits [under normal circumstances], nor a rotten tree to produce beautiful fruits.

Matt. 7:19 Every tree which is not producing beautiful fruits is usually cut down and thrown into the fire [divine discipline, not hell].

Matt. 7:20 So then, by their fruits [are they positive towards Bible doctrine or not] you may clearly recognize them [their spiritual status].

Matt. 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me: "Lord, Lord," will enter into the kingdom of heaven [low status and loss of rewards from lack of experiential sanctification], but he who keeps on doing the will of My Father in heaven [high status with rewards from experiential sanctification].

Matt. 7:22 Many will say to Me in that day: "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name and cast out demons in Your Name and perform many miracles in Your Name?"

Matt. 7:23 But then I will publicly announce to them [self-deluded charismatic types putting on an act]: “I never came to know you experientially [because your priorities and motivation were tainted]. Depart from Me, you who are working lawlessness [carnality and reversionism].”

Matt. 7:24 Therefore, anyone who is of such a character as to listen to these words of Mine and habitually execute them, he shall be compared to a wise man, who is of such a character as to build his house upon a rock [doctrinal superstructure in the soul].

Matt. 7:25 And the rain came down and torrents came and the winds blew and struck against that house [outside pressures], but it did not collapse, for it had been well established upon a rock [solid spiritual foundation].

Matt. 7:26 Now everyone who is listening to these words of Mine, but does not make it a practice of doing them [execution, application], he will be compared to a foolish man [reversionistic Christian] who is of such a character as to build his house upon sand [false teaching or the world’s wisdom].

Matt. 7:27 And the rain came down and the torrents came and the winds blew and struck against that house [pressures and persecutions of life] and it [the believer’s soul] collapsed and its downfall was great [crashed and burned in the spiritual life].”

Matt. 7:28 And it came to pass when Jesus brought these words to a conclusion, the crowds [those who followed the disciples up the mountain trail and sat on the sidelines listening] were amazed [dumbfounded, astonished] by His teaching,

Matt. 7:29 For He was teaching them [twelve disciples] as one who possesses authority and not as their Scribes.

## **Chapter 8**

Matt. 8:1 Then, after He came down from the mountain, a large crowd [city folk] began to follow Him.

Matt. 8:2 And behold, a leper who had approached, prostrated himself and began to worship Him, saying: “Lord, if you are willing, You have the power to cleanse [purify and heal] me.”

Matt. 8:3 Then, after stretching out a hand, He touched him, saying: “I am willing. Be cleansed.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed [cured].

Matt. 8:4 And Jesus said to him: “Take care. Tell no one, but instead go home [celebrate with your family]. Make yourself known to the priest [so he may officially restore you to social and religious life] and offer the gift which Moses prescribed as a testimony to them.”

Matt. 8:5 Then, after He entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him [or his agents] and appealed to Him,

Matt. 8:6 And said: “Lord, my attendant is lying at home [bedridden], paralyzed, and is terribly tormented.”

Matt. 8:7 Consequently, He said to him: “I Myself, after arriving, will heal him.”

Matt. 8:8 But the centurion, replying with discernment, said: “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof [as a Gentile proselyte], however, only say the word [non-face-to-face] and my attendant will be cured.

Matt. 8:9 For I myself am also a man under authority [orientation], and have soldiers under me. In fact, I say to one man, start moving forward and he moves forward, and to another man, come back and he comes back, and to my slave, do this and he executes.”

Matt. 8:10 Now, when Jesus heard *this*, He marveled, and said to those who were following *Him*: “Truly, I am saying to you, I have found no one in Israel with as much faith [ultimate compliment].

Matt. 8:11 Furthermore, I am saying to you, that many from the east and the west will come and sit down with [recline on a couch next to] Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the [Messianic] kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 8:12 But the sons of the kingdom [children born during the Millennium] will be sent out into the distant darkness [farthest distance from the banquet]. In that place there will be weeping and grinding of teeth [extreme frustration and remorse for not pursuing the Christian way of life].

Matt. 8:13 Then Jesus said to the centurion: “Return home. Because you have confidence [great faith], it will be granted to you.” And his attendant was cured in the same hour.

Matt. 8:14 Then, after entering Peter’s house, Jesus saw his mother-in-law lying and suffering with a fever.

Matt. 8:15 And He touched her hand and the fever left her. Then she rose up and waited on a dining table for Him.

Matt. 8:16 Now, when evening arrived, they brought to Him many who were demon possessed and He cast out spirits with a word [no rituals or hoops to jump through]. And all those who had an illness He healed,

Matt. 8:17 In order that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet Isaiah, saying: “He Himself [during the Millennium] will take away our sicknesses and carry off *our* diseases.”

Matt. 8:18 Now, Jesus, having observed a crowd surrounding Him, gave an order to go to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee].

Matt. 8:19 But having approached, one scribe asked Him: “Teacher, may I follow You [have a seat on the boat] whenever You leave?”

Matt. 8:20 And Jesus said to him [realizing he was not accustomed to living in poverty]: “Foxes have dens and bird of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man does not have a place to recline *His* head.”

Matt. 8:21 Then another of His students [with wrong priorities] said to Him: “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.”

Matt. 8:22 But Jesus said to him: “Follow Me [Jesus Christ is more important than family] and send the dead to bury their own dead.”

Matt. 8:23 Then, as He Himself stepped into [boarded] a ship, His disciples accompanied Him.

Matt. 8:24 Then behold, a great storm arose on the sea, to the extent that the ship was inundated by waves, yet He Himself [undisturbed] was sleeping.

Matt. 8:25 Consequently, after approaching *Him* [with fear and panic], they roused Him, saying: “Lord, deliver *us*! We are perishing!”

Matt. 8:26 And He said to them: “Why are you faint-hearted [cowardly], men of little faith?” Then, after getting up, He rebuked the winds and the sea and a great calm occurred [Jesus Christ controls climate change].

Matt. 8:27 And the men marveled, saying: “What sort of man is this that the winds and sea obey Him [deity controls the weather]?”

Matt. 8:28 Then when He came to the other side into the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met Him as they were coming out of the tombs, exceedingly difficult to deal [unreasonable] with and quite dangerous [violent], so that a person does not have the power to pass by along that road.

Matt. 8:29 And behold, they shouted out loud, saying: “What *do we have to do* with You, Son of God [even the demons knew who He was], that is, have you come to torment us in this place before the appointed time [when He will send them to the Lake of Fire forever]?”

Matt. 8:30 Now, there was a considerable distance from them a large herd of pigs [over 2,000] which were feeding.

Matt. 8:31 Consequently, the demons pleaded with Him, saying: “If You are going to eject us, please send us into the herd of pigs.”

Matt. 8:32 Then He said to them: “Go away.” And when they came out [of the demon-possessed men], they entered into the pigs, and behold, the entire herd rushed headlong down a steep embankment into the sea and died [drown] in the waters [waves].

Matt. 8:33 Now those who were grazing *them* fled and when they entered the city, they reported everything, including the things [events] concerning those who had been demon-possessed.

Matt. 8:34 And behold, the greater part of the city came out to meet Jesus, but after seeing Him, they appealed to *Him* that He might move away from their region [leave them alone and don’t interfere with their livelihood].

## Chapter 9

Matt. 9:1 Consequently [because the Gadarenes did not like Him], after boarding a ship, He crossed over [the Sea of Galilee] and came into His own city [Capernaum].

Matt. 9:2 And behold, they brought a paralyzed male child to Him who was lying on a pallet-couch. Then, when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed male child: “Child, keep on having courage. Your sins are being forgiven.”



Matt. 9:3 And behold, certain men from the scribes said among themselves: “This man is blaspheming [only God can forgive sins].”

Matt. 9:4 And Jesus, perceiving their thoughts [reading their minds], asked: “Why are you contemplating evil things in the mentality of your souls?”

Matt. 9:5 For what is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven [difficult to confirm],’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk [easy to confirm]?’

Matt. 9:6 But in order that you [the scribes and others in the crowd] may know that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins – (then He said to the paralyzed male child) – “Get up, pick up your pallet-couch, and proceed to your house [a miracle will confirm His authority to forgive sins].”

Matt. 9:7 And after rising up, he [the formerly paralyzed male child] departed for his home.

Matt. 9:8 Now, when the crowds saw *this*, they became afraid but glorified God [the Father] who had given such authority [power of the Spirit] to men [through the agency of the Son].

Matt. 9:9 Then, as Jesus was leaving from there, He saw a man seated at the tax office [booth] named Matthew. And He said to him: “Follow Me.” Then, after standing up, he [Matthew] began to follow Him.

Matt. 9:10 And it came to pass as He was dining as a guest in a family restaurant [perhaps a boarding house], when behold, many tax collectors and sinners [escorts], having just arrived, reclined at the table to eat with Jesus and His disciples.

Matt. 9:11 But when they observed *this*, Pharisees asked His disciples: “Why is your Teacher eating with tax collectors and sinners?”

Matt. 9:12 But when He heard *this*, He said: “Those who are in good health have no need for a physician, but rather those who have sickness.

Matt. 9:13 Now, after you leave, study what this [Hosea 6:6] means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call righteous men, but rather sinners.”

Matt. 9:14 Then, the disciples of John [the Baptizer] approached Him, asking: “Why do we and the Pharisees practice fasting often [true fasting has nothing to do with food], but Your disciples do not practice fasting [true fasting is about spending extra time in the Word]?”

Matt. 9:15 Jesus replied to them: “The attendants [twelve disciples] of the bridegroom [Jesus] are not able to be sad [mourn the loss of their friend to His wife] as long as he is with them [still socializing with them as a bachelor], but days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them [as a result of getting married] and then they will practice fasting [orienting their time away from their former bachelor].”

Matt. 9:16 Furthermore, no one puts an unshrunk patch [*new* Israel] upon an old garment [*old* Israel], for that which is put in to fill the empty space [Jesus as King] creates a bad tear from the garment [Pharisaic Judaism].

Matt. 9:17 Neither do they pour new wine [the Messiah] into old wineskins [Mosaic protocol]. Otherwise, the wineskins may burst and the wine [the Messiah] will pour out [His arrival is wasted: lost opportunity to bring in the Kingdom] and the wineskins will be ruined [what the Mosaic protocol did for centuries is

hindering the arrival of the Kingdom protocol]. Instead, they pour new wine [the Messiah] into new wineskins [kingdom protocol] and both are preserved.

Matt. 9:18 While He was saying these things to them, behold, one Jewish official, having come forward, prostrated himself before Him and said: “My daughter has just died. However, if you come and lay Your hand upon her [not as much faith as the centurion], she will live.”

Matt. 9:19 Consequently [because the official was desperate], after getting up, Jesus and His disciples followed him.

Matt. 9:20 Then behold, a woman, who suffered from a flow of blood [hemophilia] for twelve years, approaching Him from behind, touched the hem [fringe, tassels] of His garment,

Matt. 9:21 For she said within herself: “If I could only touch His garment, I will be healed.”

Matt. 9:22 Now Jesus, being turned around [tugged] and seeing her, said: “Daughter, have courage [don’t be afraid, relax and be cheerful], your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that very hour.

Matt. 9:23 Then Jesus, having arrived at the official’s house and seeing flute players and a crowd being audibly distressed [early stages of a funeral service],

Matt. 9:24 Repeatedly said: “Please withdraw [your mourning is premature], for the girl has not died but has fallen asleep [words of encouragement].” Consequently, they laughed at and ridiculed Him.

Matt. 9:25 But when the crowd had departed and He entered, He took her hand and the girl was raised up [raised from the dead].

Matt. 9:26 And this report [news bulletin] was spread throughout all that land [contiguous communities].

Matt. 9:27 Now as Jesus was leaving there, two blind men followed Him, shouting and pleading: “Please have mercy upon us, Son of David [a prophetic reference to the Messiah and King of Israel].”

Matt. 9:28 And after He had come into a house, the blind men came to Him and Jesus asked them: “Do you believe I have the power to do this [restore eyesight]?” They replied: “Yes, Lord.”

Matt. 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “Let it happen to you according to your faith.”

Matt. 9:30 And their eyes were opened and Jesus sternly warned them, saying: “See *that* nobody finds out about *this* [so they had time to visit their families and share the good news without the pressures of a crowd following them].”

Matt. 9:31 But they, after departing, spread the news about Him in all that region [they were too excited to remain quiet].

Matt. 9:32 Furthermore, as they were departing, they brought to Him a mute man who was demon possessed.

Matt. 9:33 And when the demon [which caused the physical malady] was ejected, the mute man spoke and the crowds were astonished, saying: “It [supernatural phenomena] has never been seen like this before in Israel.”

Matt. 9:34 But the Pharisees replied: “He ejects demons by means of the prince of demons [incongruous deduction].”

Matt. 9:35 Then Jesus traveled around all kinds of cities and villages [not all of them without exception], teaching in their synagogues [inside Jewish buildings] and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom [not the gospel of the grace of God] and healing every type of disease and every type of sickness.

Matt. 9:36 And when He observed the crowds, He felt compassion for them [sympathy as an emotional response], because they were weary and lying down like sheep which did not have a shepherd [the people were weary from all the rules and regulations imposed on them for no reason].

Matt. 9:37 Then He said to His disciples: “On the one hand, the harvest [of souls] *is* great, but on the other hand, the laborers [evangelists and teachers] *are* few.

Matt. 9:38 Therefore, keep on praying to the Lord of the harvest [God the Father] that He send out laborers [ministers] to His harvest [kingdom].”

## Chapter 10

Matt. 10:1 Then, after summoning His twelve disciples [nobody but the Twelve], He gave them authority over unclean spirits for the purpose of ejecting them and healing all types of disease and sickness.

Matt. 10:2 Now, the names of the twelve apostles [disciples when they were in training, apostles when they were sent out to minister] were these: The first, Simon, who was called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, and James, from Zebedee, and John, his brother,

Matt. 10:3 Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector, James from Alphaeus, and Thaddeus,

Matt. 10:4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who later betrayed Him.

Matt. 10:5 Jesus sent forth these twelve and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles [the Kingdom gospel was restricted to Jews]. Furthermore, do not enter into a Samaritan [mixed breed] city.

Matt. 10:6 But rather go face-to-face to the sheep from the house of Israel [Jews only] who are lost [*old* Israel].

Matt. 10:7 And as you go, keep on preaching, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven [this is not our gospel] is drawing near [the Millennial Reign is approaching].’

Matt. 10:8 While you are [engaged in attesting miracles] healing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing lepers, ejecting demons. You received without payment, *so* give without payment [reciprocity].

Matt. 10:9 Do not procure for yourself gold, nor silver, nor brass for your money belts,

Matt. 10:10 Nor traveler's bag for the journey, nor two tunics, nor footwear, nor staff [when Jesus was on earth, they didn't need these things because He supplied them]. For the laborer *is* worthy of his food [during the initial phase of the Kingdom commission only].

Matt. 10:11 Furthermore, into whatever city or village you might enter, search for someone in that place who is worthy [quality hosts or sponsors] and abide *there* until you leave.

Matt. 10:12 And when you enter into a house, salute it [common courtesy].

Matt. 10:13 Moreover, if, on the one hand, the house is worthy, let your peace and harmony come upon it. On the other hand, if it is not worthy, let your peace and harmony return face-to-face to you.

Matt. 10:14 Furthermore, if anyone does not welcome you, nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake the dust off your feet [physical separation].

Matt. 10:15 Truly I say to you: 'It will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.'

Matt. 10:16 Behold, as for Me, I am sending you as sheep in the midst of wolves [open hostility may occur]. Therefore, become wary as serpents and innocent as doves [defensive position].

Matt. 10:17 Furthermore, be constantly on guard with some men, for they will deliver you over to the Sanhedrin and in their synagogues, they will scourge you [disaster testing].

Matt. 10:18 Also, you will be brought before governors and kings because of Me [hatred for the Messiah], resulting in a testimony to them and to the Gentiles [silver lining].

Matt. 10:19 However, when they deliver you up, do not be anxious about how or what you shall say, for it will be given to you in that hour what you will say,

Matt. 10:20 For, as for you, you are not the ones who are speaking, but rather the Spirit of your Father who is speaking in you.

Matt. 10:21 Moreover, a brother will deliver up a brother to death, and a father a child [tension between Judaism and Christianity]. Furthermore, children will rise up in rebellion against parents and put them to death.

Matt. 10:22 In fact, you will be hated by all manner of men because of My Name. But he who has persevered to the end [of the Tribulation or a life which ends in martyrdom], this man will be delivered [rescued from danger, obtain rewards].

Matt. 10:23 Furthermore, whenever they persecute you in this city, flee to one of a different character [don't waste your time in a city full of hateful unbelievers], for truly I am saying to you, you will not come to an end of the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.

Matt. 10:24 A student-disciple is not superior to a teacher [life is composed of hierarchies], nor a slave superior to his master [authority orientation is important].

Matt. 10:25 *It is* sufficient for a student-disciple to become like his teacher and a slave like his master. Since they have named the master of the house Beelzeboul, how much more the members of his household [even some pagans respect authority]?

Matt. 10:26 Therefore, do not be afraid of them [or their demonic support], for there is nothing concealed which will not be revealed [political intrigues], even a secret which is not found out [conspiracies].

Matt. 10:27 That which I am speaking to you in private, speak in public, and that which you are hearing in the ear, start preaching from the rooftops.

Matt. 10:28 Furthermore, stop being afraid of those who may kill the body, but who are not able to kill the soul [cause you to experience temporal, spiritual ruin]. But rather fear the one who is able to ruin both the soul and the body in Gehenna [your spiritual life ends up in a dung heap].

Matt. 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for 1/3 of a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without the knowledge and consent of your Father.

Matt. 10:30 Furthermore, even all the hairs on your head are numbered [His omniscience is all-encompassing and exhaustive].

Matt. 10:31 Therefore, stop being afraid. As for you, you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matt. 10:32 Accordingly, everyone who is of such a character that he will be in accord with Me before men, I will also be in accord with him before My Father who *is* in heaven [do you want to be on the winning side or the losing side?].

Matt. 10:33 But everyone who is of such a character that he might deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven [embarrassment at the Evaluation Seat of Christ].

Matt. 10:34 Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but rather a sword.

Matt. 10:35 For I came to turn a man against his father and a daughter against her mother and a newly-wed wife against her mother-in-law [mental and/or physical separation],

Matt. 10:36 And a man's enemies *shall be* those from his household [Christianity will split families].

Matt. 10:37 He who has an affection for father or mother over and beyond Me is not worthy of Me, and he who has an affection for son or daughter over and beyond Me is not worthy of Me [your spiritual family is more important than your hereditary family].

Matt. 10:38 In fact, he who does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me [your 1<sup>st</sup> priority in life is Jesus Christ and His word].

Matt. 10:39 He who has found his soul-life may progressively ruin it and he who loses his soul-life for the sake of Me will find it [will you stick with your new spiritual life or abandon it?].

Matt. 10:40 He who welcomes you welcomes Me, and he who welcomes Me welcomes the One who sent Me [teamwork].

Matt. 10:41 He who welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward [honor and opportunities for greater service and rule over cities during the Millennium], and he who welcomes a righteous man in the name of a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward [remuneration for work done *in addition to* going to heaven].

Matt. 10:42 And whoever gives a single drink of cold water [even a small thing] to one of these least important ones in the name of a student-disciple, truly I am saying to you, he will not lose his reward.”

## Chapter 11

Matt. 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus was finished giving orders to His twelve student-disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities [hometowns].

Matt. 11:2 Now John [the Baptizer], having heard about the works of the Messiah, having been sent through his students,

Matt. 11:3 Asked Him: “As for You, are You the coming One or should we be looking for another man?”

Matt. 11:4 And Jesus, answering them with discernment, said: “When you are ready to leave, report to John the things which you are hearing and seeing.

Matt. 11:5 Blind people are recovering their sight and lame people are walking. Lepers are being cleansed and deaf people are hearing and dead people are being raised [attesting miracles] and poor people are being provided with good news.

Matt. 11:6 Consequently, blessed is the one who will not be offended by Me.”

Matt. 11:7 Now, while these were departing [followers of John the Baptizer], Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed blowing back and forth by the wind?

Matt. 11:8 Again, what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft and effeminate garments? Behold, those who are accustomed to wearing soft and effeminate garments live in the household of kings.

Matt. 11:9 Well then, why did you go out, to see a prophet? Yes, I am saying to you, even more than a prophet [forerunner of the Messiah].

Matt. 11:10 He is the one concerning whom it was written: ‘Behold, as for Myself, I will send My messenger face-to-face ahead of You, who will prepare Your road before You.’

Matt. 11:11 Truly, I am saying to you: ‘There has not appeared among those born of women a greater one than John the Baptizer [the greatest man born among women during the age of Israel]. However, the least important person in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.’

Matt. 11:12 Indeed, from the days of John the Baptizer up to now, the kingdom of heaven has suffered from violence since impetuous men have tried to seize it by force [claim it for themselves],

Matt. 11:13 For all the prophets and the law continued to predict the future until John [who announced that the Messiah was here *now*].

Matt. 11:14 In fact, if you are disposed to believe *it*, he himself is Elijah who is destined to return [the latest rumor].

Matt. 11:15 He who has ears, let him keep on listening.

Matt. 11:16 But to what shall I compare this generation to? It is similar to young children sitting in marketplaces who are calling out to others of a different kind [arrogant rich kids shouting at poor kids],

Matt. 11:17 Saying: ‘We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We mourned, but you did not pound your chest with grief [when we say dance, you dance to our tune].’

Matt. 11:18 Then John arrived, who did not eat nor drink according to custom, and they said: ‘He has a demon [they couldn’t find anything wrong with His message, so they picked on his poor appearance].’

Matt. 11:19 The Son of Man arrived, who did eat and drink according to custom, but they said [insulting the followers of Jesus]: ‘Behold, a gluttonous and wine-drinking man, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners.’ In spite of this, wisdom was ultimately vindicated by her works [Jesus insults the religious leaders of Israel].”

Matt. 11:20 Then He began to justifiably heap insults upon the cities in which many of His miracles were done, because they would not repent [change their mind about His claim to be the Messiah].

Matt. 11:21 “Woe to you, Chorazin. Woe to you, Bethsaida. Indeed, if the miracles were done in Tyre and Sidon as they were done in you [two cities that were repeatedly destroyed by enemies], they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Matt. 11:22 Nevertheless, I am saying to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

Matt. 11:23 And you, Capernaum, you will not be exalted as far as heaven. You will be brought down as far as Hades, because if the miracles were done in Sodom as they were done in you, it would have survived up to this very day [it was destroyed because of homosexuality].

Matt. 11:24 Nevertheless, I am saying to you, that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

Matt. 11:25 At that point in time, Jesus, replying with discernment, said: “I praise You, Father, Lord over the heaven and the earth, that you concealed these things from wise men and intelligent men [educated men], and revealed them to infants [spiritually immature ones].

Matt. 11:26 Yes, Father, because in this manner it became desirous in Your sight [God determines where the message is sent and who will hear it].

Matt. 11:27 All things [sovereignty, omnipotence, Bible doctrine, and the power of the Spirit] were given to Me by My Father. Furthermore, no one fully knows the Son except the Father; neither does anyone fully know the Father except the Son and he whom the Son desires to reveal *Him*.

Matt. 11:28 Come face-to-face to Me, all of you who are weary and who are burdened [*new* Israel], and I Myself will give you rest [refreshment, relaxation].

Matt. 11:29 Take My yoke [lack of legalism] upon you and learn [Bible doctrine] from Me, because I am genuinely humble and lowly with reference to the mentality of the soul, and you will find rest for your soul,

Matt. 11:30 For My yoke [spiritual requirements] *is* easy and My burden is light.”

## Chapter 12

Matt. 12:1 About that time, Jesus was being led through fields of grain on the Sabbath, and His disciples [the Twelve] were getting hungry and began to pluck grain and to eat.

Matt. 12:2 Now when the Pharisees [legalistic spies] saw *this*, they said to Him: “Behold, Your disciples are in the process of doing that [working, harvesting] which is not proper to do on the Sabbath.”

Matt. 12:3 But He said to them: “Have you not read what David did when he and those with him were hungry [an emergency],

Matt. 12:4 How he entered into the house of God and they ate the sacred showbread which was not permitted for him to be eating, nor for those with him, except for the priests alone [they ate the old loaves which were replaced by fresh ones every sabbath]?

Matt. 12:5 Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple desecrate the Sabbath [performing temple duties] and are innocent?

Matt. 12:6 However, I am saying to you that there is a greater principle in this circumstance than the temple.

Matt. 12:7 Now, if you had known what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ then you would not condemn the innocent [God shows mercy on the hungry],

Matt. 12:8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath [Christ is superior to all ordinances].”

Matt. 12:9 And after leaving that place, He entered into their synagogue.

Matt. 12:10 And behold, *there was* a man who had a withered and paralyzed hand, and they [Pharisees] interrogated Him, asking whether it was permitted to heal on the Sabbath, for the purpose of accusing Him.

Matt. 12:11 But He said to them: “What man would there be among you who will have one sheep and if this one falls into a pit on the Sabbath, he would not take hold of and lift it out [healing a man is more important than saving a sheep]?

Matt. 12:12 Therefore, how much greater is a man compared to a sheep? For this reason, it is permitted to do good on the Sabbath.”

Matt. 12:13 Then He said to the man: “Hold out your hand,” and he held *it* out and it was restored sound and healthy like the other one.

Matt. 12:14 But the Pharisees, having departed, held a council against Him [conspiracy to commit murder], for the purpose of destroying Him.

Matt. 12:15 Now, when Jesus came to an understanding of *this*, He withdrew from there and a large crowd of people followed Him. Furthermore, He healed all types of them [not all without exception].



Matt. 12:16 However, He warned them [Jewish believers], so that they might not make Him known [to Gentiles],

Matt. 12:17 In order that it might be fulfilled which was said through Isaiah the prophet [Isaiah 42:1-4], when he said:

Matt. 12:18 “Behold, My servant-Son whom I have chosen, My beloved, in Whom My soul is pleased. I will place My Spirit upon Him and will pronounce justice to the Gentiles [when Jesus returns at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent to set up the millennium].

Matt. 12:19 He will not quarrel [pick verbal fights] nor whine [complain about unfairness], nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets [He moved from house-to-house and ministered to small groups of people].

Matt. 12:20 A reed which has been bruised [Israel under divine discipline] He will not break and a smoldering lamp wick which has been lightly burning [remnant of Jewish believers] He will not extinguish until He administers justice [Great White Throne] resulting in victory [national restoration].

Matt. 12:21 Furthermore, in His name Gentiles will trust [during the Church Age and after the Tribulation].”

Matt. 12:22 Then a demon-possessed, blind and deaf man was brought to Him, and He healed him, with the result that the deaf man could speak and see.

Matt. 12:23 And all the common people were amazed and they repeatedly said: “Perhaps this man is the son of David [Millennial King].”

Matt. 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard, they replied: “This man does not eject demons except by means of Beezeboul [lord of the flies, lord of the dung, demon in charge of diseases], the ruler of demons.”

Matt. 12:25 Now, since He understood their thoughts, He said to them: “Every kingdom which is divided against itself will be ruined. Also, every city or house which is divided against itself shall not stand [demons are destroying themselves].

Matt. 12:26 Consequently, if Satan is ejecting Satan, being divided against himself, how, therefore, will his kingdom continue to stand [illogical]?

Matt. 12:27 Furthermore, if I Myself am ejecting demons by means of Beelzeboul, by means of whom are your sons [sons of the Pharisees] ejecting *them*? For this reason, they themselves will be your judges [they were throwing their own sons under the bus].

Matt. 12:28 But if I Myself am ejecting demons by means of the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God [theocratic kingdom] has come upon you.

Matt. 12:29 In fact, how is a person [Jesus portrayed as a thief] able to enter into a strong man’s house [Satan’s domain] and carry off his property [demons] unless he first captures and binds the strong man [Beelzeboul] and then he may thoroughly plunder his house?

Matt. 12:30 He who is not with Me [unbeliever] is against Me and he who is not coming together with Me is scattering.

Matt. 12:31 For this reason, I am saying to you: ‘Every category of sin and malicious slander will be forgiven men, but malicious slander against the Spirit [accusing Jesus of ejecting demons by the power of Satan] will not be forgiven.’

Matt. 12:32 In fact, if a person speaks a word against the Son of man [Jesus], it will be forgiven him, but if a person speaks against the Holy Spirit [prior to the Church Age], it will not be forgiven him, neither during this age [of Israel] nor during the one which is to come [millennium].

Matt. 12:33 Either declare a tree good [Jesus] and its fruit good [ejecting demons and healing believers], or declare a tree rotten [Satan] and its fruit rotten [demon possession], for a tree is recognized by its fruit.

Matt. 12:34 Offspring of vipers [Pharisees], how are you able to speak good things while being evil [fooling the masses]? For the mouth customarily speaks out from the abundance of the mentality of the soul [the mentality of their soul was deceitful and corrupt beyond comprehension].

Matt. 12:35 The good man brings forth good things out of his good storehouse [by means of the Spirit] and an evil man brings forth evil things out of his evil storehouse [by means of Satan].

Matt. 12:36 Furthermore, I am saying to you: ‘Each careless word which men shall speak [against Jesus], they will give an account for that word at the day of judgment [Great White Throne],

Matt. 12:37 For by your words [blessings] you will be justified and by your words [sins of the tongue] you will be condemned.’”

Matt. 12:38 Then some of the Scribes and Pharisees answered Him with discernment, saying: “Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from You [another attempt to trap Him].”

Matt. 12:39 But He, responding to them with discernment, said to them: “An evil and adulterous generation is constantly seeking for a miraculous sign [for amusement purposes], but a miraculous sign will not be given to it except for the miraculous sign of Jonah, the prophet [Jonah portrayed the burial and resurrection of Jesus in typology].,

Matt. 12:40 For just as Jonah was in the huge fish’s stomach three days and three nights [burial], thus shall the Son of Man be in the interior of the earth three days and three nights [prior to His resurrection].

Matt. 12:41 Ninevite men will rise up in judgment against this generation and will condemn it, because they repented in response to the preaching of Jonah, and behold, a greater One than Jonah *is* here.

Matt. 12:42 A queen of the south will rise up in judgment against this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the outer limits of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, a greater One than Solomon *is* here [Jesus the Messiah].

Matt. 12:43 Now, when an unclean spirit exits from a man [when a demon is ejected], it goes from place to place through waterless regions, searching for a resting-place, but it does not find *one*.

Matt. 12:44 Then it says: ‘I will return into my home from where I exited.’ And when it arrives, it finds *it* unoccupied, swept clean, and made beautiful.

Matt. 12:45 Then it proceeds, but brings along seven other spirits with it, worse than itself. And having entered, it makes a home there [only possible in an unbeliever]. Consequently, the last circumstances of that man become worse than the first circumstances. In this manner, it will also be for this evil generation.”

Matt. 12:46 While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers [physical family] stood outside, seeking to speak to Him.

Matt. 12:47 And someone said to Him: “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak to You.”

Matt. 12:48 But answering with discernment, He said to the one who was speaking to Him: “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?”

Matt. 12:49 And having stretched out His hand toward His student-disciples, He said: “Behold My mother and My brothers [spiritual family],

Matt. 12:50 For each person, if he executes the will of My Father who is in the heavens [spiritual priorities], is himself My brother and sister and mother [Spiritual relationships are infinitely more important than fleshly relationships].”

## Chapter 13

Matt. 13:1 On that day, Jesus, having come out of the house, sat down by the sea.

Matt. 13:2 And large crowds began to congregate around Him [pressing in on Him, perhaps even pushing and shoving as large crowds tend to do], so that as a result He boarded a ship, then sat down, and the entire crowd stood upon the seashore.

Matt. 13:3 And He spoke many things to them in parables [meant for the remnant of believers only], saying: “Behold, a sower [Jesus] went out for the purpose of sowing seed [spreading the Kingdom gospel],

Matt. 13:4 And when he himself was sowing, some, on the one hand, fell beside the road, and when birds appeared, they devoured them [unbelieving Pharisees and other enemies of the Messiah].

Matt. 13:5 On the other hand, some fell upon rocky ground where it did not have much topsoil and immediately it sprouted because it did not have deep soil [Jewish believers],

Matt. 13:6 And when the sun rose at dawn, it burned up [when persecution began, they went into hiding], and because it had no root, it withered away [They allowed fear and intimidation to overwhelm their testimony].

Matt. 13:7 Now other *seed* fell among thorn plant seed and thorn plants came up and choked them [distractions: flesh, world, devil].

Matt. 13:8 But other *seed* fell upon good soil and continued to produce fruit, some, on the one hand, at one hundred percent, some, on the other hand, at sixty percent, some, on the other hand, at thirty percent [each follower of the Messiah learned and applied His truth at a different pace].

Matt. 13:9 He who has ears [believers], let him keep on listening.”

Matt. 13:10 Now the disciples, after approaching Him, asked: “Why are You speaking to them by means of parables?”

Matt. 13:11 And by responding with discernment, He said to them: “It has been given to you [the elect] to come to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven [the future 1,000-year reign of Christ on the earth in Israel], but it was not given to them [judicial blindness on the non-elect],

Matt. 13:12 For each person who continues to hold fast [experiential sanctification], it will be given to him and he will progress abundantly [spiritual growth], but each person who does not continue to hold fast [experientially], even that which he possesses [basic Bible doctrine] will be taken away from him.

Matt. 13:13 I am speaking to them by means of parables for this reason: ‘Because though they are capable of seeing, they do not see, and though they are capable of hearing, they do not hear, nor understand [inability to gain insight into what is being taught].’

Matt. 13:14 Consequently, the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, the one which says: ‘By means of hearing, you will not hear and not understand, and though you are able to see, you will not see and not obtain spiritual discernment [building and sustaining a spiritual IQ requires obedience, sustained effort, and responsibility on your part],

Matt. 13:15 For the mentality of the soul of this people has become dull and they listen with hard-of-hearing ears and they have closed their eyes so they cannot obtain spiritual discernment by means of *their* eyes and hear by means of *their* ears and understand by means of *their* mentality of the soul [negative volition towards Bible teaching] and turn around [reversion recovery] so I may restore them.’

Matt. 13:16 But your eyes *are* happy because they see and your ears because they hear [spiritual prosperity from positive volition towards doctrine],

Matt. 13:17 For truly I am saying to you: ‘Many prophets and righteous men have eagerly desired to obtain spiritual discernment from the things which you are seeing but are not obtaining spiritual discernment from, and to hear the things which you are hearing, but are not comprehending.

Matt. 13:18 As for you, therefore, listen to the parable of the One who sows *seed*.

Matt. 13:19 While each person is listening but not understanding the doctrine of the Kingdom, the Pernicious One came and snatched away that which was sown in the mentality of his soul. This man is the one who was sown beside the road.

Matt. 13:20 Now, he who was sown upon rocky ground, this man is the one who hears the message and immediately accepts it with joy.

Matt. 13:21 However, he does not have a root in himself, but endures temporarily, and when outside pressure or persecution comes because of the message, he is immediately offended.

Matt. 13:22 Now, he who was sown among thorn plants, this man is the one who hears the message, but the cares of the age and the deceitfulness of riches choke the message, and he becomes unfruitful.

Matt. 13:23 But he who was sown upon good soil, this man is the one who hears the message, and understands *it*, who then bears fruit and produces, some, on the one hand, at one hundred percent, some, on the other hand, at sixty percent, some, on the other hand, at thirty percent.”

Matt. 13:24 He put forth another parable to them, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man [Jesus, the Messiah] who sows good seed [true children of the kingdom] in his field [the world during the Tribulation].’

Matt. 13:25 But while the men were sleeping [church leaders during the Tribulation], his enemy came and sowed fake grain among the grain and left [Tribulation unbelievers, false brethren].’

Matt. 13:26 Now when the stalks sprouted and produced grain, then fake grain [children of the wicked one] also appeared.

Matt. 13:27 Then the slaves of the master of the house, having come forward, asked him: ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, therefore, did the fake grain come from?’

Matt. 13:28 And he replied to them with confirmation: ‘A man, an enemy [Satan], did this.’ And the slaves asked him: ‘Do you want us, then, after we depart, to begin gathering them [children of the Kingdom] up?’

Matt. 13:29 But he replied with confirmation: ‘No, lest while you are gathering up the fake grain [unbelievers], you might pull out the true grain [believers] by the roots together with them.

Matt. 13:30 Permit *them* both to grow side-by-side until the harvest, and during the time of the harvest, I will tell the harvesters: ‘First, gather together the fake grain and bind them into bundles for the purpose of burning them [Great White Throne judgment]. Then gather up and bring the true grain into my granary [Judgment Seat of Christ for rewards].’”

Matt. 13:31 He set before them another parable, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed [millennial kingdom], which, after getting hold of it, a man sows in his field,

Matt. 13:32 Which, on the one hand, is smaller than all types of seeds [only a remnant in the beginning], but on the other hand, when it has grown, it is the greatest of herbs and it may become a tree, so that the birds in the sky may come and build a nest in its branches [all the inhabitants of the world during the millennium].”

Matt. 13:33 He spoke another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast [growth agent], which a woman, after grasping, mixed with three measures of wheat flour [Tribulation believers] until the whole of it [kingdom church] was leavened [permeated by growing believers].”

Matt. 13:34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds by means of parables, in fact, He spoke nothing to them without parables,

Matt. 13:35 In order that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets, saying: “I will open My mouth by means of parables [to veil the teaching from the majority who were rejecting it]. I will utter *things* which have been hidden from the foundation of the world [kingdom secrets].

Matt. 13:36 Then, after sending away the multitude, He entered the house, and His disciples approached Him, saying: “Please explain to us the parable of the fake grain of the field.”

Matt. 13:37 Then, answering with discernment, He replied: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

Matt. 13:38 Furthermore, the field is the world and the good seed, these [believers] are the sons of the kingdom, but the fake grain [unbelievers] are the sons of the Evil One.

Matt. 13:39 As a matter of fact, the enemy who sowed them is the devil. Also, the harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

Matt. 13:40 Accordingly, just as the fake grain will be gathered together and burned by fire [Great White Throne Judgment], in the same manner will it be at the end of the age.

Matt. 13:41 The Son of Man will send His angels and they will gather together out of His kingdom all offensive things [enticements to sin], including those who practice lawlessness,

Matt. 13:42 And they will throw them [lawless individuals] into a furnace of fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matt. 13:43 Then the righteous ones will shine forth like the sun in their Father’s kingdom [unopposed by any remaining force of evil]. He who has ears, let *him* keep on hearing.

Matt. 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure [remnant of Israel] which has been hidden in a field [the world], which after a man [Jesus] has found *it*, he hides *it*, and in his joy, he goes and sells everything that he possesses and buys that field.

Matt. 13:45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant man [Jesus] who is searching for good pearls [believers in Israel],

Matt. 13:46 And when he found one valuable pearl [remnant of believers], then he departed, sold everything that he possessed, and purchased it.

Matt. 13:47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a large dragnet [evangelism, witnessing] which was thrown into the sea and gathered together fish from every species,

Matt. 13:48 Which, when it was full, was pulled and dragged onto the beach, and when they sat down, they gathered together the good ones [elect remnant] into baskets, but they tossed the bad ones [the non-elect] out.

Matt. 13:49 So shall it be at the end of the age [the Millennium]. Angels will appear and separate evil ones out from the midst of righteous ones,

Matt. 13:50 And shall throw them [unbelieving Israel] into a furnace of fire. In that place, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matt. 13:51 Have you understood all these things?” They replied to Him: “Yes.”

Matt. 13:52 Then He said to them: “Because of this [understanding the things He has just taught them], each scholar who is versed in the law [scribe] who has been instructed with reference to the kingdom of heaven is like a householder man [future apostles] who is of such a character as to release from his storehouse new things [doctrines related to the kingdom of heaven] and old things [doctrines related to the age of Israel].”

Matt. 13:53 And it came to pass, when Jesus finished these parables, He departed from there.

Matt. 13:54 And when He entered into His home town [Nazareth], He taught them in their synagogue with the result that they were amazed and overwhelmed and asked: “What is the source of this wisdom and power?”

Matt. 13:55 Is this not the carpenter’s son? *Is* His mother not called Mary, and His brothers Jacob and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

Matt. 13:56 And His sisters, are they not all face-to-face with us? What, therefore, *is* the source of all these things [He didn’t learn it from His parents]?”

Matt. 13:57 In fact, they were offended by Him. Consequently, Jesus said to them: “A prophet is not without honor, except in his home town [neighborhood] and family [household].”

Matt. 13:58 Accordingly, He did not perform many miracles there because of their unbelief.

## Chapter 14

Matt. 14:1 At that time, Herod, the tetrarch, heard a report about Jesus,

Matt. 14:2 And he said to his attendants: “This is John the Baptizer [Herod was convinced that Jesus was John the Baptizer]. He himself was raised from among the dead ones and because of this, miraculous demonstrations are operative in him.”

Matt. 14:3 For Herod, having arrested John, had bound him and put *him* under guard for the sake of Herodias, the wife of Philip his brother,

Matt. 14:4 Because John had repeatedly said to him: “It is not permitted for you to have her [incest].”

Matt. 14:5 But though he wanted to kill him, he became afraid of the crowd because they considered him as a prophet.

Matt. 14:6 Now when Herod’s birthday celebration began, the daughter of Herodias [Salome] danced in *their* midst and pleased Herod,

Matt. 14:7 To the extent that he promised under oath to give her whatever she might request.

Matt. 14:8 And she, having been prompted by her mother, said: “Give me, here in this place, the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.”

Matt. 14:9 Even though he was grieved and distressed, the king, because of his oaths and because of those who were reclining at the table with him, he ordered *it* to be given to *her*.

Matt. 14:10 Consequently, after sending *an executioner*, he had John beheaded in jail.

Matt. 14:11 And his head was brought on a platter and it was given to the girl [Salome]. Then she brought *it* to her mother [Herodias].

Matt. 14:12 And after his students arrived, they picked up the corpse and buried it. Then, after departing, they reported to Jesus.

Matt. 14:13 Now, when Jesus heard, He withdrew from there by boat to a deserted place [refuge] for privacy. But the crowds, having heard, followed Him by land from the cities.

Matt. 14:14 And when He came out, He saw a great multitude and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

Matt. 14:15 Now when evening arrived, the disciples came to Him, saying: “Start sending the multitude away so that they may return to their villages for the purpose of purchasing their dinners in the marketplace.”

Matt. 14:16 But Jesus said to them: “They have no need to leave. As for you, give them *something* to eat.”

Matt. 14:17 But they said to Him: “We have nothing here except five loaves and two fish.”

Matt. 14:18 And He said: “Bring them here to Me.”

Matt. 14:19 Then, after commanding the multitude to recline on the grass, and receiving the five loaves and two fish, and looking up into heaven, He gave thanks and praise, and after breaking, He gave the loaves to the disciples and the disciples *gave* to the multitude.

Matt. 14:20 Now everyone ate and was filled to the point of satisfaction. Furthermore, they picked up the fragments which were leftover – twelve large baskets full.

Matt. 14:21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matt. 14:22 Then, He immediately urged the disciples to board the ship and precede ahead of Him to the other side [of the lake] while He dismissed the multitude.

Matt. 14:23 Then, after He dismissed the multitude, He went up the mountain for privacy for the purpose of praying. And as evening arrived, He was alone in that place.

Matt. 14:24 And the ship was already a distance from the land (many stadia), being tossed by waves, for the wind was hostile.

Matt. 14:25 Now, during the fourth watch of the night He came face-to-face to them, walking upon the sea,

Matt. 14:26 But when the disciples saw Him walking upon the sea, they were troubled, declaring: “It’s a ghost!” And they screamed out of fear.

Matt. 14:27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying: “It is I. Stop being afraid.”

Matt. 14:28 Then Peter, replying to Him with discernment, said: “Lord, if it is You, command me to come face-to-face to You upon the water.”



Matt. 14:29 And He said: “Come.” And after Peter climbed down out of the ship, he began to walk upon the water and proceeded toward Jesus.

Matt. 14:30 But after observing the powerful wind, he became afraid and began to sink. He screamed, saying: “Lord, save me!”

Matt. 14:31 And immediately Jesus, having stretched out a hand, grabbed him and asked him: “You of little faith, why did you begin to doubt?”

Matt. 14:32 And after they climbed into the ship, the wind abated.

Matt. 14:33 And those in the ship fell down and began to worship Him, saying: “Truly, You are the Son of God.”

Matt. 14:34 Then, after crossing over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Matt. 14:35 And the men of that place, after obtaining full knowledge about Him, sent *word* into that entire region and they brought to Him all those who were sick,

Matt. 14:36 And kept on pleading with Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched *it* were cured.

## Chapter 15

Matt. 15:1 Then Pharisees and Scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem [with a legalistic trap], asking:

Matt. 15:2 “Why do Your disciples continually ignore the tradition of the elders, for they do not wash their hands when they eat bread [common law ceremony]?”

Matt. 15:3 And answering with discernment, He said to them: “As for you, why are you also ignoring the mandate of God because of your tradition?”

Matt. 15:4 For God said: ‘Honor [sentiment, not money] your father and your mother.’ Furthermore, he who makes it a habit to curse father or mother, let him come to an end by death.

Matt. 15:5 But as for you, you are saying: ‘Whoever may say to his father or his mother, *there is* a gift [in the temple treasury for the support of the poor] which may be of benefit from me [I already donated to this emergency fund],

Matt. 15:6 He will certainly not honor his father. And so, you are making the word of God [family unit support system] invalid through your tradition [State-sponsored program managed by the temple treasury].

Matt. 15:7 Hypocrites, Isaiah prophesied correctly [in 29:13] about you when he said:

Matt. 15:8 ‘These people pay honor [speaking words, not providing money] to Me with *their* lips, but the mentality of their soul is a great distance from Me [they could care less who He was or what He had to say].’

Matt. 15:9 In fact, they worship Me in vain, while teaching instructional precepts from men.”

Matt. 15:10 Then, after calling the crowd together, He said to them: “Keep on listening and keep on understanding.

Matt. 15:11 That which enters the mouth [food] does not defile a man, but rather that which proceeds out of the mouth [sins of the tongue] defiles a man.”

Matt. 15:12 The disciples, having approached, said to Him: “Did you know that the Pharisees, after hearing Your message, became shocked and angry?”

Matt. 15:13 But answering with discernment, He said: “Each plant which My heavenly Father did not plant [non-elect tares] will be pulled out by the roots.

Matt. 15:14 Leave them alone [separation]. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if a blind person is leading a blind person, they both will fall into the ditch.”

Matt. 15:15 Then Peter, replying to Him with discernment, said: “Please explain this parable to us.”

Matt. 15:16 And He replied: “Are you also still without understanding?

Matt. 15:17 Don’t you understand that everything which enters into the mouth goes into the stomach and is evacuated into a latrine?

Matt. 15:18 But the things which come out of the mouth proceed from the mentality of the soul, and those things defile a man.

Matt. 15:19 For out of the mentality of the soul come evil reasonings, murders, adulteries, illegitimate sexual activities, thefts, false testimonies, slanders.

Matt. 15:20 These are the things which defile a man. But to eat with unclean hands does not defile a man.”

Matt. 15:21 Now after departing from that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Trye and Sidon.

Matt. 15:22 And behold, a woman, a Canaanite from those regions, having come out, cried, saying: “Please have pity on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is possessed by a wicked demon.”

Matt. 15:23 But He did not answer her request. Consequently, His disciples, having approached, begged Him, saying: “Please send her away, because she continues to cry out behind us.”

Matt. 15:24 But answering with discernment, He said: “I was not sent on a mission except to the lost sheep from the house of Israel.”

Matt. 15:25 However, having come forward, she prostrated herself and worshipped Him, saying, “Lord, please help me.”

Matt. 15:26 But replying with discernment, He said: “It is not appropriate to take the bread belonging to children and throw it to dogs.”

Matt. 15:27 However, she replied: “Yes indeed, Lord, but even little dogs eat from the crumbs which fall from the table of their masters.”

Matt. 15:28 Then Jesus, responding with discernment, said to her: “O woman, great *is* your faith. Let it happen for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that hour.

Matt. 15:29 And after passing over that place, Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee, and after climbing up into a mountain, He sat down there.

Matt. 15:30 And large crowds came to Him, having with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the deaf, and many others of a different nature, and they laid them down at His feet and He healed them,

Matt. 15:31 To the extent that the multitude was amazed - after seeing the mute speak, the crippled sound and healthy, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing. Consequently, they glorified the God of Israel.

Matt. 15:32 Then Jesus, having called together His disciples, said: “I am moved with compassion, because they have remained with Me three days now and have not had anything to eat. Furthermore, to dismiss them hungry, I do not wish, in order that they do not become weary and faint on the road.”

Matt. 15:33 And the disciples asked Him: “Where *could* so much bread *be found* in a wilderness that would satisfactorily feed so large a crowd?”

Matt. 15:34 And Jesus asked them: “How much bread do you have?” And they replied: “Seven, and a few little fish.”

Matt. 15:35 Then, after instructing the crowd to sit down on the ground,

Matt. 15:36 He took the seven loaves of bread and the fish and after giving thanks, He broke *them* and kept on giving *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.

Matt. 15:37 And all of them ate and were full, and they picked up the fragments which were left over – seven full baskets.

Matt. 15:38 And those who had eaten were four-thousand men, apart from women and children.

Matt. 15:39 Then, after dismissing the crowds, He boarded a ship and came into the region of Magadan.

## Chapter 16

Matt. 16:1 Then, the Pharisees and Sadducees, having arrived, while putting *Him* to the test, interrogated Him, so that He might show them a sign from heaven.

Matt. 16:2 But answering with discernment He said to them: “When evening has come, you say, ‘Fair weather, for the sky is reddening,’

Matt. 16:3 And in the morning, ‘Today, rainy and stormy weather, for the sky, which is becoming gloomy and rainy, is reddening.’ On the one hand, you can ascertain the disposition of the sky [basic weather patterns observable by all], but on other hand, are you not able to clearly recognize the signs of the times [historical trends]?

Matt. 16:4 A wicked and adulterous generation is constantly seeking after a sign, but a sign will not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah [Jesus spending three days in the grave before being resurrected from the dead].” Then, after leaving them behind, He departed.

Matt. 16:5 Now the disciples, having come to the other side, forgot to bring loaves of bread.

Matt. 16:6 Then Jesus said to them: “Pay close attention to and be on guard for the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Matt. 16:7 Consequently, they were reasoning among themselves, concluding: “*It is* because we did not bring loaves of bread.”

Matt. 16:8 But Jesus, when He found out about this, asked: “Why are you reasoning among yourselves, you of little faith? *Is it* because you have no loaves of bread?”

Matt. 16:9 Do you not yet understand nor remember the five loaves of bread for five thousand, and how many large baskets you gathered,

Matt. 16:10 Nor the seven loaves of bread for four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?

Matt. 16:11 How can you not understand that I was not speaking to you about loaves of bread? But instead, keep on guarding against the leaven [teaching] of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Matt. 16:12 Then they understood that He was not speaking of guarding against the leaven of bread, but about the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Matt. 16:13 Now, Jesus, after entering into the region of Caesarea, Philippi, began to question His disciples, saying: “Who do men say the Son of Man is?”

Matt. 16:14 And they replied: “On the one hand, John the Baptizer, and another, Elijah, and others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Matt. 16:15 He said to them: “But as for you, who do you say that I am?”

Matt. 16:16 And Simon Peter, answering with discernment, replied: “As for You, You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Matt. 16:17 And Jesus, responding with discernment, said to him: “Simon Barjona, you are spiritually prosperous, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but rather My Father in heaven.

Matt. 16:18 Furthermore, as for Me, I am also saying to you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock [content of Peter’s confession] I will build My church [believing remnant of Israel], and the gates of Hades [the underworld where the dead are located] will not win a victory over it.

Matt. 16:19 I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven [Israel’s millennial kingdom]. Furthermore, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven [an executive or administrative responsibility required by the new kingdom church].”

Matt. 16:20 Then He ordered the disciples that they should tell nobody that He Himself is the Messiah.

Matt. 16:21 From that time forward, Jesus began to explain to His disciples that it was necessary for Him to go up into Jerusalem and to suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be killed and raised up on the third day.

Matt. 16:22 Then, Peter, after taking Him aside, began to censure Him, saying: “Mercy to You, Lord. This will never happen to You.”

Matt. 16:23 But, having turned around, He said to Peter: “Go away and keep on going, Satan, behind Me! You are an offence to Me, because you are not interested in the things of God [divine viewpoint], but rather the things of men [human viewpoint].”

Matt. 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples: “If anyone desires to follow after Me, let him deny himself and pick up his cross and keep on following Me [deny themselves the ordinary life they have been living],

Matt. 16:25 For whoever desires to preserve his earthly [secular] life will compromise it [the spiritual life], but whoever compromises his earthly life on account of Me will find it.

Matt. 16:26 For what will a man be profited if he gained the whole world [all that the cosmic system had to offer him], but forfeited his life [that which transcends his mere earthly life]? Or what will a man give in exchange for his [spiritual] life?

Matt. 16:27 For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of His Father with His angels and then He will reward each man according to his manner of life.

Matt. 16:28 Truly, I am saying to you: ‘There are certain ones standing in this place who are of such a nature that they may never experience death until such time as [immediate reference: transfiguration; remote reference: Second Advent] they see the Son of Man coming with His kingdom.’”

## **Chapter 17**

Matt. 17:1 Then, after six days, Jesus took along Peter and James and John his brother, and He led them onto a high mountain for privacy.

Matt. 17:2 And He was transfigured before them [He radiated the divine, internal, Shekinah glory of God externally] and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white like light.

Matt. 17:3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, who were talking with Him.

Matt. 17:4 And Peter, providing his opinion, said to Jesus: “Lord, it is a good thing for us to be here. If You wish, I will make in this place three booths – one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Matt. 17:5 While he was speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a Voice out from the cloud said: “This is My Son, the Beloved, in Whom I am well pleased. Keep on listening to Him.”

Matt. 17:6 Then the disciples, as they were listening, fell upon their face and were extremely afraid.

Matt. 17:7 But Jesus approached and having touched them, He said: “Get up and stop being afraid.”

Matt. 17:8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw nobody except Him - Jesus alone.

Matt. 17:9 And after they climbed down from the mountain, Jesus ordered them, saying: "Share the vision with no one until the Son of Man has been raised out from the dead ones."

Matt. 17:10 Then His disciples asked Him, saying: "Why, therefore, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

Matt. 17:11 And answering with discernment, He said: "In one respect, Elijah is coming [it is quite likely that he will be one of the two Jewish witnesses in Revelation 11 who will return during the Tribulation] and will restore all manner of things [related to the millennial kingdom on earth];

Matt. 17:12 But in another respect, I say to you, that Elijah has already come and they did not fully recognize him [John the Baptizer fulfilled the prophecies of the coming Elijah during the 1st advent], but did unto him whatever they wanted. In the same manner, also, the Son of Man is about to suffer by their hands.

Matt. 17:13 Then the disciples understood that He was speaking to them concerning John the Baptizer.

Matt. 17:14 Then, after coming face-to-face to a crowd, a man approached Him, kneeling down before Him,

Matt. 17:15 And said repeatedly: "Lord, please have mercy on my son because he is an epileptic and he suffers severely. In fact, he frequently collapses into the fire and frequently in the water.

Matt. 17:16 I even brought him to Your disciples, but they were not able to heal him."

Matt. 17:17 Then Jesus, answering with discernment, said: "O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me in this place."

Matt. 17:18 Then Jesus rebuked him and the demon exited from him and the young lad was healed from that hour.

Matt. 17:19 Then the disciples, approaching Jesus in private, asked: "As for us, why were we not able to eject it?"

Matt. 17:20 And He replied to them: "Because of your little faith [poor application of doctrine]. For truly I am saying to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you may say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you [this promise does not apply to anyone today]."

Matt. 17:21 NA

Matt. 17:22 Now, while they were coming together in Galilee, Jesus said to them: "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into men's hands,

Matt. 17:23 And they will murder Him, but on the third day He will be raised up." And they became extremely distressed and grieved.

Matt. 17:24 Now, after they arrived in Capernaum, those who customarily collected the double drachma temple tax came face-to-face to Peter and asked: “Does your teacher not pay the double drachma temple tax?”

Matt. 17:25 He replied: “Yes indeed.” And when he came into the house, Jesus anticipated him by asking: “What do you think, Simon? The kings of the earth, from whom are they in the habit of obtaining customs duties and taxes, from their sons or from strangers?”

Matt. 17:26 And after he replied: “From strangers,” Jesus said to him, “So then, the sons are exempt.

Matt. 17:27 However, in order that we do not anger them, proceed to the sea, cast a fishhook, and grab the first fish which comes up, and when you open its mouth, you will find a shekel. After retrieving this, give *it* to them on behalf of Me and you.”

## Chapter 18

Matt. 18:1 During the same hour, the disciples approached Jesus, asking: “So, who will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven [the Messianic kingdom on earth]?”

Matt. 18:2 And after calling to Himself an infant, He stood it in their midst,

Matt. 18:3 And said: “Truly, I am saying to you, ‘Unless your attitude begins to change and you become like infants [genuine humility], you will never come to enjoy the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 18:4 Therefore, he who is of such a nature will humble himself like this infant. This one will be great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 18:5 And whoever welcomes one such infant in My name is welcoming Me [as a role model for becoming a winner in the kingdom of heaven].

Matt. 18:6 But whoever leads one of these little children who believes in Me into sin [teaching children things that are contrary to the thinking of Christ], it would be more advantageous for him that a donkey-driven millstone was hung around his neck and he was thrown into the depths of the sea to drown.

Matt. 18:7 Woe to the world because of enticements to sin, for calamity due to enticements to sin will come as a result. As a matter of fact, woe to the man through whom an enticement to sin originates.

Matt. 18:8 Therefore [using hyperbole], if your hand or your foot entices you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* away from you. It is better for you to enter life deformed or crippled than having two hands and two feet causing *you* to be cast into eternal fire [divine discipline].

Matt. 18:9 Furthermore, if your eye entices you to sin, tear it out and cast *it* away from you. It is better for you to enter life one-eyed than having two eyes causing *you* to be cast into fiery Gehenna [divine discipline in the city dump].

Matt. 18:10 Be constantly on guard. Do not despise one of these little ones, for I am saying to you that their angels in heaven are always watching the face of My Father in the heavens.

Matt. 18:11 NA

Matt. 18:12 What do you think? If a certain man possesses one hundred sheep, and one of them is caused to wander astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountain and, by tracking, find the one [ignorant and misguided] which wandered astray?

Matt. 18:13 And if he happens to find it, truly I am saying to you, he will rejoice over it to a greater degree than over the ninety-nine which were not led astray.

Matt. 18:14 In this manner, there is not a desire in the presence of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones [defenseless children] be lost [spiritually ruined].

Matt. 18:15 Now, if your brother commits a sin against you, go, convince him, between you and him only. If he listens to you, you have restored your brother [positive response].

Matt. 18:16 But if he does not listen [negative response], take with you again one or two, so that out of the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word may be confirmed.

Matt. 18:17 And if he refuses to listen to them, inform the church. And if he refuses to listen to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile, even a tax collector.

Matt. 18:18 Truly I am saying to you [regarding church discipline]: Whatever you forbid in a region [your area of responsibility], it will be, since it has been forbidden in heaven. And whatever you permit in a region, it will be, since it has been permitted in heaven.

Matt. 18:19 Again, truly I am saying to you, that if two of you in a region come to an agreement concerning any topic which they might ask about, it should be resolved for them in the sight of My Father in heaven.

Matt. 18:20 For where two or three, being gathered together in My name, are present, in that place I am in the midst of them.”

Matt. 18:21 Then Peter, having approached Him, asked: “Lord, how many times shall my brother commit a sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

Matt. 18:22 Jesus replied to him: “I do not recommend to you up to seven times, but rather up to seventy times seven [there is no limit/ceiling to forgiveness in the kingdom of heaven].”

Matt. 18:23 Similar to this, the kingdom of heaven can be compared to a man, a king, who wished to settle an account with his slaves.

Matt. 18:24 And when he had begun to settle, one was brought to him owing ten thousand talents.

Matt. 18:25 And because he did not have the ability to pay, his master ordered *him* to be sold, as well as *his* wife and children and all that he possessed, including the residual loan amount he was owed.

Matt. 18:26 Consequently, the slave, falling down, prostrated himself before and worshipped him, saying: “Please be patient with me and I will repay everything.”

Matt. 18:27 And being moved with compassion, the master of that slave released him and forgave him the loan amount.



Matt. 18:28 But after departing, that slave found one of his fellow slaves who owed him one hundred denarius and, after apprehending him, he began to strangle *him*, saying: “Since you owe *me*, pay something.”

Matt. 18:29 Consequently, after falling down, his fellow slave begged him repeatedly, saying: “Please be patient with me and I will repay you.”

Matt. 18:30 However, he was not willing, but instead, after departing, he threw him into jail until he paid back that which he owed [show no mercy].

Matt. 18:31 Subsequently, when his fellow slaves saw the events which had transpired, they were extremely sad and distressed, and appearing publicly, they explained in detail to their [merciful] master all the events which had occurred.

Matt. 18:32 Then his master, after summoning him, said to him: “Slave, viciously evil one, I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

Matt. 18:33 Should your fellow slave not also receive mercy from you, just as I also had mercy upon you?”

Matt. 18:34 And having been roused to anger, his master handed him over to the jailers until such time as he could pay back everything which he owed.

Matt. 18:35 So, in the same manner, will My heavenly Father do to you if each one *of you* do not forgive your brother from the mentality of your soul.

## Chapter 19

Matt. 19:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had completed these teachings, *that* He departed from Galilee and entered into the region of Judea on the other side of the Jordan.

Matt. 19:2 And large crowds followed Him and He healed them there.

Matt. 19:3 And Pharisees came face-to-face to Him, putting Him to the test and asking if it is permitted for a man to dismiss his wife for every manner of reason.

Matt. 19:4 And answering with discernment, He said: “Have you not read that when He created *them* from the beginning, He made them male and female?”

Matt. 19:5 Then He said: “For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined increasingly close together with his wife and the two will become increasingly one flesh,

Matt. 19:6 With the result that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no man separate.”

Matt. 19:7 They asked Him: “Why, then, did Moses issue a command to give a writ of divorce and dismiss her?”

Matt. 19:8 He replied to them: “Moses, face-to-face with your hardness of heart, permitted you to dismiss your wives. But from the beginning, it was not designed this way.

Matt. 19:9 But I am saying to you that whoever dismisses his wife, except on the grounds of sexual immorality, and marries another, has committed adultery.”

Matt. 19:10 His disciples said to Him: “If the relationship of a husband with a wife is thus, it is not advantageous to get married.”

Matt. 19:11 Then He said to them: “Not everyone can accept this mandate, only those to whom it was given,

Matt. 19:12 For there are eunuchs who were born this way from the mother’s womb. Furthermore, there are eunuchs who were emasculated by men. Also, there are eunuchs who emasculated themselves for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to understand *this*, let him accept *it*.”

Matt. 19:13 Then they brought infants face-to-face to Him in order that He might lay hands upon and pray for them. And the disciples began to rebuke them.

Matt. 19:14 But Jesus said: “Permit the infants and stop forbidding them from coming face-to-face to Me, for the kingdom of heaven is for such as these.”

Matt. 19:15 Then, after laying hands upon them, He departed from that place.

Matt. 19:16 Then behold, one having approached Him face-to-face, asked: “Teacher, what good thing might I do in order that I might possess eternal life?”

Matt. 19:17 And He replied to him: “Why are you asking Me about a good thing? There is one good Person. But since you desire to enter into the life, keep on observing the commandments.”

Matt. 19:18 He asked Him: “What kind?” And Jesus replied: “You shall not commit murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not give false testimony.

Matt. 19:19 Honor father and mother, and exercise impersonal love towards your neighbor like yourself.”

Matt. 19:20 The young man replied to Him: “I have observed all of these things. What more am I lacking?”

Matt. 19:21 Jesus said to him: “Since you desire to be complete, go home, sell the things which are your property and possessions, and give *the proceeds* to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then return here and follow Me.”

Matt. 19:22 But when the young man heard the message, he departed. He was distressed and grieved for he had many possessions.

Matt. 19:23 Then Jesus said to His disciples: “Truly I am saying to you, that a rich man will enter the kingdom of heaven with difficulty.

Matt. 19:24 Now, in addition, I am saying to you: “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 [experiential, not positional].”

Matt. 19:25 Now the disciples, after hearing *this*, were exceedingly amazed and overwhelmed, saying: “Who then is able to be saved [sanctification-salvation or rewards-salvation]?”

Matt. 19:26 But Jesus, fixing His gaze upon *them*, said to them: “For men this is impossible, but for God all things *are* possible.”

Matt. 19:27 Then Peter, responding with some discernment, said to Him: “Behold, we abandoned everything and followed You. What then will there be for us?”

Matt. 19:28 And Jesus said to them: “Truly I am saying to you, that as for you who followed Me, during the restoration when the Son of Man begins to sit on His glorious throne, you will also sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel [this qualitative entrance is a reward for service and sacrifice; eleven of the twelve will be rewarded for their sacrifice].

Matt. 19:29 Furthermore, each person who was of such a quality as to have abandoned houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for the sake of My Name, shall receive a hundred times as much, and shall inherit eternal life [experiential sanctification, not justification-salvation].

Matt. 19:30 In fact, many prominent people [first by earthly standards] will be insignificant [low ranking in the kingdom of heaven] and many insignificant people will be prominent.”

## Chapter 20

Matt. 20:1 For you see, the kingdom of heaven is like a man, a master of a household [God the Father], who went out in the morning to hire workers [remnant of Jewish believers] for his vineyard [Israel during the kingdom].

Matt. 20:2 And when he came to an agreement with the workers for a denarius per day, he sent them into his vineyard.

Matt. 20:3 And when he went out around the third hour, he saw others of the same kind who were standing in the marketplace unemployed.

Matt. 20:4 And he said to them: “As for you [those of you standing here who are looking for work], go also [like the first group of men I hired earlier this morning] into the vineyard and I will pay you whatever is right.”

Matt. 20:5 Subsequently, they departed. Then, having come out again around the sixth and ninth hour, he did the same thing.

Matt. 20:6 And having come out around the eleventh *hour*, he found others of the same kind who were standing and he asked them: “Why have you stood in this place the entire day unemployed?”

Matt. 20:7 They replied to Him: “Because nobody will hire us.” He said to them: “As for you, go also into the vineyard.”

Matt. 20:8 Now, when evening arrived, the master of the vineyard said to his foreman [Jesus]: “Call the workers and pay them wages, beginning with the last ones [the men hired at 5:00 PM] until you reach the first ones [the men hired at sunrise].”

Matt. 20:9 And when those *hired* around the eleventh hour came forward, they received a denarius each.

Matt. 20:10 And when those *hired* first came forward, they assumed that they would receive much more, yet they also received a denarius each.

Matt. 20:11 And after they received *it*, they began to grumble and complain against the master of the house [God the Father],

Matt. 20:12 Saying: “These men *who were hired* last worked one hour, yet you treated them equal to us, we who put up with the burden and heat of the day.”

Matt. 20:13 But answering one of them with discernment, he said: “Friend, I am not treating you unjustly. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?”

Matt. 20:14 Take what is yours and go home. Furthermore, I take pleasure in giving to the last man as *I* also *gave* to you [grace application].

Matt. 20:15 Is it not permitted for me to do what I desire with my things [principle of a capitalist economy]? Or is your eye wicked because, as for me, I am benevolent?

Matt. 20:16 So, the last ones shall be the first ones, and the first ones *shall be* the last ones [equitable distribution of rewards].

Matt. 20:17 Then Jesus, as He was going up to Jerusalem, took aside the twelve disciples privately and said to them on the road:

Matt. 20:18 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes and they will condemn Him to death.

Matt. 20:19 Furthermore, they will deliver Him up to the Gentiles for the purpose of mocking and scourging and crucifying *Him*, but He will be raised on the third day.”

Matt. 20:20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee, accompanied by her sons, came face-to-face to Him, prostrating herself as an act of worship and making a request for a certain thing from Him.

Matt. 20:21 And He asked her: “What do you want?” She replied to Him: “Please declare that these, my two sons, may sit, one at Your right side and one at Your left side, in Your kingdom.”

Matt. 20:22 And Jesus, answering with discernment, said: “You do not understand what you yourselves are asking. Are you able to drink the cup which I Myself am destined to drink?” They replied to Him: “We are able.”

Matt. 20:23 He replied to them: “On the one hand, you will drink of My cup; on the other hand, to sit at My right side or left side – this is not Mine to give, but *is* for those prepared by My Father.”

Matt. 20:24 And the ten men, having heard *this*, became angry and indignant concerning the two brothers.

Matt. 20:25 But Jesus, after summoning them, said: “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles dominate and oppress them and high-ranking men bully and intimidate them.

Matt. 20:26 It will not be this way among you. Instead, whoever desires to become great among you will be your servant.

Matt. 20:27 Furthermore, whoever desires to be first among you will be your slave,

Matt. 20:28 Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but rather to serve and to give His life as a ransom [price of release] for many [the elect, His sheep, those whom the Father gave to Him].”

Matt. 20:29 As usual, when they departed from Jericho, a large crowd followed Him.

Matt. 20:30 And behold, two blind men, sitting on the side of the road, having heard that Jesus might pass by, cried out, saying: “Lord, have mercy on us, son of David.”

Matt. 20:31 The crowd, however, rebuked them so that they might be quiet. But they cried out louder, saying: “Lord, have mercy on us, son of David.”

Matt. 20:32 And Jesus, standing still, heard them and asked: “What do you desire *that* I do for you?”

Matt. 20:33 They replied to Him: “Lord, that our eyes might be opened.”

Matt. 20:34 Then Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes and immediately they regained sight and followed Him.

## Chapter 21

Matt. 21:1 And when they were coming close to Jerusalem and had arrived in Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples on a mission,

Matt. 21:2 Saying to them: “Go into the village before you and immediately you will find a donkey which has been tied-up and a colt with her. After untying *them*, bring *them* to Me.

Matt. 21:3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall reply: “The Lord has need of them,” and he will send them.

Matt. 21:4 Now this took place so that it would be fulfilled, that which was said through the prophets, who said:

Matt. 21:5 “Tell the daughter of Zion, behold, your King is coming to you, genuinely humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the offspring of an ass.”

Matt. 21:6 Then the disciples, having proceeded and done just as Jesus ordered them,

Matt. 21:7 Brought the donkey and the colt. And they placed garments upon them and He sat on them.

Matt. 21:8 Furthermore, a large crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from trees and spread *them* on the road.

Matt. 21:9 And the crowds, those walking ahead of Him and those following, repeatedly shouted, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is the One who is coming in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest regions.”

Matt. 21:10 And after He entered into Jerusalem, the entire city was stirred up, asking repeatedly: “Who is this?”

Matt. 21:11 And the crowds replied repeatedly: “This is the prophet Jesus, the one from Nazareth, Galilee.”

Matt. 21:12 Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were selling and buying in the temple. Then He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves,

Matt. 21:13 And He said to them: “It has been written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but as for you, you are making it a cave for thieves.”

Matt. 21:14 And the blind and the lame came face-to-face to Him in the temple and He healed them.

Matt. 21:15 However, when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things which He did and the young boys shouting repeatedly in the temple and saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became indignant.

Matt. 21:16 Consequently, they asked Him: “Do You hear what these are repeatedly saying?” And Jesus replied to them: “Yes. Have you never read that out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies, you prepare for yourself praise?”

Matt. 21:17 And after leaving them, He proceeded outside of the city to Bethany and spent the night there.

Matt. 21:18 Now, early in the morning, as He was returning to the city, He began to get hungry.

Matt. 21:19 And after seeing a long fig tree near the road, He went to it, but found nothing on it except leaves only. And He said to it: “Fruit will no longer come forth from you ever again.” Consequently, the fig tree immediately dried up.

Matt. 21:20 And the disciples, after witnessing, were amazed, saying: “How quickly the fig tree withered!”

Matt. 21:21 But Jesus, replying with discernment, said: “Truly I am saying to you, ‘If you have faith and do not doubt, not only may you do this to the fig tree, but you may also say to this mountain, May you be lifted up and be cast into the sea. It will happen.’”

Matt. 21:22 Furthermore, all things, whatever, if you ask with prayer, believing, you will receive [either hyperbole or a promise restricted to the disciples only].”

Matt. 21:23 Now, after He came into the temple, the chief priest and elders of the people approached Him face-to-face while He was teaching, asking: “By what authority are You doing these things? Furthermore, who gave You this authority?”

Matt. 21:24 And Jesus, answering with discernment, said to them: “I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will then tell you by whose authority I am doing these things.

Matt. 21:25 ‘From what source did the baptism of John originate, from heaven or from men?’ Then they deliberated among themselves, saying: “If we reply, ‘From heaven,’ He will reply, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’

Matt. 21:26 But if we reply, ‘From men,’ we should be afraid of the crowd, for all of them consider John as a prophet.”

Matt. 21:27 Consequently, replying with discernment, they said to Jesus: “We do not know.” And He Himself said to them, “As for Me, neither am I telling you by whose authority I am doing these things.”

Matt. 21:28 “Nevertheless, as far as you are concerned, what did he think? A man had two children, and after approaching the first one, he said: ‘Child, go, continue working today in my vineyard.’

Matt. 21:29 Consequently, replying with discernment, he replied: ‘I will not.’ But later, after experiencing regret, he did go [would not promise but was obedient].

Matt. 21:30 Then, after approaching the other, he said likewise. But, answering with discernment, he said: ‘Yes, sir,’ but he did not go [promised but was disobedient].

Matt. 21:31 Which of the two accomplished the desire of the father?” They replied, “The first one.” Jesus said to them: “Truly, I am saying to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are proceeding you into the kingdom of God.

Matt. 21:32 For John came face-to-face to you in the sphere of a spiritual life characterized by righteousness, but you did not believe him. By contrast, tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Furthermore, as for you, after seeing *him*, you did not experience regret later with the result that you believed him.

Matt. 21:33 Listen to another parable. There was a man, master of a household [God the Father], who planted a vineyard [Israel], and put a hedge around it, and prepared a winepress by digging in it, and built a watchtower, and rented it to vinedressers [the chief priests and elders], and went on a vacation.

Matt. 21:34 And when the time for the fruit drew near, he sent his slaves [Old Testament prophets] face-to-face to the vinedressers for the purpose of obtaining his fruit.

Matt. 21:35 But the vinedressers, after seizing his slaves, beat one, murdered another, and threw stones at another.

Matt. 21:36 In response, he sent other slaves [John the Baptizer and the eleven disciples], more of them than the first time, but they treated them in the same manner.

Matt. 21:37 Then, finally, he sent his son [Jesus] face-to-face to them, assuming our loud: ‘They will show respect for my son.’

Matt. 21:38 But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves: ‘Come on! Let’s kill him and seize his inheritance.’

Matt. 21:39 And after seizing him, they drove *him* outside of the vineyard and murdered *him*.

Matt. 21:40 Consequently, when the master of the vineyard comes, what will he do to these vinedressers?"

Matt. 21:41 They said to Him: "Wicked men, he will severely destroy them and will lease the vineyard to other vinedressers [leaders of *new* Israel] who are of such a character that they will deliver to him fruit during their appropriate seasons."

Matt. 21:42 Jesus replied to them: "Have you never read in the Scriptures, 'A stone [Jesus], which was rejected by those who were building, this very One became the Head of the corner [between *old* and *new* Israel]?' This came to be through the Lord's command [God the Father] and is wonderful in our eyes."

Matt. 21:43 Because of this, I say to you that the Kingdom of God will be taken from you [unbelieving *old* Israel] and given to a nation [believing *new* Israel] which will produce its fruits.

Matt. 21:44 And the one who falls upon the stone [they stumble over Jesus], this one shall be bruised or broken, but upon the one it falls [Jesus falls upon them], it will crush him."

Matt. 21:45 Now, when the chief priests and Pharisees finished listening to His parables, they knew that He was speaking about them [bad news for conspirators].

Matt. 21:46 But when they searched for a way to arrest Him, they became afraid of the crowds, because they viewed Him as a prophet.

## Chapter 22

Matt. 22:1 Consequently, Jesus, responding with discernment, again spoke in parables, saying:

Matt. 22:2 "The kingdom of heaven *is* like a man, a king [God the Father], who hosted a wedding banquet for his son [Jesus the Messiah].

Matt. 22:3 And he sent his slaves [Old Testament prophets] on a mission to summon those who had been invited in the past and were still invited to the wedding festivities [*old* Israel]. However, they did not wish to come.

Matt. 22:4 So again, he sent other slaves [John the Baptizer and the disciples] on a mission, saying: 'Tell those who have been invited in the past and are still invited, Behold, I have prepared my banquet - my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding festivities!'

Matt. 22:5 But, paying no attention, they [*old* Israel] went away, one to his own farm, another to his business,

Matt. 22:6 And others [Jewish conspirators], after apprehending his slaves, treated *them* in an arrogant and spiteful manner, even committing murder.

Matt. 22:7 Consequently, the king became angry, and after dispatching his soldiers, he destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire [killed by Roman soldiers under Titus in 70 A.D. when Jerusalem was destroyed].



Matt. 22:8 Then he said to his slaves: ‘On the one hand, the wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited in the past are not worthy.

Matt. 22:9 Therefore, go to the intersections of the highways and as many as you find, invite *them* [new Israel] to the wedding festivities.’

Matt. 22:10 So, those slaves, after going out into the highways, gathered together all whom they could find [new Israel], both degenerate ones and benevolent ones, and the wedding banquet was filled with reclining dinner guests.

Matt. 22:11 But when the king came in to greet those who were reclining at the banquet, he saw a man [unbeliever] who was not wearing a wedding garment [the righteousness of God received as a gift of salvation],

Matt. 22:12 And he asked him: ‘Friend, why did you come to this occasion without having a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.

Matt. 22:13 Then the king said to the table waiters: ‘After binding his feet and hands, cast him into outer darkness [hell]. There will be weeping and grinding of teeth,

Matt. 22:14 For many are invited [evangelism: all Israel], but few *are* chosen [election: new Israel].’”

Matt. 22:15 Then, as they were leaving, the Pharisees began to form a plot so that they might entrap Him in a message.

Matt. 22:16 And they sent their students [seminary students from Hillel or Shammai] on a mission with the Herodians, saying: “Teacher, we know that You are truthful, and You make it a practice to teach the way of God in truth, and You do not pay homage yourself to anyone, for You do not observe and consider a man with favoritism [by appearances only].

Matt. 22:17 “Please tell us, therefore, as for You, is it permitted to pay a tax to Caesar or not?”

Matt. 22:18 But Jesus, having perceived their wickedness, replied: “Hypocrites, why are you testing Me?”

Matt. 22:19 Show Me the coin for the poll tax.” And they brought a denarius to Him.

Matt. 22:20 Then He asked them: “Whose image and title *is* this?”

Matt. 22:21 They replied to Him: “Caesar’s.” Then He said: “Pay back, therefore, to Caesar the things belonging to Caesar and to God the things belonging to God.”

Matt. 22:22 Now after hearing *this*, they were astonished. Consequently, having given up, they [honor students] departed.

Matt. 22:23 On the same day, Sadducees came to Him face-to-face, claiming there is no resurrection, and asked Him:

Matt. 22:24 Saying: “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies without having children, his brother shall marry as next of kin his wife and shall raise up a child on behalf of his brother.’

Matt. 22:25 Now, there were seven brothers among us. And the first one, having married, died, and not having children, left his wife to his brother.

Matt. 22:26 In the same manner, also, the second one and the third one, up to the seventh.

Matt. 22:27 And last of all, the woman died.

Matt. 22:28 During the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will she be among the seven, for they all had her?"

Matt. 22:29 Then Jesus, answering with discernment, said to them: "You have been misled, not knowing the scriptures [especially about the resurrection] nor the power of God,

Matt. 22:30 For at the resurrection, they neither marry nor are they given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven.

Matt. 22:31 Furthermore, with reference to the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying:

Matt. 22:32 'I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?' He is not the God of dead people, but rather of the living [they have to be resurrected to receive the promises of God]."

Matt. 22:33 And when the multitude heard *this*, they were amazed at His teaching.

Matt. 22:34 Now, the Pharisees, after hearing that He had silenced the Sadducees, were gathered together at the same place.

Matt. 22:35 And one of them, a lawyer, putting Him to the test, asked in an interrogating manner:

Matt. 22:36 "Teacher, which commandment is the greatest in the law?"

Matt. 22:37 And He said to him: "You shall love the Lord your God with your entire heart and with your entire soul and with your entire mind.

Matt. 22:38 This is the greatest and first commandment.

Matt. 22:39 And a second one related to it: "You shall love your fellow human being in the same manner as yourself.

Matt. 22:40 Within the scope of these two commandments hangs the entirety of the law and the prophets."

Matt. 22:41 Then, while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them in an interrogating manner,

Matt. 22:42 Saying, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is He?" They replied to Him: "David's."

Matt. 22:43 He said to them: "How, then, *is it possible that* David by means of the Spirit calls Him Lord, when he said:

Matt. 22:44 “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit down at My right hand until I place Your enemies under Your feet?’

Matt. 22:45 Since, therefore, David called Him Lord, how can He be his son [a father doesn’t call his son, Lord; it is customarily the other way around! But David did.]?”

Matt. 22:46 And no one was able to provide an answer with certainty, nor did anyone have the courage from that day to interrogate Him further.

## **Chapter 23**

Matt. 23:1 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples,

Matt. 23:2 Saying: “The scribes and Pharisees are seated upon Moses’ chair [the top teaching position for the nation],

Matt. 23:3 Therefore, everything that they might declare to you, you must do and make it a practice to observe. But stop doing according to their works, for they talk continuously but they do not execute [they are poor role models].

Matt. 23:4 Furthermore, they bind together difficult and hard to bear burdens and they place them upon the shoulders of men [legalistic burdens from the Mishnah], but they themselves are not willing to remove them with their finger.

Matt. 23:5 And they perform all their works for the purpose of being seen by men, for they make their phylacteries broad and they enlarge the hem of their garments.

Matt. 23:6 Furthermore, they love the place of honor at formal dinners and the best seats in the synagogue,

Matt. 23:7 Including greetings in the marketplace and to be called by men, Rabbi.

Matt. 23:8 But as for you, do not be called Rabbi, for One [the Messiah] is your Teacher, and you all are brethren.

Matt. 23:9 And do not call anyone your father upon the earth, for One is your heavenly Father.

Matt. 23:10 And do not be called master, because One is your Master - the Messiah.

Matt. 23:11 Furthermore, the greatest one among you will be your servant.

Matt. 23:12 And he who continues to exalt himself will be humbled, but he who continues to humble himself will be exalted.

Matt. 23:13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for you make it a practice to shut and lock up the kingdom of heaven before men. To be sure, you yourselves are not entering [positional]; neither are you permitting those who want to enter, to go in [hindering their qualitative entrance].

Matt. 23:14 NA

Matt. 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for you travel around the sea and dry land for the purpose of making one proselyte [convert to Judaism], but when he becomes *one*, you make him twice as much a son of Gehenna than yourselves.

Matt. 23:16 Woe to you, spiritually blind guides, who make it a habit to say: 'Whoever swears an oath on the temple, it means nothing. But whoever swears an oath on the temple gold, he is indebted.'

Matt. 23:17 Morons and spiritually blind men, to be sure, which is greater, the gold or the temple which dedicates the gold to God?

Matt. 23:18 'And whoever swears an oath on the altar, it means nothing. But whoever swears an oath on the sacrificial gift upon it, he is indebted.'

Matt. 23:19 Spiritually blind ones, to be sure, which *is* greater, the sacrificial gift or the altar which dedicates the sacrificial gift to God?

Matt. 23:20 Therefore, he who swears an oath on the altar is swearing an oath on it as well as all things upon it [the value is in the money not the building which stores the money].

Matt. 23:21 And he who swears an oath on the temple is swearing an oath on it as well as on the One who resides in it.

Matt. 23:22 And he who swears an oath on heaven is swearing an oath on the throne of God as well as on the One [the Father] who is seated upon it.

Matt. 23:23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for you pay a one tenth tithe of mint and dill and cumin, but you neglect important legal matters [confused priorities] - justice and mercy and faithfulness. Indeed, you are obligated to do these things and not to neglect the others.

Matt. 23:24 Spiritually blind guides, who practice filtering a gnat from wine, but swallow a camel [they miss the large important item while focusing on insignificant minutia].

Matt. 23:25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for you clean the outside of the cup and the dish [false appearances], but inside they are full of stolen goods and self-indulgence.

Matt. 23:26 Spiritually blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup in order that the outside of it might also become clean [they substituted ritual for reality, formality for faith, and liturgy for God].

Matt. 23:27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the one hand, appear to be beautiful on the outside, but on the other hand, on the inside they are full of dead men's bones and every kind of contamination [total depravity masquerading as religiosity].

Matt. 23:28 In the same manner, you also, on the one hand, appear righteous to men on the outside, but on the other hand, on the inside, you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matt. 23:29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for you restore the tombs of the prophets and you decorate the monuments of righteous men,

Matt. 23:30 And claim repeatedly: "If we had lived during the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in the blood of the prophets,"

Matt. 23:31 With the unintended result that you are bearing witness against yourselves [by planning to murder the Messiah] that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets.

Matt. 23:32 Indeed, as for you, you are bringing to completion the measure of your ancestors.

Matt. 23:33 Poisonous snakes, progeny of vipers, how will you escape from the judgment of Gehenna [God's trashcan or dumpster]?

Matt. 23:34 In spite of this, behold, I am sending face-to-face to you prophets and wise men and Christian scholars, *some* of whom you will kill, even crucify, and *some* of whom you will scourge in your synagogue and persecute from city to city,

Matt. 23:35 In order that there may come upon you all the righteous blood which has been shed upon the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous one up to the blood of Zacharias, the son of Barachias, whom you murdered between the inner sanctuary of the temple and the altar of whole burnt-offerings [not only did Jesus provide names, He also divulged the location where some of these prophets were murdered].

Matt. 23:36 Truly, I am saying to you: 'All these things will come upon this generation.'

Matt. 23:37 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killed the prophets and stoned those who were sent on a mission face-to-face to you, how many times did I desire to gather together your children [children of the Jewish leadership], as a hen gathers together her chicks under *her* wings, and yet you did not allow *it*?

Matt. 23:38 Behold, your house [the Messianic reign over the house of Jacob on the throne of David] will be left to you [abandoned], deserted,

Matt. 23:39 For I am saying to you: 'You will not see Me from now on [emphasizing the certainty of future negative conditions], until you are ready to say, May the One who is coming in the name of the Lord be praised [when He returns after the Great Tribulation].'"

## Chapter 24

Matt. 24:1 Then, after exiting from the temple, Jesus walked about and His disciples approached for the purpose of pointing out the buildings of the temple complex.

Matt. 24:2 And responding with discernment, He said to them: "Do you not understand all these things? Truly, I am saying to you, there will not be permitted a stone upon a stone which shall not be thrown down in this complex [destruction in 70 A.D]."

Matt. 24:3 Then, as He sat down on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached Him privately, saying: "Please tell us, when will these things happen? And what miraculous sign *will precede* Your coming and the end of the age?"

Matt. 24:4 And Jesus, replying with discernment, said to them: "Be constantly on the alert so that no one may deceive you,

Matt. 24:5 For many will come on the authority of My Name, claiming: 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many.

Matt. 24:6 Furthermore, you are destined to hear about wars and rumors of wars. See to it that you are not frightened, for it is necessary that this happens, but the end has not yet come into being.

Matt. 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

Matt. 24:8 Now, all these things are a beginning of birth pains [Tribulation suffering].

Matt. 24:9 Then they will deliver you up into affliction and they will kill you and you will be hated [extreme antisemitism] by all the [Gentile] nations because of My name [second half of the Tribulation].

Matt. 24:10 And then many will be led into sin and will betray one another and will hate one another,

Matt. 24:11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

Matt. 24:12 And because lawlessness will abound, the virtue love of many will grow cold [be extinguished].

Matt. 24:13 However, he who stands his ground and endures to the end [remnant of believing Jews], this man will be delivered [encouragement].

Matt. 24:14 Furthermore, this gospel of the kingdom will be publicly proclaimed in the entire inhabited world for a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matt. 24:15 Therefore, when you see the abomination [nauseating, loathsome, detestable idolatrous thing] of desolation [depopulation] - which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place - he who reads, let him think this over.

Matt. 24:16 At that time, let those in Judaea flee into the mountains,

Matt. 24:17 Let he who is on the rooftop not climb down to pick up and carry along things from his house.

Matt. 24:18 Furthermore, let him not turn around and go back to the field for the purpose of picking up and carrying along his clothing,

Matt. 24:19 And woe to those who are bearing a child and are nursing a baby in these days.

Matt. 24:20 Furthermore, pray that your flight does not occur during the winter nor on a sabbath,

Matt. 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation such as has not occurred from the beginning of the world up to now, nor shall it ever take place.

Matt. 24:22 As a matter of fact, if these days are not shortened, no person will be delivered from death, but because of the elect, these days will be shortened.

Matt. 24:23 Then, if anyone says to you: "Behold, here or there *is* the Messiah," do not begin to believe *him*.

Matt. 24:24 For false messiahs and false prophets will arise and they will produce great signs and wonders for the purpose of deceiving, if possible, even the elect.

Matt. 24:25 Behold, I have warned you in advance.

Matt. 24:26 Therefore, if they say to you: "Behold, He is in the desert." Do not start to go out. "Behold, *He is* in secret rooms." Do not begin to believe *it*,

Matt. 24:27 For just as lightning comes out of the east and flashes to the west, in the same manner, the advent of the Son of Man will be.

Matt. 24:28 Whenever a corpse is present, vultures will be gathered together in that place.

Matt. 24:29 Now, immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give her reflected light and meteors will fall from heaven and the powers over heavenly bodies will be shaken.

Matt. 24:30 And then the miraculous sign of the Son of Man will be seen in heaven. And then all the people of earth will mourn and see the Son of Man coming with clouds from heaven with power and great glory.

Matt. 24:31 And He will send His angels on a mission with a loud trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens up to the other end.

Matt. 24:32 Now, learn and understand a parable from a fig tree. Whenever her branch has already become tender [the end of the Tribulation would have to be near or over] and puts forth leaves [the inauguration of the Millennial Kingdom would need to be at the doors], you know that summer *is* near.

Matt. 24:33 In this manner, also, when you begin to see all these things, you will know that it [His return at the 2<sup>nd</sup> advent] is near, *even* at the doors.

Matt. 24:34 Truly, I am saying to you, that this generation [the future generation to whom these signs of Matthew 24 will be seen] will not pass away until all these things take place.

Matt. 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.

Matt. 24:36 But concerning that day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.

Matt. 24:37 Furthermore, just as the days of Noah, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matt. 24:38 For as in those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, until which day Noah entered into the ark.

Matt. 24:39 As a matter of fact, they did not begin to comprehend until the flood came and carried everyone away. In the same manner, the coming of the Son of Man will also occur.

Matt. 24:40 On a different occasion [2<sup>nd</sup> advent], two men will be in a field. One will be taken [unbelieving Israel] and one will be left behind [remnant of believing Israel].

Matt. 24:41 Two women *will be* grinding at a millstone. One will be taken [into custody to be burned] and one will be left behind [to enter the Kingdom].

Matt. 24:42 Therefore, keep on being alert and watchful, because you do not know what day your Lord will return [the timing of the 2nd Advent is a secret].

Matt. 24:43 But understand this, that if the master of the house [Jewish remnant] had known what watch of the day or night the thief was coming, he would have been alert and watchful and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

Matt. 24:44 Because of this, you also be prepared, for you will not recognize which hour the Son of Man is coming.

Matt. 24:45 Who, then, will be a faithful slave as well as a judicious one [the faithful slave represents a politico-religious leader of Israel, who follows the mandates of Judaism during the Tribulation and is waiting for the 2nd Advent of the Messiah], whom the master will put in charge over the slaves of his household for the purpose of giving them food at the appropriate time of day?

Matt. 24:46 Blessed *is* that slave, whom when his master [Jesus the Messiah] comes, he finds *him* continuing to operate in this manner.

Matt. 24:47 Truly, I am saying to you, that he will put him in charge of all his things which he owns [additional rewards and responsibilities for being a faithful slave].

Matt. 24:48 But if that evil slave says in the mentality of his soul: “My master is delaying his return,”

Matt. 24:49 And he begins to beat his fellow slaves. Furthermore, he makes it a habit to eat and drink with those who are drunk.

Matt. 24:50 The master of that slave will come on a day when he is not expecting *him* and at an hour which he does not know,

Matt. 24:51 And he will severely punish him [the reversionistic slave] and will establish his place with hypocrites [he will be allowed into the kingdom, but he will be sent to the equivalent of the town refuse dump]. In that place, there will be weeping and grinding of teeth [lost opportunity for rewards].

## Chapter 25

Matt. 25:1 At that time, the kingdom of heaven will be compared to ten virgins [remnant of believing Jews in Israel], who, having taken their lamps [faithfulness, watchfulness, and readiness], proceeded to meet the bridegroom [Jesus the Messiah].

Matt. 25:2 Now, five of them were foolish [have no a spiritual life after salvation] and five *were* prudent [have a spiritual life after salvation],

Matt. 25:3 For the foolish ones, having brought their lamps, did not bring oil with them [unprepared],

Matt. 25:4 But the sensible ones brought oil in containers with their lamps [prepared].



Matt. 25:5 And when the bridegroom failed to come for a long time [mystery of the Church Age], they all began to get drowsy and went to sleep.

Matt. 25:6 And at midnight, there was a shout: "Behold, the bridegroom! Go out to meet him!"

Matt. 25:7 Then all those virgins arose and began to put their lamps in order.

Matt. 25:8 But the foolish ones [without spiritual progress] said to the sensible ones [with spiritual progress]: "Please give to us some of your oil [watchfulness and preparedness], because our lamps are going out!"

Matt. 25:9 But the sensible ones replied with discernment, saying: "No, never! There will not be enough for us and you. Instead, go face-to-face to those who sell and buy from them."

Matt. 25:10 And while they were going to make a purchase, the bridegroom appeared [2<sup>nd</sup> advent], and the prepared ones entered into the wedding banquet with him, and the door was shut [being foolish does not send them to hell, it merely excludes them from many enjoyable festivities once He does return].

Matt. 25:11 And later the rest of the virgins came and said: "Sir, sir, please open for us."

Matt. 25:12 But answering with discernment, he said: "Truly, I am saying to you, I do not know you experientially [they will not be allowed to witness or participate in the banquet]."

Matt. 25:13 Keep on being alert and watchful, therefore, because you do not know the day nor hour.

Matt. 25:14 Similarly, to be sure, a man [the Messiah] who is going on a journey called together his own slaves [remnant of Jewish believers in Israel] and distributed to them the things which were at his disposal [ministries].

Matt. 25:15 Then, on the one hand, he gave to one man five talents; on the other hand, to one man, two; on the other hand, to one man, one - to every man according to his ability. Then he immediately began his journey.

Matt. 25:16 The man who had received five talents, after departing, began to work with the same and made a profit of five others.

Matt. 25:17 Likewise, the man with two made a profit of two others.

Matt. 25:18 But the man who had received one, after going out, dug a hole in the ground and covered up his master's money.

Matt. 25:19 Now, after a long time, the master returned to his own slaves and settled the account with them.

Matt. 25:20 And the man who had received five talents, having come forward, brought five other talents, saying: "Master, you entrusted me with five talents. See, I made a profit of five other talents."

Matt. 25:21 His master said to him: "Excellent, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things. I will put you in charge over many things. Enter into the inner happiness of your master!"

Matt. 25:22 Then the man with two talents, after coming forward, said likewise: “Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I made a profit of two other talents.”

Matt. 25:23 His master said to him: “Excellent, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things. I will put you in charge over many things. Enter into the inner happiness of your master!”

Matt. 25:24 Then the man who had received one talent, after coming forward, said likewise: “Master, I know you, that you are a tough man, who makes it a practice to harvest where you have not sown seed and have made it a habit to gather up from where you have not scattered [insulted and disrespected the Messiah].

Matt. 25:25 Consequently, since I had become afraid, after leaving, I hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what *is* yours.”

Matt. 25:26 Then his master, replying with discernment, said to him: “Spoiled rotten and lazy slave! Do you think that I make it a practice to harvest where I have not sown seed and make it a habit to gather up from where I have not scattered?”

Matt. 25:27 Accordingly, as for you, you should have deposited my money with bankers, and when I returned, I would have received interest together with my investment [some return on the ministry entrusted to them].

Matt. 25:28 Therefore, take the talent away from him and give *it* to the man who has ten talents,

Matt. 25:29 For to each one who has [faithfulness], it will be entrusted and he will receive an abundance [spiritual assets], but he who does not have [faithfulness], even that which he has will be taken away [loss of ministry and rewards].

Matt. 25:30 Also, throw the worthless slave out into the farthest darkness [exclusion from reigning with Him during the millennium]. In that place there will be weeping and grinding of teeth [shame and embarrassment].”

Matt. 25:31 Now, when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit down upon His throne of glory.

Matt. 25:32 And all the nations will be gathered together in His presence, and He will separate them from one another, as a shepherd separates the sheep [believers] from the goats [unbelievers].

Matt. 25:33 And He will stand the sheep, on the one hand, on His right side, and on the other hand, the goats on the left side.

Matt. 25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right side: “Come, those who have been blessed by My Father. Inherit the kingdom which has been prepared for you from the foundation of the universe;

Matt. 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me *something* to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in as a guest.

Matt. 25:36 *I was* poorly dressed and you provided me with outer clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you came face-to-face to me.”

Matt. 25:37 Then the righteous ones will reply to Him, saying: “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* a drink?”

Matt. 25:38 And when did we see You a stranger and invite *You* in as a guest, or poorly dressed and provide *You* with outer clothing?”

Matt. 25:39 And when did we see You sick or in prison and come to You face-to-face?”

Matt. 25:40 And the King, answering with discernment, will say to them: “Truly, I am saying to you, insofar as you did this to one of these [during the Tribulation], the least significant of My brethren, you did *it* to Me.”

Matt. 25:41 Then He will also say to those on the left side: “Depart from Me, those who are cursed, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

Matt. 25:42 For I was hungry and you did not give Me *something* to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me something to drink [Tribulation hospitality].

Matt. 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not invite Me in as a guest, *was* poorly dressed and you did not provide Me with outer clothing, *was* sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.

Matt. 25:44 Then, they themselves will also reply with discernment, saying: “Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or poorly dressed or sick or in prison and we did not minister to You?”

Matt. 25:45 Then He will reply to them with discernment, saying: “Truly, I am saying to you, insofar as you did not do *it* to one of these, the least significant ones, neither did you do *it* to Me.

Matt. 25:46 And so, these will go into eternal punishment, but the righteous ones into eternal life.”

## Chapter 26

Matt. 26:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these things, *that* He said to His disciples:

Matt. 26:2 “You know that after two days the Passover will take place and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

Matt. 26:3 Then the chief priests and prominent senior citizens of the people gathered together in the courtyard of the high priest named Caiaphas,

Matt. 26:4 And they hatched a treacherous plot to arrest and murder Jesus.

Matt. 26:5 But they agreed not during the feast so that it would not lead to an uproar among the people.

Matt. 26:6 Now, while Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,

Matt. 26:7 A woman came face-to-face to Him, holding an alabaster flask of very expensive perfumed ointment, and she poured *it* upon His head while He was reclining at the dinner table.

Matt. 26:8 But the disciples, having observed *this*, were aroused with indignation: “For what purpose *is* this waste?”

Matt. 26:9 For it might be possible to sell this large quantity and distribute *the proceeds* to the poor.”

Matt. 26:10 But when Jesus realized this, He said to them: “Why are you causing the woman troubles for the wonderful gesture she did for Me?”

Matt. 26:11 For you will have the poor with you always, but you will not have Me always.

Matt. 26:12 For, as she poured this perfumed ointment upon My body, she was beginning to do *it* for the purpose of preparing for My burial.

Matt. 26:13 Truly, I am saying to you: ‘Wherever this gospel may be proclaimed, in the whole world, it shall also be told what this woman has done as a memorial for her.’”

Matt. 26:14 Then one of the twelve, the one who was called Judas Iscariot, having proceeded face-to-face to the chief priests,

Matt. 26:15 Said: “What are you willing to give to me should I deliver Him over to you for my part?” Then they proposed to him thirty pieces of silver.

Matt. 26:16 And from that time forward, he searched for an opportunity to betray Him.

Matt. 26:17 Now, on the first *day* of unleavened bread, the disciples came face-to-face to Jesus, asking: “Where do you want us to begin preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

Matt. 26:18 And He replied: “Go into the city face-to-face to a certain man and say to him: ‘The Teacher says, My time of crisis is near. I would like to observe the Passover with My disciples face-to-face with you.’”

Matt. 26:19 And so, the disciples did as Jesus directed them and they began to make preparations for the Passover.

Matt. 26:20 Now, when evening came, He was reclining with the Twelve,

Matt. 26:21 And while they were eating, He said: “Truly, I am saying to you, that one of you will betray Me.”

Matt. 26:22 Consequently, as they became increasingly distressed, they began to ask Him one at a time: “Lord, it’s not me, is it?”

Matt. 26:23 And responding with discernment, He said: “The one who is about to dip alongside of My hand in the dish, this one will betray Me.”

Matt. 26:24 On the one hand, the Son of Man is returning home, just as it stands written concerning Him, but on the other hand, woe to that man through whom the Son of Man will be betrayed. It would have been better for him if that man had never been born.

Matt. 26:25 Then Judas, the one who was in the process of betraying Him, replying with discernment, said: “Teacher, it’s not me, is it?” He replied: “You said *it*.”

Matt. 26:26 Now while they were eating, Jesus, after taking hold of a loaf of bread [part of the larger meal] and asking a blessing, broke *it*, and after giving *it* to the disciples, He said: “Take, eat. This represents My body.”

Matt. 26:27 Then, after taking hold of a drinking vessel [the third cup of wine traditionally drank during the Passover meal] and asking a blessing, He gave *it* to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you,

Matt. 26:28 For this represents My blood [representative analogy for His death on the cross], with reference to the covenant, which will be shed for many [the elect, those whom the Father gave Him, his sheep] for the cancellation of sins.

Matt. 26:29 Furthermore, I say to you: “I will absolutely not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on, until that day, when I can drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father [He will not celebrate with them until the Tribulation is over and the Millennial Kingdom has begun].”

Matt. 26:30 Then, after singing a hymn, they departed for the Mount of Olives.

Matt. 26:31 Then Jesus said to them: “All of you will be offended by Me on this night, for it has been written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

Matt. 26:32 But after I have been raised up, I will go before you into Galilee.”

Matt. 26:33 But Peter, responding with discernment, said to Him: “Assuming everyone will be offended by You, as for me, I will never be offended.”

Matt. 26:34 Jesus said to him: “Truly, I am saying to you, that on this night, before a rooster crows, three times you will deny Me.”

Matt. 26:35 Peter said to Him: “Even if it is necessary for me to die with You, I will never deny You.” In the same manner, all the disciples also asserted *this*.

Matt. 26:36 After that, Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane and He said to the disciples: “Sit here while I go to a place for the purpose of praying.

Matt. 26:37 And after having taken with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to become sorrowful and distressed.

Matt. 26:38 Then He said to them: “My soul is overwhelmed with grief up to the point of death. Remain here and keep on watching with Me.”

Matt. 26:39 And after proceeding a little further, He fell upon His face praying and saying: “My Father, if it is possible, please let this cup pass from Me. Nevertheless, not as I wish, but as You *wish*.”

Matt. 26:40 Then He came face-to-face to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter: “So, were you not able to stay awake with Me for one hour?

Matt. 26:41 Keep on watching and praying so that you do not enter into temptation to sin. On the one hand, the spirit *is* eager and willing, but on the other hand, the flesh *is* weak.”

Matt. 26:42 Again, for the second time, after going away, He prayed, saying: “My Father, if it is not possible that this may pass unless I drink it, let Your will be done.”

Matt. 26:43 And having returned again, He found them sleeping, for their eyes were becoming heavy.

Matt. 26:44 Then, after leaving them again and going away, He prayed a third time, saying the same prayer request again.

Matt. 26:45 Then he returned face-to-face to the disciples and said to them: “From now on, you may sleep and get plenty of rest. Behold, the hour has arrived and the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of unbelieving sinners.

Matt. 26:46 Get up! Let us leave. Behold, he has arrived, the one who is betraying Me.”

Matt. 26:47 But while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, and with him a large crowd with swords and cudgels *sent* by the agency of the chief priests and prominent senior citizens of the people.

Matt. 26:48 Now, he who betrayed Him was obligated to give them a sign, since he previously said: “Whomever I kiss as a sign of affection, He is the One. Arrest Him.”

Matt. 26:49 And immediately, having approached Jesus, he said: “Glad to see You, Teacher,” and he kissed Him.

Matt. 26:50 Now Jesus said to him: “Comrade, for what reason are you here?” Then, after moving forward, they laid hands upon Jesus and arrested Him.

Matt. 26:51 And behold, one of those with Jesus, having stretched out his hand, drew *his* two-edged sword, and as he struck a slave of the high priest, he cut off his ear.

Matt. 26:52 Then Jesus said to him: “Put your two-edged sword back into its place, for all those who wield a two-edged sword will die by a two-edged sword.

Matt. 26:53 Or do you think that I am not able to call upon My Father and He would place at My immediate disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

Matt. 26:54 But how would Scriptures be fulfilled, since it is necessary in this case for it to happen?”

Matt. 26:55 During that hour, Jesus said to the crowd: “You have descended against *Me* like a highwayman with two-edged swords and cudgels for the purpose of arresting Me. I sat in the temple teaching, but you did not seize Me.

Matt. 26:56 But the entire thing has come to pass and is still unfolding in order that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples, abandoning Him, fled for safety.

Matt. 26:57 Then those who arrested Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas, the chief priest, where the Scribes and prominent senior citizens were gathered.

Matt. 26:58 And Peter followed Him from a distance, up to the courtyard of the high priest. Then, after going inside, he sat down with the officers for the purpose of seeing the conclusion [of the legal proceedings].

Matt. 26:59 Meanwhile, the chief priests and entire counsel were searching for a false witness against Jesus in order that they might put Him to death [someone willing to commit perjury to further their agenda].

Matt. 26:60 However, they did not find *one*, although many false witnesses came forward. But at last, two [credible liars], having come forward,

Matt. 26:61 Claimed: “This man said: ‘I have the ability to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it after three days.’”

Matt. 26:62 And the high priest, having arisen, said to Him: “Why don’t You reply? These men are testifying against You.”

Matt. 26:63 But Jesus kept silent. Then the chief priest said to Him: “I charge You under oath by the living God that You tell us whether You are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

Matt. 26:64 Jesus replied: “As for you, you said *it*. Furthermore, at a future time, you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and returning with the clouds of heaven.”

Matt. 26:65 Then the high priest tore his outer clothing, saying: “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? See. Now you have heard *His* blasphemy!

Matt. 26:66 What does it seem like to you?” And answering with discernment, they replied: “He is deserving of death.”

Matt. 26:67 Then they spit in His face and punched Him with their fists and slapped His face,

Matt. 26:68 Saying: “Start prophesying to us, Messiah. Who is the one who is striking You?”

Matt. 26:69 Now, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and one slave girl approached him face-to-face and said: “You, you were with Jesus from Galilee.”

Matt. 26:70 But he denied *it* before all *of them*, claiming: “I do not know what you are talking about.”

Matt. 26:71 Then, after retreating towards the gate, another of the same kind saw him and said: “This one was with Jesus from Nazareth.”

Matt. 26:72 And again, he denied with an oath: “I do not know the Man.”

Matt. 26:73 Then, after a short time, men, who were standing by and having come forward, said to Peter: “Truly, as for you, you are indeed one of them, because your manner of speaking gives you away.”

Matt. 26:74 Then, he began to curse and swear by an oath: “I do not know the Man.” And immediately a rooster crowed.

Matt. 26:75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, when He had said: “Before a rooster crows, three times you will deny Me.” Then, after retreating outside, he wept bitterly.

## Chapter 27

Matt. 27:1 Now, when morning arrived, all the chief priests and prominent senior citizens of the people held a consultation against Jesus for the purpose of putting Him to death.

Matt. 27:2 And after tying Him up, they led *Him* away and turned *Him* over to Pilate, the governor.

Matt. 27:3 Then Judas, the one who betrayed Him, seeing that He was sentenced and experiencing regret, returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and prominent senior citizens,

Matt. 27:4 Saying: "I have sinned, by betraying innocent blood." But they replied: "What *is that* to us? You yourself see to *that*."

Matt. 27:5 And after throwing the silver coins into the temple, he departed, and having gone out, he hanged himself.

Matt. 27:6 But the chief priests, after receiving the silver coins, said: "It is not permitted to deposit them in the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood."

Matt. 27:7 So, after holding a consultation, they bought with them a potter's field as a burial place for strangers.

Matt. 27:8 For this reason, this field has been called the Field of Blood up to this very day.

Matt. 27:9 Then that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying: "And they took thirty silver coins, the price of the One having been set, Who was valued at that price by the sons of Israel,

Matt. 27:10 And paid them for a potter's field, just as the Lord appointed me."

Matt. 27:11 Then Jesus was brought to stand before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying: "As for You, are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus affirmed: "You said *it*."

Matt. 27:12 And while he was being accused by the chief priests and prominent senior citizens, He answered with discernment in no way.

Matt. 27:13 Then Pilate said to Him: "Are You not hearing the many things they are testifying against You?"

Matt. 27:14 But He did not respond to him with discernment, not with one word, with the result that the governor was greatly astonished.

Matt. 27:15 Now, during the feast, the governor was accustomed to release one to the crowd, a prisoner whom they wished.

Matt. 27:16 Now at that time, they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas.

Matt. 27:17 Therefore, after they gathered together, Pilate said to them: "Whom do you wish *that* I release to you, Barabbas or Jesus, the One called Messiah?"

Matt. 27:18 For you see, he knew that they had delivered Him over because of jealousy.



Matt. 27:19 Now, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent a message face-to-face to him, which said: “*Have nothing to do* with that righteous Man, for unexpectedly, I suffered greatly today through a dream because of Him.”

Matt. 27:20 But the chief priests and prominent senior citizens convinced the crowds that they should ask for Barabbas and should destroy Jesus.

Matt. 27:21 Then the governor, who spoke with discernment, said to them: “Whom do you wish of the two *that* I release to you?” And they said: “Barabbas!”

Matt. 27:22 Pilate replied to them: “What, then, should I do with Jesus, the One called Messiah?” All of them replied: “Let Him be crucified!”

Matt. 27:23 But he asked: “Why, for what evil thing has He done?” But they continued to shout even more, saying: “Let Him be crucified!”

Matt. 27:24 Then Pilate, when he saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but instead an uproar was forming, after collecting water, he washed *his* hands before the crowd, saying: “I am innocent of this man’s blood. As for you, you may see to *it*.”

Matt. 27:25 And the entire crowd of people, responding with discernment, said: “*May* His blood [blood represents guilt for death, especially murder] *be* upon us and upon our children [they just called down upon themselves the greatest national judgment in world history.]”

Matt. 27:26 Then he released Barabbas to them and after he scourged Jesus, he handed *Him* over to be crucified.

Matt. 27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor, having taken Jesus with them into the barracks, gathered together the entire cohort against Him.

Matt. 27:28 And after stripping Him, they wrapped a scarlet military cloak around Him,

Matt. 27:29 And after weaving a crown of thorns, they put *it* forcefully upon His head and a staff in His right hand. And as they knelt down before Him, they mocked Him, saying: “Hail, King of the Jews.”

Matt. 27:30 And after spitting on Him, they took the staff and beat His head repeatedly.

Matt. 27:31 And as they mocked Him, they took the cloak off Him and put on His clothing and led Him away to be crucified.

Matt. 27:32 And as they were exiting, they located a Cyrenian man by the name of Simon. They commandeered this man in order that he might carry His cross.

Matt. 27:33 And when they arrived at a place called Golgotha, which is called a place of a skull,

Matt. 27:34 They gave Him wine mixed with bitter gall to drink [painkiller], but when He tasted *it*, He did not wish to drink *it*.

Matt. 27:35 Then, after crucifying Him, they divided His clothing by casting lots.

Matt. 27:36 And having seated themselves, they kept watch over Him in that place.

Matt. 27:37 And they placed above His head His legal accusation: “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Matt. 27:38 Soon after, two insurrectionists were crucified together with Him, one on the right and one on the left.

Matt. 27:39 Now, as *people* passed by, they reviled Him, shaking their heads,

Matt. 27:40 And saying: “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, then come down from the cross!”

Matt. 27:41 In the same manner, also, the chief priests, along with the scribes and prominent senior citizens, as they were mocking, said:

Matt. 27:42 “He saved others, but He is not able to save Himself. The King of Israel, is He? Let Him come down from the cross now and we will believe on Him.

Matt. 27:43 He placed His confidence upon God, let Him deliver Him now, if He wants Him, for He claimed He is the Son of God.”

Matt. 27:44 Furthermore, the insurrectionists who were crucified together with Him also heaped insults upon Him in the same manner.

Matt. 27:45 Then, from the sixth hour, darkness came over the entire earth until the ninth hour.

Matt. 27:46 Then around the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying: “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani,” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Matt. 27:47 Now, some of them, who were standing in that place, having heard, were saying that this One is calling for Elijah.

Matt. 27:48 And immediately, one of them began running and after grabbing a sponge, and filling *it* with vinegar and attaching *it* to a staff, gave a drink to Him.

Matt. 27:49 But others said: “Let it go. Let’s see if Elijah is coming for the purpose of saving Him.”

Matt. 27:50 Then Jesus, after screaming once more with a loud voice, dismissed the spirit.

Matt. 27:51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. Furthermore, the earth was caused to quake and boulders were split into pieces.

Matt. 27:52 Also, graves were opened and many bodies of saints who were asleep, were raised up,

Matt. 27:53 Subsequently, *those* who came out of graves, after His resurrection, entered into the holy city and appeared before many.

Matt. 27:54 Now, the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, having seen the shaking ground and the things which had occurred, became extremely afraid, saying: “Truly, this Man was the Son of God.”

Matt. 27:55 Moreover, there were many women in that place, observing from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, waiting on Him,

Matt. 27:56 Among whom were Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Matt. 27:57 Now, when evening arrived, a rich man came from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself had become a disciple of Jesus.

Matt. 27:58 This man, after going face-to-face to Pilate, asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered *it* to be delivered.

Matt. 27:59 And after receiving the body, Joseph wrapped it with clean linen cloth,

Matt. 27:60 And laid it in his new tomb, which was hewn in the rock, and after rolling a large boulder over the entrance of the tomb, he left.

Matt. 27:61 And Mary the Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

Matt. 27:62 Now, on the next day, which was after the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together face-to-face to Pilate,

Matt. 27:63 Saying: “Sir, we have been reminded that that deceiver said while He was still living: ‘After three days, I will be raised up.’

Matt. 27:64 Therefore, please issue a command to secure the tomb up to and including the third day, lest His disciples, having come, might steal Him and tell the people: ‘He was raised from the dead and the last error becomes worse than the first.’”

Matt. 27:65 Pilate replied to them: “You have a security team. Go. Make it as secure as you know how.”

Matt. 27:66 And so, having proceeded, they secured the tomb by sealing the boulder with the security team.

## Chapter 28

Matt. 28:1 Now, after the sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Mary the Magdalene arrived, and the other Mary, to inspect the tomb.

Matt. 28:2 And behold, a great earthquake occurred, for an angel of the Lord, having descended from heaven and arriving at *the tomb*, rolled away the boulder and sat upon it.

Matt. 28:3 And his countenance was like lightning and his clothing white like snow,

Matt. 28:4 But because of their fear, those who were on guard trembled and became like dead men.

Matt. 28:5 Then the angel, responding with discernment, said to the women: “Stop being afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

Matt. 28:6 He is not here, for He has been raised up just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

Matt. 28:7 And after proceeding quickly, tell His disciples that He has been raised up from the dead, and behold, He is preceding you into Galilee. There you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

Matt. 28:8 Then, after departing quickly from the tomb with fear and happiness, they ran to tell His disciples.

Matt. 28:9 But behold, Jesus met them, saying: “Keep on being happy!” And as they approached, they grabbed His feet and worshipped Him.

Matt. 28:10 Then Jesus said to them: “Stop being afraid. Go tell My brethren that they must go into Galilee and they will see Me there.”

Matt. 28:11 Now, while they were proceeding, behold, certain ones from the military guard [the Roman soldiers assigned to prevent Jesus’ body from being stolen], having come into the city, reported to the chief priests everything which had happened.

Matt. 28:12 Consequently, after being called together with prominent senior citizens and after holding a consultation, they [Jewish conspirators] gave a large enough amount of silver coins [bribes] to the soldiers,

Matt. 28:13 Saying: “Report that His disciples, having come at night, stole Him while you were sleeping.

Matt. 28:14 And if this comes to a disciplinary hearing before the governor, as for us, we will convince him and keep you out of trouble.”

Matt. 28:15 Then, after taking the silver coins, they did as they were instructed [lied about the events surrounding the missing body]. Subsequently, this report was spread widely among the Jews up to this very day.

Matt. 28:16 Now, the eleven disciples proceeded into Galilee to a mountain which Jesus had arranged for them.

Matt. 28:17 And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him. But some expressed doubt.

Matt. 28:18 Then Jesus, coming forward, spoke to them, saying: “All authority in heaven and on earth was given to Me [relating to the Kingdom and His role as King of Israel.].

Matt. 28:19 Therefore, by means of traveling, make student-disciples [Jews only] in all nations, baptizing them [as part of Kingdom protocol] in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit [Trinity],

Matt. 28:20 Teaching them to guard all the things which I have commanded you [Kingdom commission]. And behold, as for Me, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the [Kingdom] age.

