

The good news according to John

^{1:1}In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ^{1:2}This One was in the beginning with God. ^{1:3}All things came into existence through him, and separately from him nothing which now is came into existence.

^{1:4}In him was *the Father's* life and this life was the light of men. ^{1:5}And that light *now* shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot put a stop to it.

^{1:6}There was a man who was sent by God whose name was John. ^{1:7}This one came as a witness to testify concerning the Light so that everyone could believe through him. ^{1:8}He was not the Light but *came* so that he could testify concerning the Light. ^{1:9}This *One* was the true Light who grants consciousness to everyone who comes into the world. ^{1:10}He was in the world and the world came into existence through him, yet the world did not recognize him.

^{1:11}He came to his own but those who were his own did not receive him. ^{1:12}But as many as received him, he gave them the privilege of becoming offspring of God, *specifically* to those who are believing into his name. ^{1:13}These are not those who were born through bloodlines, or through the choice of the flesh, or by the decision of men, but who were *actually* born of God.

^{1:14}And the Word became a human being and lived among us for a while (and we saw his glory, the glory of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth. ^{1:15}John testified concerning him and cried out saying, "This is he about whom I said, 'He who is coming after me ranks above me because he existed before I did!'"

^{1:16}And we have all received grace upon grace out of his abundance. ^{1:17}For the law was given through Moses

but God's grace and truth came through Jesus the Anointed One. ^{1:18}No one has seen God *the Father* at any time, *yet* the only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, this One has revealed him.

^{1:19}And this is the testimony of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ^{1:20}So he acknowledged and did not deny, but affirmed, "I am not the Anointed One."

^{1:21}So they asked him, "Who are you then? Are you Elijah? And he said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" And he answered, "No." ^{1:22}Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may have an answer to give those who sent us. What do you say concerning yourself?" ^{1:23}He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make the way of the Lord straight,' as Isaiah the prophet said" (Is 40:3).

^{1:24}And those who had been sent were from the Pharisees. ^{1:25}So they asked him and said to him, "Why, then, do you baptize if you are not the Anointed One, neither Elijah, nor the prophet?"

^{1:26}John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, but there is someone standing *here* among you whom you don't recognize. ^{1:27}He is the One who is coming after me, yet *who* existed before me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ^{1:28}These things happened in Bethany beyond the Jordan where John was baptizing.

^{1:29}On the next day, he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ^{1:30}This is he about whom I said, 'After me comes a man who is superior to me because he existed before me.' ^{1:31}Although I didn't recognize him, this is the reason I came baptizing in water: so that he would be revealed to Israel."

^{1:32}And John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven and it remained on him. ^{1:33}I didn't recognize him. But he who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'Upon whomever you see the Spirit descending and remaining, he is the One who immerses {baptizes} in the Holy Spirit.' ^{1:34}And I have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

^{1:35}Again, on the following day, John was standing with two of his disciples, ^{1:36}and seeing Jesus as he walked by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" ^{1:37}And the two disciples heard him say this so they followed Jesus.

^{1:38}Then Jesus turned and saw them following *him* and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi (which, when interpreted, means 'Teacher'), where are you staying?" ^{1:39}He said to them, "Come and see." So they came and saw where he was staying and they stayed with him that day, *since it was about the tenth hour.*

^{1:40}One of the two who heard John *speak* and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ^{1:41}First of all, he found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah (which, when interpreted, means the Anointed One)." ^{1:42}So he brought him to Jesus. And Jesus looking at him said, "You are Simon the son of John. You will be called Cephas (which, when interpreted, means 'Peter' {or 'a stone'})." ^{1:43}On the next day he proposed to go to Galilee where he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

^{1:44}Now Philip was from Bethsaida, from the same city as Andrew and Peter. ^{1:45}Philip *then* sought out Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses wrote in the law and *about whom* the prophets *also* wrote, Jesus the son of Joseph, the one from Nazareth." ^{1:46}And Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

^{1:47}Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him and said of him, "Look, a true Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ^{1:48}Nathanael said to him, "From where do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ^{1:49}Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God. You are King of Israel."

^{1:50}Jesus responded and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you underneath the fig tree,' you believe? You will see greater things than this." ^{1:51}And he said to him, "Truly, truly I say to you, in the future you will see the

heaven opened up and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." [See Genesis 28:12]

CHAPTER 2

^{2:1}And the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee and Jesus' mother was there. ^{2:2}And Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. ^{2:3}So when the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

^{2:4}Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time has not yet come." ^{2:5}His mother said to the servants, "Whatever he says to you, do it."

^{2:6}Now there were six stone water pitchers set there containing two or three "measures" apiece *which were* used for the Jewish purifying rituals. ^{2:7}Jesus said to them, "Fill these water pitchers with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ^{2:8}And he said to them, "Take some out now and bring it to the chief attendant of *the feast*." So they brought it.

^{2:9}And when the chief attendant of the feast tasted the water *which had* now become wine – *he* didn't know where it had come from but the servants who had drawn the water knew – the chief attendant of the feast called the bridegroom ^{2:10}and said to him, "Usually, everyone puts out the best wine first. Then when everyone becomes intoxicated, *he* puts out that which is inferior. *But* you have kept the very best wine until now."

^{2:11}This was the beginning of the signs which Jesus did in Cana of Galilee *through which* he manifested his glory – and his disciples believed into him.

^{2:12}After this, he went down to Capernaum: he, his mother, *his* brothers, and his disciples. But they didn't stay there many days. ^{2:13}Now the passover of the Jews was coming soon, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

^{2:14}And in the temple he encountered those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, *along with* the money changers *who were* sitting there. ^{2:15}So having made a whip out of rough cords, he drove all of *them* out of the temple together with

the sheep and the oxen, and he poured out the changers' money and overturned their tables. ^{2:16}And said to those who sold the doves, "Take these things out of here. Don't make my Father's house a house of merchandise." ^{2:17}His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal for your house has consumed me" (Ps 69:9).

^{2:18}The Jews, therefore, responded to *this* by asking him, "What sign can you show us since you do these things?" ^{2:19}Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

^{2:20}The Jews, therefore, said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple and you will raise it up in three days?" ^{2:21}But he spoke of the temple of his body. ^{2:22}Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this and they believed the scripture and in the word which Jesus had spoken.

^{2:23}Now while he was in Jerusalem at the passover during the feast, many believed into his name, seeing his signs which he did. ^{2:24}But Jesus did not commit himself to them because he knew all things ^{2:25}and he didn't need anyone to testify concerning man, for he himself knew clearly what was in *the heart of man*.

CHAPTER 3

^{3:1}Now there was a man, one of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ^{3:2}This one came to him in *the dark of night* and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

^{3:3}Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone is born from above, he is not able to perceive the kingdom of God."

^{3:4}Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is *already* old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ^{3:5}Jesus answered, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone is born through water [the physical birth] and the Spirit [the new birth], he cannot enter into the kingdom of God! ^{3:6}That which is born naturally is the physical body, and that which is born of the

Spirit is *our human spirit*. ^{3:7}Don't be surprised that I said to you, you must be born from above. ^{3:8}The wind blows where it chooses and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it goes. It is this same way with everyone who is begotten by the Spirit."

^{3:9}Nicodemus responded by saying to him, "How is such a thing possible?" ^{3:10}Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and you don't understand these things? ^{3:11}Truly, truly I say to you, we speak about what we have experienced and testify about what we have seen, yet you don't receive our testimony. ^{3:12}If you don't believe the earthly things I tell you, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

^{3:13}"And no one has ascended into heaven except he who descended out of heaven, *even* the Son of man. ^{3:14}And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, in the same way it is necessary for the Son of man to be lifted up ^{3:15}so that whoever is believing into him may have *the eternal life of God*.

^{3:16}"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten Son so that anyone believing into him would not be destroyed but have *the eternal life of God*. ^{3:17}For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world would be being saved through him.

^{3:18}"The one who is believing into him is not being judged. He who is not believing has been judged already because he has not believed into the name of {into the reality of} the only begotten Son of God.

^{3:19}"And this is the judgment: that the light has come into the world but men loved the darkness instead of the light because their works were evil. ^{3:20}For everyone who practices evil hates the light and doesn't come to the light so that his deeds won't be exposed. ^{3:21}But he who practices the truth comes to the light so that it may become apparent that his works have been *done* through God."

^{3:22}After these things Jesus and his disciples came to the land of Judea and there he spent time with them and baptized. ^{3:23}And John was also baptizing in Enon near Salim because there was abundant water there. And *many*

came and were baptized. ^{3:24}For John had not yet been thrown into prison.

^{3:25}There a debate took place between John's disciples and some Jews about ceremonial washing [possibly baptism]. ^{3:26}So they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the One who was with you beyond the Jordan about whom you have testified – look here, he is baptizing and everyone is coming to him!"

^{3:27}John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. ^{3:28}You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Anointed One,' but that I have been sent before him. ^{3:29}He who has the bride is the bridegroom. But the friend of the bridegroom who stands and listens to him is truly delighted because of the bridegroom's voice. My joy, therefore, is made complete. ^{3:30}He must increase but I must decrease.

^{3:31}"He who comes from on high is above all. He who is of the earth is earthly; consequently, he speaks from an earthly *point of view*.

"He who comes from heaven is above all. ^{3:32}He testifies about what he has, *in fact*, seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. ^{3:33}But he who receives his testimony affirms that God is truthful. ^{3:34}For he whom God has sent speaks the *actual* words of God, for he gives him the Spirit without any limits.

^{3:35}"The Father loves the Son and has put all things into his hands. ^{3:36}He who is believing into the Son has *the* eternal life of God. But he who does not obey the Son will not see God's life but the abhorrence of God remains upon him."

CHAPTER 4

^{4:1}When, therefore, the Lord learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ^{4:2}(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but his disciples did), ^{4:3}he left Judea and went away to Galilee. ^{4:4}This made it necessary for him to go through Samaria. ^{4:5}So he came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of land which Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

^{4:6}And Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from his journey, sat there by the well.

It was about the sixth hour *of the day* ^{4:7}when a woman of Samaria came there to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink," ^{4:8}for his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ^{4:9}The Samaritan woman then replied to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For the Jews do not associate with the Samaritans.)

^{4:10}Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that said to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ^{4:11}The woman said to him, "Master, you have nothing to draw *water* with and the well is deep. Where then are you going to get this 'living water?' ^{4:12}Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well and drank from it himself *along with* his sons and his livestock?"

^{4:13}Jesus responded and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. ^{4:14}But whoever drinks the water that I give him will never be thirsty, but the water that I will give him will be becoming a fountain of water gushing up within him, supplying *God's* eternal life."

^{4:15}The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and won't have to come all the way here to draw *water*." ^{4:16}Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband and come *back* here." ^{4:17}The woman replied, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband,' ^{4:18}for you have had five husbands and he whom you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

^{4:19}The woman said to him, "Master, I see that you are a prophet. ^{4:20}Our fathers worshipped on this mountain but you *Jews* say that Jerusalem is the place where men must worship."

^{4:21}Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the time is coming when you will neither worship the Father in this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ^{4:22}You worship someone whom you don't know. We worship Someone we do know,

for salvation is from the Jews. ^{4:23}But the time is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking these kinds of worshippers. ^{4:24}God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship *him* in spirit and truth."

^{4:25}The woman replied to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (the One who is called the Anointed One). When he comes he will tell us everything." ^{4:26}Jesus said to her, "I am *he* – the One *who* is speaking to you."

^{4:27}When his disciples came upon this *scene*, they were amazed that he was speaking with a woman. Yet no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ^{4:28}So the woman left her water pitcher, went away into the city and said to the people, ^{4:29}"Come, see a man who told me everything that I ever did. Can this be the Anointed One?"

^{4:30}So they left the city and came to him. ^{4:31}In the meantime, the disciples urged him saying, "Rabbi, eat *something*." ^{4:32}But he replied to them, "I have food to eat that you don't understand." ^{4:33}The disciples, therefore, said to one another, "Has someone brought him *something* to eat?" ^{4:34}Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.

^{4:35}"Don't you say, 'There are still four months before harvest time?' Look here, I say to you, 'Lift up your eyes and look at the fields for they are already ripe for harvest.' ^{4:36}He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit [which are people] into *the eternal life of God* so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ^{4:37}For this is a true saying, 'One sows and another reaps.' ^{4:38}I sent you to reap something for which you have not labored. Others have labored and you are participating in their labor."

^{4:39}And many of the Samaritans from that city believed into him because of the words of the woman who testified, "He told me everything that I *ever* did." ^{4:40}So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to spend some time with them. And he stayed there two days.

^{4:41}And many more believed because of his word. ^{4:42}So they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because

of what you said, but we have heard for ourselves and know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

^{4:43}Then after the two days, he left there and went to Galilee. ^{4:44}For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. ^{4:45}So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast, since they also went to the feast.

^{4:46}Then he came to Cana of Galilee again where he had made the water into wine. Now there was a certain royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum. ^{4:47}When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and implored *him* to come there and heal his son who was near death. ^{4:48}Jesus then said to him, "Is there no way that you will believe except by seeing signs and wonders?"

^{4:49}The royal official said to him, "Master, come before my child dies." ^{4:50}Jesus said to him, "Go on your way. Your son will live." And the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, so he left. ^{4:51}And as he was returning home, his servants met him saying, "Your child is alive!" ^{4:52}So he asked them the time when the son began to get better. They then replied to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

^{4:53}So the father knew that *it was* at that time when Jesus said to him, "Your son will live." And he believed along with his entire household. ^{4:54}This was the second sign that Jesus did, having come from Judea to Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

^{5:1}After these things there was a feast of the Jews and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ^{5:2}Now in Jerusalem there is a pool by the sheep gate which is called in Hebrew "Bethesda," that has five covered patios. ^{5:3}A large number of people who were sick, blind, lame, and withered lay in these covered patios, watching for the water to become agitated. ^{5:4}For an angel of the Lord sometimes came down to the pool and agitated the water. Then, whoever stepped

into the pool first after the water was agitated, was cured of whatever disease he had.

^{5:5}Now a certain man was there who had been infirm for thirty-eight years. ^{5:6}Jesus saw him lying *there* and, knowing that he had been ill a long time, said to him, "Do you want to be cured?" ^{5:7}The sick man answered him, "Master, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is agitated, but while I am coming someone else steps down before me."

^{5:8}Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your *sleeping* pallet, and walk." ^{5:9}And immediately the man was cured and picked up his *sleeping* pallet and walked. Now this took place on the Sabbath day.

^{5:10}So the Jews said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath. It is not allowed *by the law* for you to carry your *sleeping* pallet." ^{5:11}But he answered them, "He who cured me said to me, 'Pick up your *sleeping* pallet and walk.'" ^{5:12}They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick up your *sleeping* pallet and walk?'" ^{5:13}But he who was healed didn't know who it was, for Jesus had moved away and it was crowded in that place.

^{5:14}Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Look, you have been cured. Don't sin any more so that something worse doesn't happen to you." ^{5:15}Then the man went off and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had cured him.

^{5:16}And the reason that the Jews persecuted Jesus and wanted to kill him was because he did these things on the Sabbath. ^{5:17}But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working even until now and I work." ^{5:18}Therefore, for this reason, the Jews wanted even more to kill him because he not only broke the Sabbath but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

^{5:19}Jesus, therefore, answered and said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, the Son is not able to do anything which originates with himself, but only *does* that which he sees the Father doing. For the things that he does, the Son also does in the same way. ^{5:20}For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he is doing and he will show

him even greater works than these, so much so that you will be astonished. ^{5:21}For as the Father raises the dead and restores them to life even so the Son also gives life to those whom he wishes.

^{5:22}“Furthermore, the Father doesn’t judge anyone, but he has committed all judgment to the Son ^{5:23}so that everyone will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who doesn’t revere the Son doesn’t honor the Father who sent him.

^{5:24}“Truly, truly I say to you, he who hears my word and is believing the One who sent me has *the Father’s* eternal life and will not receive the sentence of condemnation, but has crossed over from death into *the Father’s immortal* life.

^{5:25}“Truly, truly I say to you, the hour is coming and, in fact, has now come, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear it will *receive God’s* life. ^{5:26}For as the Father has *his* life in himself, even so also he granted to the Son to have *this same* life in himself.

^{5:27}“Furthermore, he gave him authority to execute judgment because he is a son of man. ^{5:28}Don’t be astonished at this. For the time is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ^{5:29}and will come out: those who have done good to the resurrection of *the Father’s* life, and those who lived a careless life to the resurrection of judgment.

^{5:30}“I am able to do nothing which originates with myself. As I hear *from the Father*, I judge, and my judgment is righteous because I don’t seek my own will but the will of him who sent me.

^{5:31}“If I testify about myself, my testimony is not reliable. ^{5:32}There is Another who testifies concerning me and I know that the testimony which he gives about me is truthful. ^{5:33}You have sent *some* to John and he has testified *concerning* what the truth *really* is. ^{5:34}Now I don’t depend on man’s testimony. However, I say these things so that you may be being saved. ^{5:35}He was a burning and shining light and you were willing to rejoice in his light for a time.

^{5:36}“But the testimony which I have is greater than that of John. For the works which the Father has given me to

accomplish, *i.e.* the very works that I do, testify concerning me that the Father has sent me. ^{5:37}Furthermore, the Father who sent me, has testified about me. You have neither heard his voice at any time nor seen his form. ^{5:38}And you don't have his word abiding in you. *This is evident* because the One whom he sent is the *very* person you don't believe.

^{5:39}"You research the scriptures because you think that you have eternal life through them, but these are what are testifying about me. ^{5:40}Yet you won't come to me so that you may have *God's* life.

^{5:41}"I don't receive honor from men. ^{5:42}But I know you, that you don't have the love of God in yourselves. ^{5:43}I have come in my Father's name and you don't receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

^{5:44}"How can you believe who accept honor from each other but don't urgently desire the honor which *comes* from the only God?

^{5:45}"Don't think that I will accuse you before the Father. There is one who will be accusing you, *even* Moses on whom you have set your hope. ^{5:46}For if you believed Moses you would believe into me, for he wrote about me. ^{5:47}But if you don't believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

CHAPTER 6

^{6:1}After these things, Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee, which is *the sea* of Tiberias. ^{6:2}And a large crowd followed him because they saw the signs which he did for those who were sick. ^{6:3}So Jesus went up into the mountain and he sat down there with his disciples.

^{6:4}Now the passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. ^{6:5}Jesus then looked up and seeing that a huge crowd had come to him, said to Philip, "Where can we buy bread so that these *people* can eat?" ^{6:6}But he said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ^{6:7}Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them so that everyone would get a little".

^{6:8}One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ^{6:9}"There is a lad here who has five barley

loaves and two fish but this is nothing among so many.”
6:10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was a lot of grass in that place. So the men sat down, about five thousand of them.

6:11 Jesus then took the loaves and having given thanks, he distributed them to the disciples and the disciples in turn to those who were sitting down. And he also did the same thing with the fish, as much as anyone wanted.

6:12 And when they were satisfied, he said to his disciples, “Gather up the broken pieces which are left over so that nothing is wasted.” 6:13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves which were left over from those who had eaten.

6:14 Therefore, when the people saw the miracle which he did they said, “This really is the prophet, the One who is to come into the world.”

6:15 Then Jesus, perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, withdrew again into the mountain by himself alone. 6:16 And when evening came his disciples went down to the sea. 6:17 And having entered into a boat, they headed to the other side of the sea, to Capernaum. It had already gotten dark and Jesus had not come with them.

6:18 But the sea began rising because of a strong wind which blew. 6:19 When, therefore, they had rowed about four or five kilometers they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat and they became frightened.

6:20 But he said to them, “I am *he*. Don’t be afraid.” 6:21 Then they were willing to receive him into the boat and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

6:22 The next day the crowd which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there except one, and that Jesus hadn’t gone with his disciples in the boat, but *that* his disciples had gone alone. 6:23 (However other small boats from Tiberias had come near the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.)

6:24 When the crowd, therefore, saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they themselves got into the

boats and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus. ^{6:25}And when they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, how did you get here?"

^{6:26}Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly I say to you, you don't seek me because you understood *the* signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. ^{6:27}Don't work for the food which just turns to waste, but for the food which culminates in *the Father's* eternal life which the Son of man will give you. For the Father, even God, has set his seal *of approval* on him."

^{6:28}They then said to him, "What must we do so that we may work the works of God?" ^{6:29}Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God: that you are believing into him whom he has sent."

^{6:30}They, therefore, said to him, "What then are you going to do for a sign, so that we may see and believe you? What work are you going to do? ^{6:31}Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat'" (Ps 78:24).

^{6:32}Jesus, therefore, replied to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven. Nevertheless, my Father is now offering you the true bread from heaven. ^{6:33}For the bread of God is the One who is descending out of heaven and giving *the Father's* life to the world." ^{6:34}They then said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

^{6:35}Jesus said to them. "I am the bread of *God's* life. He who is coming to me will not be *spiritually* hungry and he who is believing into me will never be *spiritually* thirsty. ^{6:36}But I say to you that you have *already* seen me and yet do not believe. ^{6:37}All those whom the Father gives me will come to me and he who comes to me I will by no means reject. ^{6:38}For I have not come down from heaven to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

^{6:39}"And this is the will of my Father who sent me, that I would lose none of all those whom he has given me, but would raise them up on the last day. ^{6:40}For this is the will of the One who sent me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes into him, would have *his* eternal life. And I

will raise him up on the last day.”^{6:41}The Jews, therefore, murmured concerning him because he said, “I am the bread which came down out of heaven.”^{6:42}And they said, “Isn’t this Jesus the son of Joseph whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

^{6:43}Jesus answered and said to them, “Don’t mutter among yourselves. ^{6:44}No one can come to me unless the Father – the One who sent me – draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day. ^{6:45}It is written in the prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God’ (Is 54:13). *Therefore, everyone who has heard from the Father and has learned from him, comes to me.* ^{6:46}(Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God, he has seen the Father.)

^{6:47}“Truly, truly I say to you, he who is believing into* me has *God’s* eternal life. ^{6:48}I am the ‘bread’ of *that* life. ^{6:49}Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and they died. ^{6:50}This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, which whoever eats of it, as a consequence cannot die. ^{6:51}I am the lifegiving bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will have the *Father’s* life, which spans the ages. Yes, and the bread which I will give is my flesh which I offer so that the world may have *this* life.”

^{6:52}The Jews, therefore, argued with each other saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ^{6:53}Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you cannot have *God’s* life in yourselves.

^{6:54}“He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has *the Father’s* eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day. ^{6:55}For my flesh is the true meat and my blood is the true drink. ^{6:56}He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him.

^{6:57}“As the living Father sent me, and I live by *the life of* the Father, *in the same way* he who feeds on me, he will also live *by this same life* through me. ^{6:58}This is the bread which came down out of heaven. *This is* not the *same bread* which the fathers ate and died. He who eats this bread will live

* Greek: *eis*, “into,” indicates the point reached or entered.

eternally." ^{6:59}He said these things in the synagogue while he was teaching in Capernaum. ^{6:60}Many of his disciples, therefore, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult saying, who is able to understand it?"

^{6:61}But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at this, said to them, "Does this offend you? ^{6:62}Then *what would you think* if you saw the Son of man ascending to where he was before? ^{6:63}It is the Spirit which gives *God's* life, the *actual* flesh is of no use to anyone. The words which I have spoken to you, they are Spirit and they are *the Father's* life.

^{6:64}"But there are some of you who don't believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who didn't believe and who it was that would betray him. ^{6:65}So he said, "This is the reason I said to you that no one can come to me unless it is granted to him by the Father." ^{6:66}Because of this many of his disciples turned back and didn't walk with him anymore.

^{6:67}Jesus, therefore, said to the twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" ^{6:68}Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of the ever-existing life. ^{6:69}And we have believed and know that you are the Anointed One, the Son of the living of God."

^{6:70}Jesus responded to them *saying*, "Didn't I choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil {*or, 'a slanderer'*}?" ^{6:71}Now he spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he who would betray him, *being* one of the twelve.

CHAPTER 7

^{7:1}And after these things Jesus walked *with his disciples* in Galilee, for he resolved not to walk in Judea because the Jews sought to kill him. ^{7:2}Now the feast of the Jews, the feast of tabernacles, was near. ^{7:3}His brothers, therefore, said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea so that your disciples *there* may also see your works which you do. ^{7:4}For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to become well known. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." ^{7:5}For even his brethren did not believe in him.

^{7:6}Jesus, therefore, said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. ^{7:7}The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify concerning it, that its works are evil. ^{7:8}You go up to the feast. I am not going to this feast yet because my time has not yet been completed."

^{7:9}And having said these things to them, he stayed in Galilee. ^{7:10}But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he went also, not publicly but in a hidden way.

^{7:11}The Jews, therefore, looked for him at the feast, and said, "Where is that one?" ^{7:12}And there was a lot of murmuring among the crowds concerning him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others said, "No, he just misleads the ignorant rabble." ^{7:13}Yet no one spoke about him openly for fear of the Jews.

^{7:14}But when it came to be the middle of the feast, Jesus went into the temple and taught. ^{7:15}The Jews were astonished saying, "How is this man able to read, having never learned?"

^{7:16}Jesus, therefore, answered them and said, "My teaching is not mine but is his who sent me. ^{7:17}If anyone is willing to do his will, he will understand concerning the teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from myself. ^{7:18}He who speaks from himself seeks his own honor but he who seeks the honor of him who sent him, that one is true and no unrighteousness is in him. ^{7:19}Didn't Moses give you the law and *yet* none of you practices the law? Why do you want kill me?"

^{7:20}The crowd answered, "You have a demon. Who wants to kill you?" ^{7:21}Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work and you are all amazed because of it.

^{7:22}"Think about it like this: Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses but from the fathers) and on the Sabbath you circumcise a male *child*. ^{7:23}If a male *child* receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with me because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath? ^{7:24}Don't judge according to outward appearances {the superficial, tangible, etc.}, but judge *using* righteous judgment."

^{7:25}Some of them of Jerusalem, therefore, said, "Isn't this *the one* whom they want to kill? ^{7:26}And look, he speaks publicly and they say nothing to him. Perhaps the rulers, in fact, know that this is truly the Anointed One. ^{7:27}However, we know this man, where he is from. But when the Anointed One comes, no one will know where he comes from."

^{7:28}Then Jesus, *while* teaching in the temple, raised his voice and said, "*You think that* you know me and know where I come from. Yet I have not come from myself, but he who sent me is true, whom you do not know. ^{7:29}I know him because I am from him and he sent me."

^{7:30}Therefore, they sought to arrest him, yet no one laid a hand on him because his time had not yet come. ^{7:31}But many from the crowd believed into him and said, "When the Anointed One comes will he do more signs than those which this man has done?"

^{7:32}The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things about him. So the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. ^{7:33}Jesus, therefore, said, "I am with you just a little while *more* and *then* I am going to him who sent me. ^{7:34}You will seek me but will not find me. And where I am *going*, you cannot come."

^{7:35}The Jews, therefore, said among themselves, "Where is this man going that we won't find him? Will he go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ^{7:36}What is this word that he said, 'You will seek me but won't find me, and where I am you cannot come?'"

^{7:37}Now on the last day, the principal *day* of the feast, Jesus stood up and cried out saying, "If anyone is thirsty, *let him* come to me and drink! ^{7:38}He who believes into me, as the scripture has said, from within him will gush rivers of living water." ^{7:39}But this he spoke about the Spirit, which those who believed into him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet *given* because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

^{7:40}*Some* of the multitude, therefore, when they heard these words said, "This truly is the prophet." ^{7:41}Others said, "This is the Anointed One!" But some said, "What?"

Does the Anointed One come from Galilee? ^{7:42}Hasn't the scripture said that the Anointed One comes from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was from?" ^{7:43}So a division arose among the multitude because of him. ^{7:44}And some of them wanted to arrest him but no one laid a hand on him.

^{7:45}When the officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees, they said to them, "Why didn't you bring him?" ^{7:46}The officers answered, "No one has ever spoken like this man." ^{7:47}The Pharisees, therefore, answered them, "Have you also been duped? ^{7:48}Have any of the rulers believed on him or any of the Pharisees? ^{7:49}But this rabble that doesn't know the law is accursed."

^{7:50}Nicodemus said to them (he who had come to him at night, being one of them), ^{7:51}"Does our law judge a man before he has been heard in order to *really* understand what he is doing?" ^{7:52}They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search *the scriptures* and see *for yourself* that no prophet comes from Galilee." ^{7:53}And everyone went to his own house.

CHAPTER 8

^{8:1}But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ^{8:2}And early in the morning he came back to the temple and all the people came to him. So he sat down and taught them. ^{8:3}Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery and, having set her in the middle of everyone, ^{8:4}they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. ^{8:5}Now in the law, Moses commanded for such people to be stoned. What then do you say?"

^{8:6}And they said this testing him so that they might have *something about which* to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

^{8:7}But when they continued asking him, he stood up and said to them, "He who is sinless among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." ^{8:8}And again he stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

^{8:9}And they when they heard it, being convicted by their consciences, went out one by one, beginning from the oldest, *even* to the last. So Jesus was left with only the woman who was still there in the middle of everyone. ^{8:10}And Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are your accusers? Did no one condemn you?" ^{8:11}And she said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go on your way, but from now on don't continue sinning."

^{8:12}Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the illumination of *God's* life."

^{8:13}The Pharisees then said to him, "You testify about yourself. *Therefore*, your testimony is not valid." ^{8:14}Jesus replied to them, "Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I came from or where I am going. ^{8:15}You judge according to human *standards*. I judge no one.

^{8:16}"But if I *do* judge, my judgment is correct for I am not alone, but I *am here with* the Father who sent me. ^{8:17}Yes, and in your law it is written that the testimony of two men is true. ^{8:18}I am one *who* testifies concerning myself and the Father who sent me testifies about me." ^{8:19}They said to him, therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You don't know me or my Father. If you had recognized me *it would be because* you know my Father also."

^{8:20}He spoke these words in the treasury as he taught in the temple, and no one arrested him because his time had not yet come.

^{8:21}Then he said to them again, "I am going away and you will look for me. But *you* will die in your sins. You cannot come where I am going." ^{8:22}The Jews, therefore, said, "Will he kill himself since he said, 'You cannot come where I am going?'"

^{8:23}So he replied to them, "You are from below. I am from above. You are of this world. I am not of this world. ^{8:24}Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins, for unless you believe that 'I AM,' you will die in your sins."

^{8:25}They then said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "My origin is that which I have already told you. ^{8:26}I have many things to say and to judge concerning you. However, he who sent me is *my reliable source*, so the things which I say to the world are *only* the things which I hear from him." ^{8:27}But they didn't understand that he spoke to them of the Father.

^{8:28}Jesus, therefore, said, "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then will you know that 'I AM' and *that* nothing I am doing originates with myself, but I speak these things as the Father instructs me. ^{8:29}Furthermore, he who sent me is with me. He hasn't left me alone for I always do the things which are pleasing to him." ^{8:30}As he spoke these things, many believed into him.

^{8:31}Jesus then said to those Jews who were believing him, "If you continue in what I have said, *then* you are truly my disciples, ^{8:32}and you will know the truth and the truth will liberate you." ^{8:33}They responded to him, "We are Abraham's seed and have never yet been anyone's slave. How can you say, 'You will be liberated?'"

^{8:34}Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. ^{8:35}And the slave doesn't remain in the house forever. *But* the son remains forever. ^{8:36}If, therefore, the Son liberates you, you will be truly free.

^{8:37}"I know that you are Abraham's seed, yet *some of* you want to kill me because my word does not fit with *who you are*. ^{8:38}I speak the things which I have seen with *my* Father and you also do the things which you heard from *your* father."

^{8:39}They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. ^{8:40}But now you want to kill me – a man that has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham didn't do this. ^{8:41}You do the works of your father."

They said to him, "We were not born of sex outside of marriage. We have one Father, *even* God." ^{8:42}Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I

came out of, and have come from God. Further, I have not come on my own, but he sent me.

^{8:43}“Why do you not understand my speech? *It is* because you cannot hear my word. ^{8:44}You are of *your* father the devil and the things your father craves are what you like to do. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand for the truth because there is no truth in him. When he says a lie, he speaks from within himself, for he is a liar and the father of *lying*.

^{8:45}“Even though I say the truth, you don’t believe me. ^{8:46}Which of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe me? ^{8:47}He who is of God understands {*or, hears*} the words of God. This is the reason you don’t understand *them* because you are not of God.”

^{8:48}The Jews answered and said to him, “Weren’t we right to say that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ^{8:49}Jesus answered, “I don’t have a demon. Yet I honor my Father; therefore, you insult me. ^{8:50}But I am not seeking my own honor. There is one who seeks and judges. ^{8:51}Truly, truly I say to you, if anyone carefully observes my words he will never see death.”

^{8:52}The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died and the prophets *died too*. Yet you say that if a someone observes my words he will never experience death. ^{8:53}Are you greater than our father Abraham who died and the prophets who died? Who do you think you are?”

^{8:54}Jesus answered, “If I honor myself, my honor is nothing. It is my Father, whom you claim to be your God, who honors me. ^{8:55}But you have not known him. Yet I do know him. And if I should say, ‘I don’t know him,’ I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and keep his word. ^{8:56}Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day and he saw it and was delighted.”

^{8:57}The Jews, therefore, said to him, “You aren’t yet fifty years old and you have seen Abraham?” ^{8:58}Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, ‘I AM.’” ^{8:59}Then they took up stones to throw at him but Jesus concealed himself and went out of the temple.

CHAPTER 9

^{9:1}And as he left there, they saw a man *who was* blind from his birth. ^{9:2}And his disciples asked him saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ^{9:3}Jesus answered, "It was neither this man who sinned nor his parents, but *it happened* so that the works of God would be made known in him. ^{9:4}We must work the works of him who sent me while it is daylight. There is a night season coming when no one will be able to work. ^{9:5}While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

^{9:6}When he had said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the spittle, smeared the mud on the blind man's eyes, ^{9:7}and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is interpreted, 'Sent')." He, therefore, went away, washed and came *back* seeing.

^{9:8}Then the neighbors – the ones who had seen him before and knew that he was blind – said, "Isn't this the one who sat and begged?" ^{9:9}Others said, "It is he." And others said, "No, but he looks like him." He himself said, "I am *he*." ^{9:10}Therefore, they said to him, "How then did you receive your eyesight?"

^{9:11}He answered, "The man who is called Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and I received my eyesight." ^{9:12}And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." ^{9:13}They *then* brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. ^{9:14}Now the day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes was the Sabbath.

^{9:15}Then the Pharisees also asked him to repeat how he received his eyesight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and I see." ^{9:16}Therefore, some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God because he doesn't keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was division among them.

^{9:17}Then they said to the blind man again, "What do you say about him since it was your eyes he opened?" And

he said, "He is a prophet." 9:18The Jews, *however*, did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and had received his eyesight, until they called the parents of the one who had received his sight.

9:19So they asked them saying, "Is this your son whom you say was born blind? How is it then that he can see now?" 9:20His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 9:21But how he can see now, we don't know, or who opened his eyes, we *also* don't know. Ask him. He is of age. He can speak for himself."

9:22His parents said these things because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged Jesus *to be* the Anointed One, he would be put out of the synagogue. 9:23Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

9:24So they called him who was blind a second time and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 9:25He, therefore, answered, "Whether or not he is a sinner, I don't know. The one thing I do know is that *although* I once was blind, now I see."

9:26Therefore, they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 9:27He answered them, "I just told you and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 9:28Then they reviled him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 9:29We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he is from."

9:30The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is incredible that you don't know where he is from and *yet* he opened my eyes. 9:31We know that God doesn't hear sinners. But if anyone fears God and does his will, he hears him. 9:32Since the world began, it has never been heard of that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 9:33Unless this man were from God he could do nothing."

9:34They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sin and you are teaching us?" And they threw him out.

^{9:35}Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. So finding him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" ^{9:36}He answered and said, "And who is he, Lord, so that I may believe in him?" ^{9:37}Jesus said to him, "He is the One whom you both see and who is speaking to you."

^{9:38}And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. ^{9:39}And Jesus said, "I came into this world to bring about this judicial verdict: that those who don't see may see and that those who see may become blind." ^{9:40}Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ^{9:41}Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin. But since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

CHAPTER 10

^{10:1}"Truly, truly I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the sheepfold but climbs up some other way, that one is a thief and a robber. ^{10:2}But he who enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ^{10:3}The doorkeeper opens *the door* for him and the sheep hear his voice. And he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ^{10:4}When his sheep leave *the fold*, he *leads them by* going out in front of *them*. And the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. ^{10:5}Yet they won't follow a stranger but will flee from him because they don't recognize the voice of strangers."

^{10:6}Jesus spoke this parable to them but they didn't understand the things which he spoke to them. ^{10:7}Jesus, therefore, said to them again, "Truly, truly I say to you, I am the door for the sheep. ^{10:8}All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the sheep did not hear them.

^{10:9}"I am the door. If anyone enters in through me, he will be being saved. *He will freely* enter in and go out and find pasture. ^{10:10}The thief only comes so that he may steal, kill, and destroy. I have come so that they may have *the Father's* life and have it in abundance.

^{10:11}"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ^{10:12}When the hired hand, who is not the shepherd nor the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, *he* leaves the sheep and flees and the wolf

catches them and scatters them. ^{10:13}*He flees* because he is a hired hand and doesn't care for the sheep.

^{10:14}"I am the good shepherd and I intimately know those who are mine and those who are mine know me fully – ^{10:15}in the same way that the Father knows me and I know the Father. Therefore, I lay down my life for the sheep. ^{10:16}And I have other sheep which are not of this fold. I must lead them also. They too will hear my voice and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.

^{10:17}"For this reason the Father loves me because I lay down my life so that I may take it *back* again. ^{10:18}No one takes it away from me but it is my own decision to lay it down. I have the authority to lay it down and I have the authority to take it back again. This is the commandment *which* I received from my Father."

^{10:19}Then a difference of opinion arose again among the Jews because of these words. ^{10:20}And many of them said, "He has a demon and is crazy. Why do you listen him?" ^{10:21}Others said, "These are not the sayings of someone possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

^{10:22}Then the feast of the dedication took place at Jerusalem. ^{10:23}It was winter and Jesus was walking in the temple in Solomon's porch. ^{10:24}Then the Jews gathered around about him and said to him, "How long are you going to hold us in suspense? If you are the Anointed One, tell us plainly."

^{10:25}Jesus answered them, "I told you and you didn't believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, these testify concerning me. ^{10:26}But you don't believe because you are not my sheep. ^{10:27}My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me. ^{10:28}And I give *the Father's* eternal life to them so that they will never be lost and no one is able to snatch them out of my hand. ^{10:29}My Father who has given *them* to me is greater than all. And no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand. ^{10:30}I and the Father are one."

^{10:31}Then the Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ^{10:32}Jesus responded to them, "I have showed you many

good works from the Father. For which of those works are you going to stone me?" 10:33The Jews answered him, "We aren't going to stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy, even because you, being a man, say that you are God."

10:34Jesus answered them, "Isn't it written in your law, 'I said, you are gods?' 10:35If he called them gods to whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), 10:36why do you say to him whom the Father separated and sent into the world, 'You blaspheme' because I said, 'I am *the* Son of God?' 10:37If I don't do the works of my Father, don't believe me. 10:38But if I do them, even though you don't believe me, believe the works so that you may know and believe that the Father is in me and I in the Father."

10:39Then they sought to arrest him again but he escaped from their hands. 10:40So he left there again and went to the other side of the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first and stayed there. 10:41And many came to him and said, "It is true that John didn't do any miracles but everything that John said about this man was true." 10:42And many believed into him there.

CHAPTER 11

11:1Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 11:2And it was that Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed ointment and wiped his feet with her hair whose brother Lazarus was sick. 11:3Therefore, the sisters sent to him saying, "Lord, look, your dear friend is sick."

11:4But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This sickness will not end in death but *will be* for the glory of God so that the Son of God may be honored through it." 11:5Now Jesus felt *the Father's* love very strongly for Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. 11:6But when he heard that he was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days.

11:7Then, afterwards, he said to the disciples, "Let's go back to Judea." 11:8The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you and you're going

back there again?" 11:9 Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours in a day? If anyone walks in the daylight, he doesn't stumble because he sees the light of this world. 11:10 But if anyone walks at night he stumbles because the light is not with him."

11:11 He said these things and afterwards he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has 'fallen asleep' but I am going so that I may wake him up out of sleep." 11:12 The disciples, therefore, said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 11:13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death but they thought that he spoke of resting in sleep. 11:14 Then Jesus, therefore, said to them clearly, "Lazarus is dead. 11:15 And for your sakes I am glad that I was not there so that you may believe. Nevertheless, let us go to him." 11:16 Then Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go too, so that we may die with him."

11:17 So when Jesus came, he found out that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 11:18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about three kilometers away. 11:19 And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 11:20 Therefore, when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him. But Mary stayed sitting in the house.

11:21 Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here my brother wouldn't have died. 11:22 And even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give it to you." 11:23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 11:24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection of the final day."

11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and *the manifestation of God's* life. He who believes into me, even though he dies, yet he will live. 11:26 And whoever has *this* life *through* believing into me will never die. Do you believe this?" 11:27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have believed that you are the Anointed One, the Son of God, the One who comes into the world."

11:28 And when she had said this, she went and called Mary her sister secretly saying, "The Teacher is here and is calling you." 11:29 So when she heard it, she got up quickly

and went to him. ^{11:30}(Now Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still at the place where Martha met him).

^{11:31}Then the Jews who were with Mary in the house consoling her, followed her when she got up and left quickly, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ^{11:32}Then Mary, when she came to where Jesus was and saw him, fell down at his feet saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died."

^{11:33}Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her *also* weeping, he groaned in the spirit and was troubled ^{11:34}and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ^{11:35}Jesus wept.

^{11:36}The Jews, therefore, said, "Look how much he loved him!" ^{11:37}But some of them said, "Couldn't this man who opened the eyes of the one who was blind have also done something so that this man wouldn't die?"

^{11:38}Then Jesus again groaning within himself came to the tomb. Now it was a cave and a stone was laid over it. ^{11:39}Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time the body reeks for he has been *dead* four days." ^{11:40}Jesus said to her, "Didn't I say to you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

^{11:41}So they raised the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you hear me. ^{11:42}And I know that you always hear me but I say this because of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

^{11:43}And when he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ^{11:44}Then he who was dead came out, wrapped hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face had a piece of cloth tied around it. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him and let him go."

^{11:45}Then many of the Jews, who had come to *visit* Mary and saw what he did, believed into him. ^{11:46}But some others went away to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done. ^{11:47}Therefore, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we

going to do? For this man does many signs. ^{11:48}If we just leave him alone, everyone will believe in him and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

^{11:49}But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year said to them, “You don’t understand anything. ^{11:50}Nor do you realize that it is best for us for one man to die for the people so that the whole nation doesn’t perish.” ^{11:51}Now he didn’t say this of himself but, being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ^{11:52}and not for the nation only, but so that he might also gather together into one the children of God who are widely scattered.

^{11:53}So from that day on, they schemed together about how they could kill him. ^{11:54}Jesus, therefore, no longer traveled publicly among the Jews but left there and went into an area near the wilderness to a city called Ephraim. And he stayed there with the disciples.

^{11:55}Now the passover of the Jews was near. So before the passover, many went up to Jerusalem from the countryside to purify themselves. ^{11:56}Therefore, they were looking for Jesus and said to one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? Is there any way that he won’t come to the feast?” ^{11:57}Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given an order that if anyone knew where he was, they should let them know so that they could arrest him.

CHAPTER 12

^{12:1}Then six days before the passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus whom he raised from the dead was. ^{12:2}So they made him a supper there and Martha served. But Lazarus was one of those who sat down to eat with him. ^{12:3}Mary then took a libra {pound} of ointment of perfumed spikenard which was very valuable and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

^{12:4}But Judas Iscariot, the one of his disciples who would betray him, said, ^{12:5}“Why wasn’t this ointment sold

for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ^{12:6}Now he said this not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief and, having the money bag, stole from what was put into it.

^{12:7}Jesus, therefore, said, "Don't bother her. For she has kept it for the day of my burial. ^{12:8}For you always have the poor with you, but you won't always have me with you."

^{12:9}When the local population of the Jews learned that he was there, they came there, not for Jesus' sake only but also so that they might see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ^{12:10}But the chief priests plotted about how they might kill Lazarus too ^{12:11}because on his account, many of the Jews drew back *from their influence* and believed in Jesus.

^{12:12}On the next day a large crowd of those who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ^{12:13}took palm tree branches and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, *even* the King of Israel" (Ps 118:26).

^{12:14}And Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it, as it is written, ^{12:15}"Fear not, daughter of Zion. Look, your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt" (Zech 9:9). ^{12:16}The disciples did not understand these things at the time. But when Jesus was glorified, they then remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done these things to him.

^{12:17}Then the large group, which was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, testified *about it*. ^{12:18}This is also *one of* the reasons that the large crowd went out to meet him because they heard that he had done this sign. ^{12:19}The Pharisees, therefore, said among themselves, "Can't you see that we're getting nowhere? Look, the whole world has gone after him."

^{12:20}Now there were certain Greeks among those who went up to worship at the feast. ^{12:21}These then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him saying, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." ^{12:22}Philip came and told Andrew. *And so* Andrew and Philip went together to speak to Jesus. ^{12:23}And Jesus answered them saying, "The

time has come for the Son of man to be glorified. ^{12:24}Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself, alone. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.

^{12:25}“He who loves his soul life [loves who and what he is] will have it destroyed. But he who has a deep aversion to his soul life [hates who and what he is] in this world, will have it preserved [through transformation] into *the eternal life of God*. ^{12:26}If anyone *wants to serve me*, let him follow me, for where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me my Father will honor him.

^{12:27}“Now my soul is troubled, but what will I say? ‘Father, save me from this time?’ Yet it is for this very reason I have come to this time. ^{12:28}Oh Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven *saying*, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again!”

^{12:29}When the crowd which was standing there heard it *they* said, “It thundered!” Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

^{12:30}Jesus answered and said, “This voice has not come for my sake but for your sakes. ^{12:31}Now is *the time for the judgment of this world*. Now is *the time for the prince of this world to be thrown out*. ^{12:32}And if I am raised up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself.” ^{12:33}But he said this to signify what kind of death he would die.

^{12:34}The multitude, therefore, answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Anointed One remains forever. So how can you say that the Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man?”

^{12:35}Jesus, therefore, said to them, “The light is among you for just a little while *longer*. Walk while you have the light so that darkness doesn’t take possession of you. For he who walks in the darkness doesn’t know where he is going. ^{12:36}While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

Jesus said these things and *then* he left and was hidden from them. ^{12:37}Even though he had done so many signs in front of them, they still did not believe in him, ^{12:38}fulfilling the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke, “Lord,

who has believed our message? And to whom has the power of the Lord been revealed?" (Is 53:1). ^{12:39}This is the reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, ^{12:40}"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts so that they would not see with their eyes or comprehend with their heart and be converted so that I would heal them" (Is 6:9,10). ^{12:41}Isaiah said these things when he saw his, glory and spoke about him.

^{12:42}Nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him. But because of the Pharisees, they did not acknowledge *it* so that they would not be put out of the synagogue, ^{12:43}for they loved the honor *that comes* from men more than the honor *that is* from God.

^{12:44}And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in me doesn't believe in me but in him who sent me. ^{12:45}And he who sees me sees him who sent me. ^{12:46}I have come as a light into the world so that everyone who is believing into me would not remain in the darkness. ^{12:47}Yet if anyone hears my sayings and does not believe, I don't judge him, for I didn't come to judge the world but to save the world.

^{12:48}"He who rejects me and does not receive my words has one thing that judges him; *i.e.* the word which I have spoken, that is what will judge him on the last day. ^{12:49}For my words didn't originate with myself but *with* the Father who sent me. He has given me an order concerning what I should say, even what I should speak. ^{12:50}And I know that his command is *his* eternal life. Therefore, the things which I say, I speak according to what the Father has told me."

CHAPTER 13

^{13:1}Now before the feast of the passover, Jesus – knowing that the time had come in which he would leave this world *and go* to his Father – having loved his own who were in the world, loved them to the very end.

^{13:2}And during supper (the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him) ^{13:3}Jesus – knowing that the Father had given all the things into his hands and that he came forth from God and was going to God – ^{13:4}rose up from supper, laid aside his gar-

ments, picked up a linen towel, and wrapped it around him. ^{13:5}Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which he was wrapped.

^{13:6}So he came to Simon Peter who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ^{13:7}Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you don't comprehend now but you will understand later on."

^{13:8}Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me." ^{13:9}Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, *then* not only wash my feet but also my hands and my head." ^{13:10}Jesus replied to him, "He who is washed only needs to wash his feet but is *already* completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." ^{13:11}For he knew him who would betray him. Therefore, he said, "You are not all clean."

^{13:12}So when he had washed their feet, dressed himself, and sat down again, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ^{13:13}You call me, 'Teacher' and 'Master' and you are right to say so because I am. ^{13:14}If I then, the Master and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash each other's feet. ^{13:15}For I have given you an example so that you should also do as I have done to you.

^{13:16}"Truly, truly I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, neither is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. ^{13:17}Since you know these things, you will be blessed if you practice them.

^{13:18}"I don't speak *the following* about all of you – I know whom I have chosen – but so that the scripture may be fulfilled, he who eats my bread will turn against me. ^{13:19}I am telling you right now before it happens, so that when it takes place, you may believe that 'I am.' ^{13:20}"Truly, truly I say to you, he who receives whom I send receives me and he who receives me receives him who sent me."

^{13:21}Having said these things, Jesus was troubled in the spirit and affirmed something which had been revealed to him saying, "Truly, truly I say to you, one of you will betray me." ^{13:22}The disciples looked at each other, not

knowing how to understand what he said. ^{13:23}And one of the disciples for whom Jesus felt *God's* love strongly was at the table leaning on Jesus' chest.

^{13:24}Simon Peter, therefore, signaled to him and said, "Ask who it is he's talking about." ^{13:25}Then the one who was leaning on Jesus' chest asked him, "Lord, who is it?" ^{13:26}Jesus, therefore, answered, "It is the one to whom I will give the piece of bread after I have dipped it *in some oil*. So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he took it, and gave it to Judas *the son* of Simon Iscariot.

^{13:27}And after *receiving* the dipped bread, then Satan entered into him. Jesus, therefore, said to him, "What you *are going to do*, do quickly."

^{13:28}Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ^{13:29}Some thought that because Judas had the money bag, Jesus had told him to buy some things they needed for the feast or that he should give something to the poor. ^{13:30}Then, having received the dipped bread, he left immediately. And it was night.

^{13:31}When he had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of man will be glorified and God will be glorified in him. ^{13:32}When God is glorified in him, God will *in turn* glorify him with himself and glorify him quickly. ^{13:33}Little children, I am with you only a little while *longer*. Later, you will seek me – but as I said to the Jews, so I now say to you – where I am going you cannot come.

^{13:34}"I *now* give you a new commandment: that you love each other. In the same way as I have loved you, you *must* also love one another. ^{13:35}It is by this that everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

^{13:36}Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me right now but you will follow me afterwards."

^{13:37}Peter said to him, "Lord, why can't I follow you right now? I would lay down my life for you." ^{13:38}Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly I say to you, the rooster will not crow until you have denied me three times."

CHAPTER 14

14:1“Don’t let your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also into me. 14:2In my Father’s house are many dwelling places.* If it were not so, I would have told you, for I go to prepare a place for you. 14:3And since I am going to prepare a place for you, I will come again *and* will receive you to myself so that where I am, you may be *there* also.

14:4“You know where I am going and you know the way.” 14:5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 14:6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the *manifestation of the Father’s* life. No one can come to the Father except through me. 14:7If you had recognized me, you would have come to know my Father also. From now on, you know him and have seen him.”

14:8Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father and that would be enough for us.” 14:9Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so much time and you still don’t recognize me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ 14:10Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

“The words which I say to you don’t originate with myself but the Father who lives in me, he is the one doing his works *through me*. 14:11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. But if not, *at least* believe me because of the works themselves.

14:12“Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes into me, the works that I do he will do also and he will do *even* greater *works* than these because I go to the Father. 14:13And whatever you will ask, *being* in my name [being in me], I will do so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14:14If you will ask anything *being* in my name, I will do it.

14:15“If you love me, you will do what I lead you to do. 14:16And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter so that he may be with you forever. 14:17*This is*

*These “dwelling places” to which Jesus refers are our new glorified bodies, not “mansions.” Paul explains this truth at length in 2 Corinthians 5:1-4.

the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, for it doesn't perceive him or know him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be *inside of* you.

14:18 "I will not leave you *alone* as orphans. I am coming to you [in the Holy Spirit]. 14:19 In just a short time the world won't see me any more. But you will perceive me. Because I have *the Father's* life, you will have *this* life also.

14:20 "In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 14:21 He who holds onto my precepts and carefully observes them, he is the one who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father. And I will love him and will reveal myself to him."

14:22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it going to happen that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves me, he will do what I say. Therefore, my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him. 14:24 Anyone who doesn't do what I say doesn't love me. Furthermore, the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

14:25 "I have said these things to you while *still* living with you. 14:26 But the Comforter, *even* the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

14:27 "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I don't give *peace* in the way the world gives. Don't let your heart be disturbed or be fearful. 14:28 You heard how I said to you, 'I am going away' yet 'I am coming to you' [in the Holy Spirit]. If you loved me, you would have rejoiced because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for the Father is greater than I.

14:29 "And now I have told you before it happens so that when it happens, you may believe. 14:30 I will no longer speak much with you for the prince of the world is coming, yet he has nothing in me [has no ground or hold inside of me].

14:31 "But so that the world may know that I love the Father, I will now carry out what the Father has commanded me *to do*. Arise, let us go from here."

CHAPTER 15

15:1 "I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. 15:2 Every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, he removes it and every *branch* that bears fruit, he prunes it so that it will bear *even* more fruit. 15:3 You are already clean through the word which I have spoken to you. 15:4 Continue in me and I will be continually present in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it stays connected to the grapevine, in the same way you can't *bear fruit* either unless you continue in me.

15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. He who continues in me and I in him, that one bears much fruit. For separately from me you can do nothing. 15:6 If someone does not continue in me, he will be thrown aside as a *useless* branch and dry up. And *those who are unfruitful* will be gathered up, thrown into the fire, and burned.

15:7 "If you continue in me and my words continue in you, you may ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. 15:8 My Father is glorified in this way: that you become my disciples and bear much fruit.

15:9 "Just as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Continue in my love. 15:10 If you carefully do what I lead you to do, you will continue in my love, just as I have done what my Father led me to do and *so I* continue in his love. 15:11 I have said these things to you so that my joy would be in you and that your joy would be complete.

15:12 "This is my commandment: that you love each other just as I have loved you. 15:13 No one has greater love than this, that he would lay down his life for his friends. 15:14 You are my friends if you do the things which I lead you to do. 15:15 I am no longer going to call you servants for the servant doesn't know what his master is doing. But I call you friends for I have explained to you everything that I heard from my Father.

15:16 "You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you so that you would go and bear fruit and *that* your fruit would endure *all future tests*. *This is* so that what-

ever you ask of the Father in my name {in the reality of my presence}, he will give it to you. ^{15:17}This is what I charge you: that you must love each other.

^{15:18}“If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before *it hated* you. ^{15:19}If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Since I have chosen you out of the world, you are now not of {don’t have your source in} the world. Therefore, the world hates you.

^{15:20}“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me they will also persecute you. If they carefully keep my word they will keep yours also. ^{15:21}But they will do all kinds of *evil* things to you because of my name since they don’t know him who sent me. ^{15:22}If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin. But now they have no excuse for their sin.

^{15:23}“He who hates me hates my Father also. ^{15:24}If I had not done the works which no one else ever did among them, they would not have had sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ^{15:25}But *this has happened* so that the word which is written in their law would be fulfilled, ‘They hated me without a reason’ (Ps 69:4).

^{15:26}“And when the Comforter whom I will send to you from the Father – *even* the Spirit of truth, which comes from the Father – has come, he will testify about *things* concerning me. ^{15:27}And you will testify also because you have been with me from the beginning.”

CHAPTER 16

^{16:1}“I am saying these things to you, so that you will not be offended *when they happen*. ^{16:2}They will put you out of the synagogues [the religious meeting places]. And the time is coming when whoever kills you will think that he is serving God. ^{16:3}And they will do these things because they have not known the Father nor me.

^{16:4}“But I have said these things to you so that when that time comes, you will remember that I already told you about them. And I didn’t say these things to you from the beginning because I was with you.

16:5“But now I am going to him who sent me. Yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 16:6But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 16:7Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is advantageous for you that I go away. For if I don’t go away, the Comforter will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

16:8“And when he has come, he will convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. 16:9Of sin because they don’t believe in me. 16:10Of righteousness because I go to the Father and you won’t see me anymore. 16:11Of judgment because the prince of this world has been judged.

16:12“I still have many things to say to you but you cannot receive them right now. 16:13However, when he, the Spirit of truth has come, he will guide you into all truth. What he will say will not originate with himself but he will speak everything he hears *from me*. And he will make known to you the things that are coming *in the future*. 16:14He will glorify me. For he will take what is mine and will reveal it to you.

16:15“All things – everything the Father has – are mine; therefore, I said that he will take things that are mine and will reveal them to you. 16:16In a little while you will not see me anymore because I go to the Father. But *yet* a little while more and you will perceive me.”

16:17Some of his disciples, therefore, said one to another, “What is this that he said to us, ‘In a little while you won’t see me and, *yet* a little while more and you will perceive me,’ and, ‘Because I go to the Father’?” 16:18They said, therefore, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while?’ We don’t understand what he said.”

16:19Jesus perceived that they were wanting to ask him so he said to them, “Are you trying to figure out among yourselves what I said, ‘In a little while you won’t see me anymore, and in a little while more you will perceive me?’

16:20“Truly, truly I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 16:21When a woman is giving birth she has pain because her time has come. But

when she has delivered the child she doesn't remember the anguish any more for the joy that a child has been born into the world.

^{16:22}“And you, therefore, will certainly have affliction now. But I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, for you will have a joy which no one can take away from you. ^{16:23}And in that day you will not ask me for anything. Truly, truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, *being* in my name, he will give it you. ^{16:24}Until now you have not asked anything in my name. Ask and you will receive so that your joy may be made complete.

^{16:25}“I have spoken these things to you in proverbs, but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in proverbs but will tell you clearly about the Father. ^{16:26}In that day you will ask in my name {in the reality of my presence}. I am not saying that I will pray to the Father on your behalf, ^{16:27}for the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. ^{16:28}I came out from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world to go to the Father.”

^{16:29}His disciples said, “Look, now you are speaking plainly and not using proverbs. ^{16:30}Now we know that you know all things and there is no need for anyone to be questioning you. By this we believe that you came forth from God.” ^{16:31}Jesus answered them, “Do you believe now? ^{16:32}Look, the time is coming, yes, and has now come that you will be scattered, everyone to his own *place*, and will leave me alone. And *yet* I am not alone because the Father is with me.

^{16:33}“I have spoken these things to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but be encouraged; I have overcome the world.”

CHAPTER 17

^{17:1}Jesus spoke these things, and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you. ^{17:2}In accordance with the fact that you have given him authority over all humanity, he gives *your* eternal life to all those whom you have

given him. ^{17:3}And this is that eternal life *which comes* by intimately knowing you, the only true God, and Jesus the Anointed One whom you sent.

^{17:4}"I have glorified you on the earth, having completed the work which you gave me to do. ^{17:5}And now, Father, glorify me together with yourself with the glory which I had with you before the world existed. ^{17:6}I revealed your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have carefully observed your word.

^{17:7}"Now they know that everything – all that you have given me – comes from you. ^{17:8}For the words which you gave me I have delivered to them and they have received *them*. And they know with certainty that I came forth from you and they have believed that you sent me.

^{17:9}"I pray for them. I don't pray for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ^{17:10}For all those who are mine are yours and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ^{17:11}I will no longer be in the world for I am coming to you, Holy Father, but these are in the world. Keep those whom you have given me in your name so that they may be one in the same way that we *are one*.

^{17:12}"While I was with them, I kept them in your name. I watched over those whom you have given me so that not one of them was lost except the son of destruction so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ^{17:13}And now I am coming to you. But I say these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

^{17:14}"I have given them your word and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ^{17:15}I don't pray that you would take them out of the world but that you would keep them from the evil *one*. ^{17:16}They are not of the world even as I am not of the world.

^{17:17}"Make them holy by your truth. Your word is truth. ^{17:18}In the same way that you sent me into the world, I send them into the world. ^{17:19}And for their sakes I make myself *a holy offering*, so that they also would be made holy by *the truth*.

17:20 "I am not only praying for them but also for all those who will believe into me through their word, 17:21 so that there might be a *complete* oneness. Just as you, Father, are in me and I *am* in you that they also may be one with us in our oneness so that the world may believe that you sent me.

17:22 "And the glory which you have given me I have given to them so that there would be a *complete* oneness to the degree that we are one: 17:23 I in them and you in me. *This is* so that they would be perfected into *our* oneness in order that the world would know that you sent me and loved them just as you loved me.

17:24 "Father, I desire that those whom you have given me would also be with me where I am so that they may see my glory which you have given me, for you loved me before the establishing of the world.

17:25 "Oh righteous Father, the world did not know you but I know you and these understood that you sent me. 17:26 And I declared your name to them and made it known so that the love with which you loved me would be in them, and I in them."

CHAPTER 18

18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went with his disciples across the brook Kidron to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. 18:2 Now Judas who betrayed him also knew the place, for Jesus frequently went there with his disciples.

18:3 Then Judas, having received a band of *men* together with some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

18:4 Jesus, therefore, knowing everything which was about to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Who are you looking for?" 18:5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I AM *he*." And Judas who betrayed him was also standing *there* with them. 18:6 When, therefore, he said to them, "I AM *he*," they *stumbled* backwards and fell to the ground.

18:7Therefore, he asked them again, "Who are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 18:8Jesus answered, "I told you that I am *he*. Therefore, since it is me you are looking for, let these others go their way." 18:9This was so that the word would be fulfilled which he spoke, "I lost none of those whom you have given me."

18:10Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. Now the servant's name was Malchus. 18:11Jesus, therefore, said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Should I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?"

18:12So the band of *men*, together with the chief captain and the officers of the Jews, seized Jesus, bound him, 18:13and took him first of all to Annas because he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was the high priest that year. 18:14Now Caiaphas was the one who advised the Jews that it was advantageous for one man to die for the people.

18:15And Simon Peter followed Jesus, along with another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest and entered in with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest's house. 18:16But Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple who was known to the high priest went out and spoke to the doorkeeper and she brought Peter inside. 18:17Then the maid who kept the door said to Peter, "Are you also one of this man's disciples?" He said, "I am not!"

18:18Now the servants and the officers *who* were standing *there* had made a fire of coals because it was cold and they were warming themselves. And Peter also was *there* with them, standing and warming himself.

18:19The high priest, therefore, asked Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. 18:20Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I frequently taught in the synagogues and in the temple where all the Jews gather. I said nothing in secret. 18:21Why are you asking me? Ask those who have heard *me about* what I said to them. Look, they know everything that I said."

18:22And when he had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus with his hand saying, "Is that

the way you answer the high priest?" 18:23 Jesus replied to him, "If I have spoken improperly, point out my error. But if I have spoken honestly, why do you strike me?" 18:24 Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

18:25 Now as Simon Peter was standing and warming himself, they said to him, "Aren't you also *one* of his disciples?" He denied it and said, "I am not!"

18:26 One of the servants of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" 18:27 Peter then denied *it* again. And immediately the rooster crowed.

18:28 Then the *religious leaders* took Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. And it was early morning. But they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be *religiously* defiled and not be able to eat the Passover.

18:29 Pilate, therefore, went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" 18:30 They answered and said to him, "If this man were not a law breaker, we would not have delivered him up to you."

18:31 Pilate, therefore, said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not allowed to put anyone to death," 18:32 so that the word of Jesus would be fulfilled which he spoke, signifying what kind of death he would die.

18:33 Pilate, therefore, entered again into the Praetorium, called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 18:34 Jesus answered, "Do you say this yourself, or did others tell it to you about me?"

18:35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you to me. What have you done?" 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight so that I would not be delivered to the Jews. But *for* now my kingdom is not from here."

18:37 Pilate then said to him, "Are you a king then?" Jesus replied, "You say so, for I am a king. It is for this that I was born and for this *end* I have come into the world, so that I would testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice." 18:38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find no fault in him. ^{18:39}But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Therefore, do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?" ^{18:40}They cried out again saying, "Not this man but Bar-Abbas {son of Abbas}." Now Bar-Abbas was a robber.

CHAPTER 19

^{19:1}Then Pilate, therefore, took Jesus and had him beaten with whips. ^{19:2}And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and put a purple robe around him. ^{19:3}Then they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him in the face with their hands.

^{19:4}And Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you so that you may know that I find no crime in him." ^{19:5}Jesus, therefore, came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold, the man!"

^{19:6}Therefore, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out saying, "Crucify *him*, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him for I find no fault in him."

^{19:7}The Jews answered him, "We have a law and by that law he ought to die because he made himself the Son of God." ^{19:8}When Pilate, therefore, heard this he became more afraid ^{19:9}and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus didn't answer him. ^{19:10}Pilate, therefore, said to him, "You won't speak to me? Don't you realize that I have the authority to release you and have the authority to crucify you?"

^{19:11}Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me unless it were given to you from above. For this reason he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." ^{19:12}After this Pilate sought to release him but the Jews cried out saying, "If you release this man you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ^{19:13}Therefore, when Pilate heard these words, he

brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called "The Pavement" but in Hebrew, "Gabbatha."

^{19:14}Now it was the Preparation of the Passover, about the sixth hour of the day. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" ^{19:15}They, therefore, cried out, "Away with *him*, away with *him*. Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" ^{19:16}Then he delivered him to them to be crucified.

^{19:17}Therefore, they took Jesus and led him away, carrying his cross, to the place called "The place of a skull," which in Hebrew is called "Golgotha." ^{19:18}They crucified him there along with two others, *one* on either side with Jesus in the middle. ^{19:19}So Pilate also wrote a sign and put it on the cross. And on it was written, "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

^{19:20}Consequently, many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ^{19:21}The chief priests of the Jews, therefore, said to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The King of the Jews,' but that 'He said I am King of the Jews.'" ^{19:22}Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

^{19:23}Then when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for every soldier. *They* also *took* his tunic which was seamless, woven as one piece from top to bottom. ^{19:24}Therefore, they said to each other, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide whose it will be." *This was done* so that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothes" (Ps 22:18). Therefore, the soldiers did these things.

^{19:25}And Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were there standing by the cross. ^{19:26}When Jesus, therefore, saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, look *here is* your son!" ^{19:27}Then said he to the disciple, "Look, *here is* your mother!" And from that time the disciple took her into his own *home*.

19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now completed so that the scripture might be fulfilled said, "I am thirsty." 19:29 There was a vessel full of sour wine set there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop rod and put it to his mouth. 19:30 Then, when Jesus had taken the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and yielded up his spirit.

19:31 Then the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs of those crucified broken so that they could be taken down because it was the Preparation and they didn't want the bodies to stay on the crosses on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath day was an important day). 19:32 The soldiers, therefore, came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with him. 19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they didn't break his legs. 19:34 However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear and immediately blood and water came out.

19:35 And he who saw all this is a witness and his testimony is true – since he who has actually seen something gives an accurate testimony – so that you also may believe. 19:36 For these things occurred so that the scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken" (Ps 34:20). 19:37 And again, another scripture says, "They will look on him whom they pierced" (Zech 12:10).

19:38 And after these things, Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus – but secretly for fear of the Jews – asked Pilate to allow him to take the body of Jesus. So Pilate gave him permission. Therefore, he came and took away his body.

19:39 And Nicodemus also came (the one who initially had come to him at night) bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloe weighing about a hundred libras {pounds}. 19:40 So they took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is when burying.

19:41 Now in the vicinity of where he was crucified there was a garden and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. 19:42 It was there, then, that they laid the body of Jesus because of the Jews' Preparation and because the tomb was nearby.

CHAPTER 20

^{20:1}Now on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early while it was still dark and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ^{20:2}She, therefore, ran and came to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." ^{20:3}Peter then left with the other disciple and they went to the tomb.

^{20:4}And they both *began* running together but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. ^{20:5}And stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying *there* but he didn't go in. ^{20:6}Simon Peter, therefore, also came after him and went into the tomb and he saw the linen cloths lying *there* ^{20:7}and the cloth that was on his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself.

^{20:8}Then the other disciple also went in – the one who came to the tomb first – and he saw and believed. ^{20:9}For as yet they had not understood the scripture that it was necessary for him to rise from the dead. ^{20:10}So the disciples returned to where they were staying.

^{20:11}But Mary kept standing outside of the tomb crying. Then, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb ^{20:12}and she saw two angels in white sitting *there*, one at the head and one at the feet of where the body of Jesus had lain. ^{20:13}And they said to her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord and I don't know where they have put him."

^{20:14}After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there but didn't realize that it was Jesus. ^{20:15}Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" She, supposing him to be the gardener, said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will take him." ^{20:16}Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned around and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni," which is to say, "Teacher."

^{20:17}Jesus said to her, "Don't hang onto me for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brethren and

say to them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, even my God and your God.'" ^{20:18}Mary Magdalene then came and told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and *that* he had said these things to her.

^{20:19}When it was the evening of that day, the first *day* of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, *and* Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "May you have peace!" ^{20:20}And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When they saw the Lord, the disciples were filled with joy.

^{20:21}Jesus, therefore, said to them again, "May you have peace. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." ^{20:22}And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ^{20:23}Whoever's sins you forgive, they are forgiven them. Whoever's *sins* you retain, they are retained."

^{20:24}But Thomas, one of the twelve called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ^{20:25}The other disciples, therefore, said to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and touch them with my finger and feel the wound in his side with my hand, I will not believe."

^{20:26}And eight days later his disciples were again inside *a room* with the doors locked. But *this time* Thomas was with them. Jesus came *again* and stood among them and said, "May you have peace!" ^{20:27}Then said he to Thomas, "Stretch out your finger and see my hands and put your hand here and feel my side. And don't be without faith but *instead* believe."

^{20:28}Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God." ^{20:29}Jesus said to him, "You have believed because you have seen me. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

^{20:30}In fact, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples which are not written in this book, ^{20:31}but these have been written, so that you may believe that Jesus is the Anointed One, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have *the Father's* life through his name.

CHAPTER 21

21:1 After these things, Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias, and he revealed *himself* in this way: 21:2 Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples were all together.

21:3 And Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." They replied to him, "We're coming with you." So they went out and got into the boat. But that night they caught nothing.

21:4 But when day was now dawning Jesus stood on the shore; however, the disciples didn't realize that it was Jesus. 21:5 Jesus, therefore, said to them, "My sons, do you have anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." 21:6 And he said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find *something*." So they cast the net and now they were not able to pull it in because of the large number of fish.

21:7 Therefore, the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his clothing about him (for he was naked), and jumped into the sea. 21:8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land but about one hundred meters off), dragging the net *full* of fish.

21:9 So when they got out on land, they saw a fire of coals there with fish laid on it and *there was also* bread. 21:10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." 21:11 Simon Peter, therefore, went and pulled the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three *of them*. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn.

21:12 Jesus said to them, "Come *and* have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" knowing that it was the Lord. 21:13 Then Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them together with the fish. 21:14 This was now the third time that Jesus had appeared to the disciples after he had risen from the dead.

21:15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

21:16 He *then* said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Care for my sheep."

21:17 *Then* he said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

21:18 "Truly, truly I say to you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go, but when you get old you will stretch out your hands and another will dress you and take you where you don't want to go." 21:19 Now he said this to show by what kind of death he would glorify God. And having said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

21:20 Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*, *the one* who leaned back on his chest at the supper, and asked, "Lord, who is the one who will betray you?" 21:21 Peter, therefore, seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, but what will this man do?" 21:22 Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remains until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow me."

21:23 Therefore, this saying circulated among the brethren that that disciple wouldn't die. Yet Jesus didn't say to him that he wouldn't die, but, "If it is my will that he remains until I come, what *is that* to you?" 21:24 This is the disciple who testifies of these things and wrote these things and we know that his testimony is the truth.

21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which, if all of them would be written one by one, I imagine that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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