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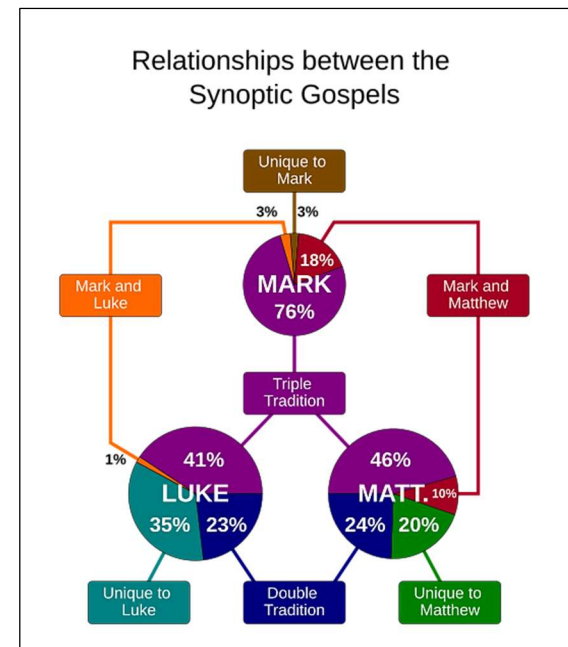
Bible Study of Matthew, Mark, Luke, & Parts of John *New Living Translation*

First note: The harmony of the Gospels offers faith-building confidence in the eye-witness accounts of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. A side-by-side comparison (verse-by-verse) allows quick (and fun!) contrasts for analysis.

Second note: This comparison used Mark's timeline as the anchor. Many scholars believe Mark's gospel was written first (with Peter's help) and offered to Matthew and Luke as a template for their versions. After Mark, Luke's timeline was preferred (unless otherwise noted).

Third note: Parallel passages are prioritized for comparison while lone passages are titled and referenced only.

Final note: each account (story, etc.) is separated by color for visual ease.



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(Mark's timeline is our anchor)

PASSAGE TITLE	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN	Notes:
INTROS & PRE-CHRIST NARRATIVES		1:1	1:1-4	1:1-14	John echoed Genesis' opening line
		1 It began			Mark preferred action words "suddenly," and "immediately"
BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST FORETOLD			1:5-25		
BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD TO MARY			1:26-38 1:39-56		
BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST			1:57-80		
THE TWO GENEALOGIES	1:1-17		3:23-38		Matthew's genealogical order began with Abraham and ended with Jesus; Luke started with Jesus and ended with Adam
					Scholars believe Matthew followed the traditional bloodline of the father (Joseph), while Luke followed the actual bloodline of Mary (compare Matt. 1:16 and Luke 3:23)
BIRTH OF JESUS	1:18-25		2:1-7		(v. 23) Matthew cited Isaiah 7:14

					<i>He loved to include Jesus' fulfillment of prophecy. He targeted a Jewish audience.</i>
WATCHING SHEPHERDS			2:8-20		
CIRCUMCISION & PRESENTATION AT TEMPLE			2:21-38		
WISE MEN FROM THE EAST	2:1-12				<i>(v. 6) Matthew cited Micah 5:2</i>
FLIGHT TO EGYPT / RETURN TO NAZARETH	2:13-23		2:39		<i>(v. 15) Matthew cited Hosea 11:1 (v. 18) Matthew cited Jeremiah 31:15</i>
YOUNG JESUS TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE			2:40-52		
MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	3:1-12	1:2-8	3:1-18	1:15-31	
			1 It was now the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius, the Roman emperor. Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea; Herod Antipas was ruler over Galilee; his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Traconitis; Lysanias was ruler over Abilene.		
			2 Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time a message from God came to John son of		<i>Annas and Caiaphas appear later as the leaders who crucified Jesus (John 18:13). (They</i>

			Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness.		<i>also arrested Peter and John in Acts 4:6.)</i>
		2 just as the prophet Isaiah had written: “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way.			<i>Cited a combination of Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3</i>
	1 In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was,		3 Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.	28 This encounter took place in Bethany, an area east of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.	
	2 “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”				
	3 The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, “He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’”	3 He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’”	4 Isaiah had spoken of John when he said, “He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!	23 John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah: “I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Clear the way for the Lord’s coming!’”	<i>All cited Isaiah 40:3 (It is special to compare an account across all four gospels! This happens about 20 times.)</i>
			5 The valleys will be filled, and the mountains and hills made level. The curves will be straightened,		

			and the rough places made smooth.		
			6 And then all people will see the salvation sent from God.”		
		4 This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.			
	5 People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John.	5 All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.			
	4 John’s clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.	6 His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.			
		7 John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals.			

	6 And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.				
	7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to watch him baptize, he denounced them. "You brood of snakes!" he exclaimed. "Who warned you to flee the coming wrath?"		7 When the crowds came to John for baptism, he said, "You brood of snakes! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath?"		
	8 Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.		8 (a) Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.		
	9 Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones.		8 (b) Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones.		
	10 Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire.		9 Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire."		
			10 The crowds asked, "What should we do?"		
			11 John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one		

			to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry.”		
			12 Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, “Teacher, what should we do?”		
			13 He replied, “Collect no more taxes than the government requires.”		
			14 “What should we do?” asked some soldiers. John replied, “Don’t extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay.”		
			15 Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah.		
	11 (a) “I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater	8 (a) I baptize you with water,	16 (a) John answered their questions by saying, “I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater	26 John told them, “I baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize.	
	11 (b) that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.	8 (b) but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”	16 (b) that I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.	27 Though his ministry follows mine, I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandal.”	

	12 He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire."		17 He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire."		
			18 John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.		
BAPTISM OF JESUS CHRIST	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-22	1:32-34	
	13 Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John.	One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River.	21 One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened,		
	14 But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?"				
	15 But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him.				
	16 After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending	10 As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit	22 (a) and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove.	Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him.	

	like a dove and settling on him.	descending on him like a dove.			
	17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."	11 And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."	22 (b) And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."		
				33 I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'	
				34 I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God."	
THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST	4:1-11	1:12-13	4:1-13		
	1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.	12 The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness,	Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,		
	2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.	13 where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him.	2 where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.		
	3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones		3 Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread."		

	to become loaves of bread.”				
	4 But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”		4 But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone.’”		<i>Cited Deuteronomy 8:3</i>
	5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple,		9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off!”		<i>Matthew and Luke used different sequences for the temptations (Luke’s verses are out of order to match Matthew)</i>
	6 (a) and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect you.		10 For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect and guard you.		<i>The devil cited Psalms 91:11-12</i>
	6 (b) ...And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.”		11 And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.”		
	7 Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’”		12 Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’”		<i>Cited Deuteronomy 6:16</i>
	8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.		5 Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.		<i>(Luke’s 2nd temptation inserted here with Matthew’s 3rd temptation)</i>

			6 "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please.		
	9 "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."		7 I will give it all to you if you will worship me."		
	10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"		8 Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"		<i>Cited Deuteronomy 6:13</i>
	11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.		13 When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.		
ANDREW LEADS BROTHER TO JESUS				1:35-42	
PHILIP & NATHANAEL				1:43-51	
FIRST MIRACLE IN CANA				2:1-11	
PASSOVER / CLEANSING OF TEMPLE				2:12-25	<i>Matthew, Mark, and Luke recorded the temple cleansing later during passion week. (Jesus could have done it twice.)</i>
NICODEMUS AT NIGHT				3:1-21	
JESUS & JOHN BAPTIZING				3:22; 4:2	

JOHN THE BAPTISTS IN PRISON (PLUS, JESUS RETURNS TO GALILEE)	4:12-17	1:14-15	3:19-20 4:14-15	4:43-45	
			3:19 John also publicly criticized Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, for marrying Herodias, his brother's wife, and for many other wrongs he had done.		
			20 So Herod put John in prison, adding this sin to his many others.		
	12 When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Judea and returned to Galilee.	14 Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News.	4:14 Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region.	43 At the end of the two days, Jesus went on to Galilee	
	13 He went first to Nazareth, then left there and moved to Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.				
	14 This fulfilled what God said through the prophet Isaiah:				
	15 "In the land of Zebulun and of Naphtali, beside the sea, beyond the Jordan River, in Galilee where so many Gentiles live,				Cited <i>Isaiah 9:1-2</i>

	16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined.”				(Continued: <i>Isaiah 9:1-2</i>)
	17 From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”	15 “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”			
				. 44 He himself had said that a prophet is not honored in his own hometown.	
				45 Yet the Galileans welcomed him, for they had been in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration and had seen everything he did there.	
			15 He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.		
JESUS REJECTED IN NAZARETH			4:16-30		
FIRST DISCIPLES CALLED	4:18-22	1:16-20	5:1-11		
	18 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers— Simon, also called Peter,	16 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew	1 One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in		

	and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living.	throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living.	on him to listen to the word of God.		
			2 He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.		
			3 Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.		
			4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."		
			5 "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."		
			6 And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!		
			7 A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.		

			8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man."		
			9 For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.		
	19 Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"	17 Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"	10 His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"		
	20 And they left their nets at once and followed him.	18 And they left their nets at once and followed him.	11 And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.		
	21 A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too.	19 A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee's sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets.			
	22 They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.	20 He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.			

JESUS HEALS OFFICIAL'S SON				4:46-54	
DEMONIC IN SYNAGOGUE HEALED		1:21-28	4:31-37		
		21 Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach.	31 Then Jesus went to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and taught there in the synagogue every Sabbath day.		
		22 The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law.	32 There, too, the people were amazed at his teaching, for he spoke with authority.		
		23 Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out,	33 Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—cried out, shouting,		
		24 “Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”	34 “Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”		
		25 But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered.	35 (a) But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered.		
		26 At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him.	35 (b) At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came		

			out of him without hurting him further.		
		27 Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!"	36 Amazed, the people exclaimed, "What authority and power this man's words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!"		
		28 The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee.	37 The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.		
SIMON'S MOTHER-IN-LAW HEALED	8:14-17	1:29-34	4:38-41		
	14 (a) When Jesus arrived at Peter's house,	29 After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew's home.	38 (a) After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon's home,		
	14 (b) Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever.	30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away.	38 (b) where he found Simon's mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. "Please heal her," everyone begged.		
	15 But when Jesus touched her hand, the fever left her. Then she got up and prepared a meal for him.	31 So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.	39 Standing at her bedside, he rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them.		
	16 That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the	32 That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus.	40 As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick		

	evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick.		family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, the touch of his hand healed every one.		
	17 This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, "He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases."				<i>Cited Isaiah 53:4</i>
		33 The whole town gathered at the door to watch.			
		34 So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak.	41 Many were possessed by demons; and the demons came out at his command, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But because they knew he was the Messiah, he rebuked them and refused to let them speak.		
JESUS PREACHES IN GALILEE	4:23-25	1:35-39	4:42-44		
		35 Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.	42 (a) Early the next morning Jesus went out to an isolated place.		
		36 Later Simon and the others went out to find him.	42 (b) The crowds searched everywhere for him,		
		37 When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you."	42 (c) and when they finally found him, they begged him not to leave them.		

		38 But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came."	43 But he replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent."		
	23 Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.	39 So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.	44 So he continued to travel around, preaching in synagogues throughout Judea.		
	24 News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all.				
	25 Large crowds followed him wherever he went—people from Galilee, the Ten Towns, Jerusalem, from all over Judea, and from east of the Jordan River.				
JESUS CLEANSSES A LEPER	8:1-4	1:40-45	5:12-16		
	1 Large crowds followed Jesus as he came down the mountainside.				

	2 Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."	40 A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said.	12 In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. "Lord," he said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."		
	3 (a) Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!"	41 Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!"	13 (a) Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!"		
	3 (b) And instantly the leprosy disappeared.	42 Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.	13 (b) And instantly the leprosy disappeared.		
	4 (a) Then Jesus said to him,	43 Then Jesus sent him on his way with a stern warning:	14 (a) Then Jesus instructed him		
	4 (b) "Don't tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed."	44 "Don't tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed."	14 (b) not to tell anyone what had happened. He said, "Go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed."		
		45 (a) But the man went and spread the word, proclaiming to everyone	15 But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even		

		what had happened. As a result, large crowds soon surrounded Jesus, and he couldn't publicly enter a town anywhere.	faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases.		
		45 (b) He had to stay out in the secluded places, but people from everywhere kept coming to him.	16 But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.		
JESUS HEALS A PARALYTIC	9:1-8	2:1-12	5:17-26		
	1 Jesus climbed into a boat and went back across the lake to his own town.	1 When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home.	17 One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord's healing power was strongly with Jesus.		
		2 Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them,			
	2 (a) Some people brought to him a paralyzed man on a mat.	3 four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat.	18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus,		

		4 They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.	19 but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus.		
	2 (b) Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven."	5 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."	20 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven."		
	3 (a) But some of the teachers of religious law said to themselves,	6 But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves,	21 (a) But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves,		
	3 (b) "That's blasphemy! Does he think he's God?"	7 "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"	21 (b) "Who does he think he is? That's blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"		
	4 Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you have such evil thoughts in your hearts?"	8 Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts?"	22 Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts?"		
	5 Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'?	9 Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'?	23 Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'?		
	6 (a) So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins."	10 So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus	24 (a) So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins."		

	Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said,	turned to the paralyzed man and said,	Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said,		
	6 (b) "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"	11 "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"	24 (b) "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"		
	7 And the man jumped up and went home!	12 (a) And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers.	25 And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God.		
	8 Fear swept through the crowd as they saw this happen. And they praised God for giving humans such authority.	12 (b) They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"	26 Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, "We have seen amazing things today!"		
JESUS CALLS LEVI	9:9-13	2:13-17	5:27-32		
		13 Then Jesus went out to the lakeshore again and taught the crowds that were coming to him.			
	9 (a) As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him.	14 (a) As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him.	27 Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him.		
	9 (b) So Matthew got up and followed him.	14 (b)...So Levi got up and followed him.	28 So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him.		
	10 Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and	15 Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners.	29 Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and		

	other disreputable sinners.	(There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.)	other guests also ate with them.		
	11 But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"	16 But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?"	30 But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?"		
	12 When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do."	17 (a) When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do."	31 Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do."		
	13 Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."	17 (b) I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."	32 I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."		<i>Matthew cited Hosea 6:6</i>
JESUS QUESTIONED ABOUT FASTING	9:14-17	2:18-22	5:33-39		
	14 One day the disciples of John the Baptist came to Jesus and asked him, "Why don't your disciples fast like we do and the Pharisees do?"	18 Once when John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, some people came to Jesus and asked, "Why don't your disciples fast	33 One day some people said to Jesus, "John the Baptist's disciples fast and pray regularly, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees. Why are your		

		like John's disciples and the Pharisees do?"	disciples always eating and drinking?"		
	15 Jesus replied, "Do wedding guests mourn while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.	19 Jesus replied, "Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. They can't fast while the groom is with them.	34 Jesus responded, "Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not.		
		20 But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.	35 But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast."		
	16 "Besides, who would patch old clothing with new cloth? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before.	21 "Besides, who would patch old clothing with new cloth? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before.	36 Then Jesus gave them this illustration: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment. For then the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn't even match the old garment.		
	17 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine is stored in new wineskins so that both are preserved."	22 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins."	37 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. 38 New wine must be stored in new wineskins.		
			39 But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new		

			wine. 'The old is just fine,' they say."		
THE HEALING POOL OF BETHESDA				5:1-15	
JESUS AND THE IRATE JEWISH LEADERS				5:16-47	<i>"Healing on the Sabbath" became the catalyst that drove the religious leaders to kill Jesus (vv. 16-18). (See also Matthew 12:14; Mark 3:6; Luke 6:11 below)</i>
LORD OF THE SABBATH	12:1-8	2:23-28	6:1-5		
	1 At about that time Jesus was walking through some grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, so they began breaking off some heads of grain and eating them.	23 One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grainfields, his disciples began breaking off heads of grain to eat.	1 One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grainfields, his disciples broke off heads of grain, rubbed off the husks in their hands, and ate the grain.		
	2 But some Pharisees saw them do it and protested, "Look, your disciples are breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath."	24 But the Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look, why are they breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?"	2 But some Pharisees said, "Why are you breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?"		
	3 Jesus said to them, "Haven't you read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry?"	25 Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry?"	3 Jesus replied, "Haven't you read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry?"		<i>Jesus referenced 1 Samuel 21:1-6</i>
	4 He went into the house of God, and he and his companions	26 He went into the house of God (during the days when Abiathar was	4 He went into the house of God and broke the law by eating the		

	broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat.	high priest) and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. He also gave some to his companions.”	sacred loaves of bread that only the priests can eat. He also gave some to his companions.”		
	5 And haven’t you read in the law of Moses that the priests on duty in the Temple may work on the Sabbath?				<i>Cited Numbers 27:9-10 (Jesus’ application: God allowed holy work on the Sabbath)</i>
	6 I tell you, there is one here who is even greater than the Temple!				
	7 But you would not have condemned my innocent disciples if you knew the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’				<i>Cited Hosea 6:6</i>
		27 Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath.			
	8 For the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!”	28 So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!”	5 And Jesus added, “The Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath.”		
A MAN WITH A WITHERED HAND	12:9-21	3:1-12	6:6-11		
	9 Then Jesus went over to their synagogue,	1 (a) Jesus went into the synagogue again	6 (a) On another Sabbath day,		

	10 (a) where he noticed a man with a deformed hand.	1 (b) and noticed a man with a deformed hand.	6 (b) a man with a deformed right hand was in the synagogue while Jesus was teaching.		
	10 (b) The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Does the law permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?" (They were hoping he would say yes, so they could bring charges against him.)	2 Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath.	7 The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees watched Jesus closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath.		
		3 Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone."	8 But Jesus knew their thoughts. He said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone." So the man came forward.		
		4 Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him.	9 Then Jesus said to his critics, "I have a question for you. Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?"		
	11 And he answered, "If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn't you work to pull it out? Of course you would.				
	12 And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law				

	permits a person to do good on the Sabbath.”				
	13 Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored, just like the other one!	5 He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored!	10 He looked around at them one by one and then said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored!		
	14 Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus.	6 At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.	11 At this, the enemies of Jesus were wild with rage and began to discuss what to do with him.		<i>“Healing on the Sabbath” became the catalyst that drove the religious leaders to kill Jesus. (See John 5:16-18)</i>
	15 (a) But Jesus knew what they were planning. So he left that area, and many people followed him.	7 Jesus went out to the lake with his disciples, and a large crowd followed him. They came from all over Galilee, Judea,			
		8 Jerusalem, Idumea, from east of the Jordan River, and even from as far north as Tyre and Sidon. The news about his miracles had spread far and wide, and vast numbers of people came to see him.			
		9 Jesus instructed his disciples to have a boat ready so the crowd would not crush him.			
	15 (b) He healed all the sick among them,	10 He had healed many people that day, so all			

		the sick people eagerly pushed forward to touch him.			
		11 And whenever those possessed by evil spirits caught sight of him, the spirits would throw them to the ground in front of him shrieking, "You are the Son of God!"			
	16 but he warned them not to reveal who he was.	12 But Jesus sternly commanded the spirits not to reveal who he was.			
	17 This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him:				
	18 "Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who pleases me. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.				(vv. 18-21) Cited <i>Isaiah 42:1-4</i>
	19 He will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public.				
	20 He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally he will cause justice to be victorious.				
	21 And his name will be the hope of all the world."				
12 APOSTLES	10:1-4	3:13-19	6:12-16		

		13 Afterward Jesus went up on a mountain and called out the ones he wanted to go with him. And they came to him.	12 One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.		
	1 Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness.	14 Then he appointed twelve of them and called them his apostles. They were to accompany him, and he would send them out to preach, 15 giving them authority to cast out demons.	13 At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names:		
	2 (a) Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (also called Peter),	16 These are the twelve he chose: Simon (whom he named Peter),	14 (a) Simon (whom he named Peter), Andrew (Peter's brother),		<i>Every list starts with Simon Peter and ends with Judas Iscariot.</i>
	2 (b) then Andrew (Peter's brother), James (son of Zebedee), John (James's brother),	17 James and John (the sons of Zebedee, but Jesus nicknamed them "Sons of Thunder"),	14 (b) James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,		
	3 Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew (the tax collector), James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus,	18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon (the zealot),	15 Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (who was called the zealot),		
	4 Simon (the zealot), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).	19 Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).	16 Judas (son of James), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).		
SERMON ON THE MOUNT / PLAIN	5:1 – 7:29		6:17-49		<i>Many scholars argue these are separate sermons ("mount + sat" vs.</i>

					<i>"plain + stood") that have similar teachings. For that reason, a full comparison is not included.</i>
CENTURION'S SERVANT HEALED	8:5-13		7:1-10		
	5 (a) When Jesus returned to Capernaum,		When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people, he returned to Capernaum.		
			2 At that time the highly valued slave of a Roman officer was sick and near death.		
	5(b) a Roman officer came and pleaded with him,		3 When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some respected Jewish elders to ask him to come and heal his slave.		
	6 "Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain."		4 So they earnestly begged Jesus to help the man. "If anyone deserves your help, he does," they said,		
			5 "for he loves the Jewish people and even built a synagogue for us."		
	7 Jesus said, "I will come and heal him."		6 (a) So Jesus went with them.		
	8 (a) But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home.		6 (b) But just before they arrived at the house, the officer sent some friends to say, "Lord, don't trouble yourself by		

			coming to my home, for I am not worthy of such an honor.		
	8 (b) Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.		7 I am not even worthy to come and meet you. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.		
	9 I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it."		8 I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it."		
	10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!		9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following him, he said, "I tell you, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!"		<i>One of only two times Jesus was "amazed." (See Mark 6:6 for the negative amazement)</i>
	11 And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven.				
	12 But many Israelites—those for whom the Kingdom was prepared—will be				

	thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”				
	13 Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, “Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened.” And the young servant was healed that same hour.		10 And when the officer’s friends returned to his house, they found the slave completely healed.		
WIDOW’S SON RAISED			7:11-17		
MESSENGERS FROM JOHN THE BAPTIST	11:1-19		7:18-35		
	When Jesus had finished giving these instructions to his twelve disciples, he went out to teach and preach in towns throughout the region.				
	2 (a) John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing.		18 The disciples of John the Baptist told John about everything Jesus was doing. So John called for two of his disciples,		
	2 (b) So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus,		19 and he sent them to the Lord to ask him, “Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?”		
	3 “Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?”		20 John’s two disciples found Jesus and said to him, “John the Baptist sent us to ask, ‘Are you the Messiah we’ve been		

			expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"		
			21 At that very time, Jesus cured many people of their diseases, illnesses, and evil spirits, and he restored sight to many who were blind.		
	4 Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—		22 (a) Then he told John's disciples, "Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—		
	5 the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor."		22 (b) the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor."		
	6 And he added, "God blesses those who do not fall away because of me."		23 And he added, "God blesses those who do not fall away because of me."		
	7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind?		24 After John's disciples left, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind?		
	8 Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No,		25 Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive		

	people with expensive clothes live in palaces.		clothes? No, people who wear beautiful clothes and live in luxury are found in palaces.		
	9 Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet.		26 Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet.		
	10 John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.'		27 John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.'		<i>Both cited Malachi 3:1</i>
	11 "I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!		28 I tell you, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of God is greater than he is!"		
	12 And from the time John the Baptist began preaching until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people are attacking it.				
	13 For before John came, all the prophets and the law of Moses looked forward to this present time.				
	14 And if you are willing to accept what I say, he is Elijah, the one the				

	prophets said would come.				
	15 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!				
			29 When they heard this, all the people—even the tax collectors—agreed that God’s way was right, for they had been baptized by John.		
			30 But the Pharisees and experts in religious law rejected God’s plan for them, for they had refused John’s baptism.		
	16 “To what can I compare this generation? It is like children playing a game in the public square. They complain to their friends,		31 “To what can I compare the people of this generation?” Jesus asked. “How can I describe them?		
	17 ‘We played wedding songs, and you didn’t dance, so we played funeral songs, and you didn’t mourn.’		32 They are like children playing a game in the public square. They complain to their friends, ‘We played wedding songs, and you didn’t dance, so we played funeral songs, and you didn’t weep.’		
	18 For John didn’t spend his time eating and drinking, and you say,		33 For John the Baptist didn’t spend his time eating bread or drinking		

	'He's possessed by a demon.'		wine, and you say, 'He's possessed by a demon.'		
	19 (a) The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!'		34 The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!'		
	19 (b) But wisdom is shown to be right by its results."		35 But wisdom is shown to be right by the lives of those who follow it."		
WOE TO GALILLEE & INVIVATION TO MEEK	11:20-30				
JESUS' FEET ANOINTED			7:36-50		<i>See also Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, & John 12:1-11. Most scholars agree Jesus was anointed twice. Once here in Luke, and again during Passion Week.</i>
JESUS REBUKES PHARISEES	12:22-37	3:20-30	11:14-23		
		20 One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat.			
		21 When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.			

	22 Then a demon-possessed man, who was blind and couldn't speak, was brought to Jesus. He healed the man so that he could both speak and see.		14 (a) One day Jesus cast out a demon from a man who couldn't speak, and when the demon was gone, the man began to speak.		
	23 The crowd was amazed and asked, "Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?"		14 (b) The crowds were amazed,		
	24 But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, "No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons."	22 But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons."	15 but some of them said, "No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons."		
			16 Others, trying to test Jesus, demanded that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority.		
	25 (a) Jesus knew their thoughts and replied,	23 Jesus called them over and responded with an illustration. "How can Satan cast out Satan?" he asked.	17 (a) He knew their thoughts, so he said,		
	25 (b) "Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed.	24 "A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse.	17 (b) "Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed.		
	25 (c) A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart.	25 Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.	17 (c) A family splintered by feuding will fall apart.		

	26 And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is divided and fighting against himself. His own kingdom will not survive.	26 And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive.	18 You say I am empowered by Satan. But if Satan is divided and fighting against himself, how can his kingdom survive?		
	27 And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said.		19 And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said.		
	28 But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.		20 But if I am casting out demons by the power of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.		
	29 For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.	27 Let me illustrate this further. Who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.	21 For when a strong man is fully armed and guards his palace, his possessions are safe— 22 until someone even stronger attacks and overpowers him, strips him of his weapons, and carries off his belongings.		
	30 “Anyone who isn’t with me opposes me, and anyone who isn’t working with me is actually working against me.		23 “Anyone who isn’t with me opposes me, and anyone who isn’t working with me is actually working against me.		
	31 “So I tell you, every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven—except	28 “I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven,			

	blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which will never be forgiven.				
	32 Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come.	29 but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences.”			
	33 “A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad.				
	34 You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.				
	35 A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart.				
	36 And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak.				

	37 The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you."				
		30 He told them this because they were saying, "He's possessed by an evil spirit."			
JESUS' MOTHER / BROTHERS	12:46-50	3:31-35	8:19-21		
	46 As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.	31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him. They stood outside and sent word for him to come out and talk with them.	19 Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they couldn't get to him because of the crowd.		
	47 Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak to you."	32 There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you."	20 Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to see you."		
	48 Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"	33 Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"			
	49 Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers.	34 Then he looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers.			
	50 Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!"	35 Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."	21 Jesus replied, "My mother and my brothers are all those who hear God's word and obey it."		
PARABLE OF THE SOWER	13:1-23	4:1-20	8:1-15		
			1 Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the		

			nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him,		
			2 along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons;		
			3 Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.		
	1 Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake.	1 (a) Once again Jesus began teaching by the lakeshore.			
	2 A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore.	1 (b) A very large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat in the boat while all the people remained on the shore.	4 One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him:		
	3 (a) He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:	2 He taught them by telling many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:			

	3 (b) "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds.	3 "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed.	5 (a) "A farmer went out to plant his seed.		
	4 As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them.	4 As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it.	5 (b) As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it.		
	5 Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow.	5 Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow.	6 Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture.		
	6 But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died.	6 But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died.			
	7 Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants.	7 Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain.	7 Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants.		
	8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!	8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"	8 Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!" When he had said this, he called out, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."		

	9 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”	9 Then he said, “Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”			
	10 His disciples came and asked him, “Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?”	10 Later, when Jesus was alone with the twelve disciples and with the others who were gathered around, they asked him what the parables meant.	9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant.		
	11 He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not.	11 He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secret of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables for everything I say to outsiders,	10 (a) He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of God.		
	12 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.	12 so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: ‘When they see what I do, they will learn nothing. When they hear what I say, they will not understand. Otherwise, they will turn to me and be forgiven.’”	10 (b) But I use parables to teach the others so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: ‘When they look, they won’t really see. When they hear, they won’t understand.’		<i>Mark and Luke cited Isaiah 6:9-10. (Matthew cites this later in vv. 14-15.)</i>
		13 Then Jesus said to them, “If you can’t understand the meaning of this parable, how will you understand all the other parables?”			
	13 That is why I use these parables,				

	For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand.				
	14 This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, 'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend.				(vv. 14-15) Cited <i>Isaiah 6:9-10</i>
	15 For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.'				
	16 "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.				
	17 I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear what				

	you hear, but they didn't hear it.				
	18 "Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds:	14 The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others.	11 "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word.		
	19 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.	15 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away.	12 The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved.		
	20 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy.	16 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy.	13 (a) The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy.		
	21 But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.	17 But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.	13 (b) But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation.		
	22 (a) The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word,	18 The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word,	14 (a) The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message,		
	22 (b) but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of	19 but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other	14 (b) but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they		

	wealth, so no fruit is produced.	things, so no fruit is produced.	never grow into maturity.		
	23 The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"	20 And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"	15 And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.		
PARABLE OF THE LAMP UNDER BASKET		4:21-25	8:16-18		
		21 Then Jesus asked them, "Would anyone light a lamp and then put it under a basket or under a bed? Of course not! A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light will shine.	16 "No one lights a lamp and then covers it with a bowl or hides it under a bed. A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light can be seen by all who enter the house.		
		22 For everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light.	17 For all that is secret will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed will be brought to light and made known to all.		
		23 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."			
		24 Then he added, "Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more.	18 (a) "So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given.		

		25 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them."	18 (b) But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them."		
PARABLE OF SEED GROWING		4:26-29			
PARABLE OF THE WEEDS	13:24-30				
PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19		
		30 Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it?"	18 Then Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? How can I illustrate it?"		
	31 Here is another illustration Jesus used: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field.	31 It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds,	19 (a) It is like a tiny mustard seed that a man planted in a garden;		
	32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches."	32 but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."	19 (b) it grows and becomes a tree, and the birds make nests in its branches."		
PARABLE OF THE YEAST	13:33		13:20-21		
	33 Jesus also used this illustration: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put		20 He also asked, "What else is the Kingdom of God like? 21 It is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a		

	only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough."		little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough."		
TEACHING ABOUT PARABLES	13:34-35	4:33-34			
	34 (a) Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds.	33 Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand.			
	34 (b) In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables.	34 In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.			
	35 This fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet: "I will speak to you in parables. I will explain things hidden since the creation of the world."				Cited <i>Psalms</i> 78:2
PARABLE OF WEEDS EXPLAINED	13:36-43				
HID TREASURE, PEARL, & NET	13:44-52				
JESUS CALMS THE STORM	8:18-27	4:35-41	8:22-25		
	18 When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he instructed his disciples to cross to the other side of the lake.	35 As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake."	22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and started out.		

	19 Then one of the teachers of religious law said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."				
	20 But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head."				
	21 Another of his disciples said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father."				
	22 But Jesus told him, "Follow me now. Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead."				
	23 Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples.	36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed).			
	24 Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping.	37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.	23 As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. But soon a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger.		
	25 The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"	38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher,	24 The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"		

		don't you care that we're going to drown?"	When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped and all was calm.		
	26 Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. 27 The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey him!"	40 Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"	25 Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?" The disciples were terrified and amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!"		
MAN WITH DEMONS: LEGION	8:28-34	5:1-20	8:26-39		
	28 (a) When Jesus arrived on the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gadarenes,	1 So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes.	26 So they arrived in the region of the Gerasenes, across the lake from Galilee.		
	28 (b) two men who were possessed by demons met him. They came out of the tombs and were so violent that no one could go through that area.	2 When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him.	27 As Jesus was climbing out of the boat, a man who was possessed by demons came out to meet him. For a long time he had been homeless and naked, living in the tombs outside the town.		<i>Two men or one man? Differing details are not uncommon in various eyewitness accounts. The silent friend is omitted by Mark and Luke. (See also "Blind Man in Jericho" in Mark 10:46-52)</i>
		3 This man lived in the burial caves and could no			

		longer be restrained, even with a chain.			
		4 Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him.			
		5 Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.			
		6 When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him.			
	29 They began screaming at him, “Why are you interfering with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before God’s appointed time?”	7 With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!”	28 As soon as he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down in front of him. Then he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Please, I beg you, don’t torture me!”		
		8 For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”	29 For Jesus had already commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. This spirit had often taken control of the man. Even when he was		

			placed under guard and put in chains and shackles, he simply broke them and rushed out into the wilderness, completely under the demon's power.		
		9 Then Jesus demanded, "What is your name?" And he replied, "My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man."	30 Jesus demanded, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, for he was filled with many demons.		
		10 Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.	31 The demons kept begging Jesus not to send them into the bottomless pit.		
	30 There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding in the distance.	11 There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby.	32 (a) There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby,		
	31 So the demons begged, "If you cast us out, send us into that herd of pigs."	12 "Send us into those pigs," the spirits begged. "Let us enter them."	32 (b) and the demons begged him to let them enter into the pigs. So Jesus gave them permission.		
	32 "All right, go!" Jesus commanded them. So the demons came out of the men and entered the pigs, and the whole herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.	13 So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.	33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned.		
	33 The herdsmen fled to the nearby town, telling	14 The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the	34 When the herdsmen saw it, they fled to the		

	everyone what happened to the demon-possessed men.	surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened.	nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran.		
		15 A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.	35 People rushed out to see what had happened. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been freed from the demons. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.		
		16 Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs.	36 Then those who had seen what happened told the others how the demon-possessed man had been healed.		
	34 Then the entire town came out to meet Jesus, but they begged him to go away and leave them alone.	17 And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone.	37 And all the people in the region of the Gerasenes begged Jesus to go away and leave them alone, for a great wave of fear swept over them. So Jesus returned to the boat and left, crossing back to the other side of the lake.		
		18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him.	38 The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him home, saying,		

		19 But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.”	39 (a) “No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you.”		
		20 So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.	39 (b) So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him.		
GIRL HEALED / WOMAN HEALED	9:18-26	5:21-43	8:40-56		
		21 Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore.	40 On the other side of the lake the crowds welcomed Jesus, because they had been waiting for him.		
	18 (a) As Jesus was saying this, the leader of a synagogue came and knelt before him.	22 Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet,	41 Then a man named Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, came and fell at Jesus’ feet, pleading with him to come home with him.		<i>Matthew summarized the girl’s death early (9:18). (Compare Mark 5:35-36 and Luke 8:49-50)</i>
	18 (b) “My daughter has just died,” he said, “but you can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand on her.”	23 pleading fervently with him. “My little daughter is dying,” he said. “Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live.”	42 (a) His only daughter, who was about twelve years old, was dying.		

	19 So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him.	24 Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him.	42 (b) As Jesus went with him, he was surrounded by the crowds.		
	20 (a) Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him.	25 A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding.	43 A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure.		
		26 She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse.			
	20 (b) She touched the fringe of his robe,	27 She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe.	44 Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped.		
	21 for she thought, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed."	28 For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed."			
		29 Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.			
		30 Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the	45 (a) "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.		

		crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?"			
		31 His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'"	45 (b) Everyone denied it, and Peter said, "Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you."		
		32 But he kept on looking around to see who had done it.	46 But Jesus said, "Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me."		
		33 Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done.	47 When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed.		
	22 Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, "Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well." And the woman was healed at that moment.	34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."	48 "Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace."		
		35 While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's	49 While he was still speaking to her, a messenger arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. He told him, "Your daughter is dead.		<i>Mark and Luke shared a longer version of the girl's sickness and death. (Compare with Matthew 9:18)</i>

		no use troubling the Teacher now.”	There’s no use troubling the Teacher now.”		
		36 But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Just have faith.”	50 But when Jesus heard what had happened, he said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Just have faith, and she will be healed.”		
		37 Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn’t let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James).	51 When they arrived at the house, Jesus wouldn’t let anyone go in with him except Peter, John, James, and the little girl’s father and mother.		
	23 When Jesus arrived at the official’s home, he saw the noisy crowd and heard the funeral music.	38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing.	52 (a) The house was filled with people weeping and wailing,		
	24 (a) “Get out!” he told them. “The girl isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.”	39 He went inside and asked, “Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.”	52 (b) but he said, “Stop the weeping! She isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.”		
	24 (b) But the crowd laughed at him.	40 The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl’s father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying.	53 But the crowd laughed at him because they all knew she had died.		
	25 (a) After the crowd was put outside, however, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand,	41 Holding her hand, he said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means “Little girl, get up!”	54 Then Jesus took her by the hand and said in a loud voice, “My child, get up!”		

	25 (b) and she stood up!	42 And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed.	55 And at that moment her life returned, and she immediately stood up! Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.		
		43 Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat.	56 Her parents were overwhelmed, but Jesus insisted that they not tell anyone what had happened.		
	26 The report of this miracle swept through the entire countryside.				
JESUS HEALS TWO BLIND MEN	9:27-31				
MUTE MAN HEALED	9:32-34				
JESUS REJECTED IN NAZARETH	13:53-58	6:1-6			
	53 When Jesus had finished telling these stories and illustrations, he left that part of the country.	1 Jesus left that part of the country...			
	54 (a) He returned to Nazareth, his hometown.	1b...and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown.			
	54 (b) When he taught there in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said, "Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?"	2 The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?"			

	55 Then they scoffed, “He’s just the carpenter’s son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers— James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. 56 All his sisters live right here among us. Where did he learn all these things?”	3 Then they scoffed, “He’s just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us.” They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.			
	57 And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family.”	4 Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.”			
	58 And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.	5 And because of their unbelief, he couldn’t do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them.			
		6 (a) And he was amazed at their unbelief.			<i>One of only two times Jesus was “amazed.” (See Matthew 8:10 and Luke 7:9 for positive amazement.)</i>
GALILEE CIRCUIT	9:35-38	6:6 (b)			
	9:35 Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and	6 (b) Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people.			

	announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.				
	36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.				
	37 He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few.				
	38 So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."				
SENDING THE TWELVE	10:5-42	6:7-13	9:1-6		
	5 Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: "Don't go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans,	7 (a) And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two,	1 (a) One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples		
	6 but only to the people of Israel—God's lost sheep.				
	7 Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near.				
	8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out	7 (b) giving them authority to cast out evil spirits.	1 (b) and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases.		

	demons. Give as freely as you have received!				
			2 Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.		
	9 “Don’t take any money in your money belts—no gold, silver, or even copper coins.	8 He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveler’s bag, no money.	3 “Take nothing for your journey,” he instructed them. “Don’t take a walking stick, a traveler’s bag, food, money, or even a change of clothes.		
	10 Don’t carry a traveler’s bag with a change of clothes and sandals or even a walking stick. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve to be fed.	9 He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes.			
	11 “Whenever you enter a city or village, search for a worthy person and stay in his home until you leave town.	10 “Wherever you go,” he said, “stay in the same house until you leave town.	4 Wherever you go, stay in the same house until you leave town.		
	12 When you enter the home, give it your blessing.				
	13 If it turns out to be a worthy home, let your blessing stand; if it is not, take back the blessing.				
	14 If any household or town refuses to	11 But if any place refuses to welcome you	5 And if a town refuses to welcome you, shake		

	welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave.	or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.”	its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.”		
	15 I tell you the truth, the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off than such a town on the judgment day.				
	16 “Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves.				
	17 But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues.				
	18 You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me.				
	19 When you are arrested, don’t worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time.				

	20 For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.				
	21 “A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed.				
	22 And all nations will hate you because you are my followers. But everyone who endures to the end will be saved.				
	23 When you are persecuted in one town, flee to the next. I tell you the truth, the Son of Man will return before you have reached all the towns of Israel.				
	24 “Students are not greater than their teacher, and slaves are not greater than their master.				
	25 Students are to be like their teacher, and slaves are to be like their master. And since I, the master of the household, have been called the prince of demons, the members of my				

	household will be called by even worse names!				
	26 “But don’t be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.				
	27 What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ear, shout from the housetops for all to hear!				
	28 “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.				
	29 What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it.				
	30 And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.				
	31 So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.				

	32 “Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.				
	33 But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.				
	34 “Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.				
	35 ‘I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.				
	36 Your enemies will be right in your own household!’				
	37 “If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine.				
	38 If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine.				

	39 If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.				
	40 "Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me.				
	41 If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs.				
	42 And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."				
		12 So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God.	6 (a) So they began their circuit of the villages, preaching the Good News		
		13 And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.	6 (b) and healing the sick.		
DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	14:1-12	6:14-29	9:7-9		

	1 When Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, heard about Jesus	14 (a) Herod Antipas, the king, soon heard about Jesus, because everyone was talking about him.	7 (a) When Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, heard about everything Jesus was doing, he was puzzled.		
	2 he said to his advisers, "This must be John the Baptist raised from the dead! That is why he can do such miracles."	14 (b) Some were saying, "This must be John the Baptist raised from the dead. That is why he can do such miracles."	7 (b) Some were saying that John the Baptist had been raised from the dead.		
		15 Others said, "He's the prophet Elijah." Still others said, "He's a prophet like the other great prophets of the past."	8 Others thought Jesus was Elijah or one of the other prophets risen from the dead.		
		16 When Herod heard about Jesus, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has come back from the dead."	9 "I beheaded John," Herod said, "so who is this man about whom I hear such stories?" And he kept trying to see him.		
	3 For Herod had arrested and imprisoned John as a favor to his wife Herodias (the former wife of Herod's brother Philip).	17 For Herod had sent soldiers to arrest and imprison John as a favor to Herodias. She had been his brother Philip's wife, but Herod had married her.			
	4 John had been telling Herod, "It is against God's law for you to marry her."	18 John had been telling Herod, "It is against God's law for you to marry your brother's wife."			
	5 (a) Herod wanted to kill John	19 So Herodias bore a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But			

		without Herod's approval she was powerless,			
	5 (b) but he was afraid of a riot, because all the people believed John was a prophet.	20 for Herod respected John; and knowing that he was a good and holy man, he protected him. Herod was greatly disturbed whenever he talked with John, but even so, he liked to listen to him.			
	6 (a) But at a birthday party for Herod,	21 Herodias's chance finally came on Herod's birthday. He gave a party for his high government officials, army officers, and the leading citizens of Galilee.			
	6 (b) Herodias's daughter performed a dance that greatly pleased him,	22 (a) Then his daughter, also named Herodias, came in and performed a dance that greatly pleased Herod and his guests.			<i>"Daughter" Herodias was Herod's blood-niece. After her mom married Herod, she became his stepdaughter.</i>
	7 so he promised with a vow to give her anything she wanted.	22 (b) "Ask me for anything you like," the king said to the girl, "and I will give it to you."			
		23 He even vowed, "I will give you whatever you ask, up to half my kingdom!"			
	8 (a) At her mother's urging,	24 She went out and asked her mother, "What should I ask for?"			

		Her mother told her, "Ask for the head of John the Baptist!"			
	8 (b) the girl said, "I want the head of John the Baptist on a tray!"	25 So the girl hurried back to the king and told him, "I want the head of John the Baptist, right now, on a tray!"			
	9 (a) Then the king regretted what he had said; but because of the vow he had made in front of his guests,	26 Then the king deeply regretted what he had said; but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he couldn't refuse her.			
	9 (b) he issued the necessary orders.	27 (a) So he immediately sent an executioner to the prison to cut off John's head and bring it to him.			
	10 So John was beheaded in the prison,	27 (b) The soldier beheaded John in the prison,			
	11 and his head was brought on a tray and given to the girl, who took it to her mother.	28 brought his head on a tray, and gave it to the girl, who took it to her mother.			
	12 Later, John's disciples came for his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus what had happened.	29 When John's disciples heard what had happened, they came to get his body and buried it in a tomb.			
FEEDING OF THE 5,000	14:13-21	6:30-44	9:10-17	6:1-15	
		30 The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught.	10 (a) When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done.		

	13 (a) As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone.	31 Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat.	10 (b) Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida.	1 After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias.	
		32 So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone.			
	13 (b) But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns.	33 But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them.	11 (a) But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him.	2 A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick.	
	14 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.	34 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.	11 (b) He welcomed them and taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who were sick.		
				3 Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him.	
				4 (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.)	
	15 (a) That evening the disciples came to him and said, "This is a	35 Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, "This is a	12 (a) Late in the afternoon the twelve		

	remote place, and it's already getting late.	remote place, and it's already getting late.	disciples came to him and said,		
	15 (b) Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves."	36 Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat."	12 (b) "Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place."		
	16 But Jesus said, "That isn't necessary—you feed them."	37 (a) But Jesus said, "You feed them."	13 (a) But Jesus said, "You feed them."	5 Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?"	
				6 He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.	
		37 (b) "With what?" they asked. "We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!"		7 Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!"	
				8 Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up.	
	17 "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!" they answered.	38 "How much bread do you have?" he asked. "Go and find out." They came back and reported, "We have five loaves of bread and two fish."	13 (b) "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?"	9 "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"	

	18 "Bring them here," he said.				
	19 (a) Then he told the people to sit down on the grass.	39 Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass.	14 For there were about 5,000 men there. Jesus replied, "Tell them to sit down in groups of about fifty each."	10 "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.)	
		40 So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred.	15 So the people all sat down.		
	19 (b) Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people.	41 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share.	16 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people.	11 (a) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish.	
	20 (a) They all ate as much as they wanted,	42 They all ate as much as they wanted,	17 (a) They all ate as much as they wanted,	11 (b) And they all ate as much as they wanted.	
				12 After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted."	
	20 (b) and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers.	43 and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish.	17 (b) and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers!	13 So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.	

	21 About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!	44 A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed.			
				14 When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!"	
				15 When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.	
WALKING ON WATER	14:22-33	6:45-52		6:16-21	
	22 Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home.	45 Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and head across the lake to Bethsaida, while he sent the people home.		16 That evening Jesus' disciples went down to the shore to wait for him.	
	23 After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.	46 After telling everyone good-bye, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.			
				17 But as darkness fell and Jesus still hadn't come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum.	
	24 Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a	47 Late that night, the disciples were in their boat in the middle of the		18 Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough.	

	strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves.	lake, and Jesus was alone on land.			
	25 About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water.	48 He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. He intended to go past them,		19 (a) They had rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat.	
	26 When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"	49 but when they saw him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking he was a ghost.		19 (b) They were terrified,	
	27 But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"	50 They were all terrified when they saw him. But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage! I am here!"		20 but he called out to them, "Don't be afraid. I am here!"	
	28 Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."				
	29 "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.				
	30 But when he saw the strong wind and the				

	waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.				
	31 Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"				
	32 When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.	51 (a) Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped.		21 (a) Then they were eager to let him in the boat,	
	33 Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.	51 (b) They were totally amazed,			
		52 for they still didn't understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in.			
				21 (b) and immediately they arrived at their destination!	
MIRACLES IN GENNESARET	14:34-36	6:53-56			
	34 After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret.	53 After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore			
	35 (a) When the people recognized Jesus,	54 and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once			
	35 (b) the news of his arrival spread quickly	55 and they ran throughout the whole			

	throughout the whole area, and soon people were bringing all their sick to be healed.	area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was.			
	36 They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.	56 Wherever he went—in villages, cities, or the countryside—they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.			
THE BREAD OF LIFE				6:22-65	
WASHED HANDS	15:1-20	7:1-23			
	Some Pharisees and teachers of religious law now arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. They asked him,	One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus.			
		2 They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating.			
		3 (The Jews, especially the Pharisees, do not eat until they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions.			
		4 Similarly, they don't eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of			

		many traditions they have clung to—such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.)			
	2 “Why do your disciples disobey our age-old tradition? For they ignore our tradition of ceremonial hand washing before they eat.”	5 So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, “Why don’t your disciples follow our age-old tradition? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony.”			
	3 Jesus replied, “And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God?”				
		6 Jesus replied, “You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.			<i>Cited Isaiah 29:13 (Matthew shared this citation later in 15:7-9)</i>
		7 Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.’			
		8 For you ignore God’s law and substitute your own tradition.”			
		9 Then he said, “You skillfully sidestep God’s law in order to hold on to your own tradition.			

	4 For instance, God says, 'Honor your father and mother,' and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.'	10 For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: 'Honor your father and mother,' and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.'			Both cited a) <i>Exodus 20:12</i> , and b) <i>Exodus 21:17</i>
	5 But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.'	11 But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.'			
	6 (a) In this way, you say they don't need to honor their parents.	12 In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents.			
	6 (b) And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition.	13 And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others."			
	7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote,				
	8 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.				Cited <i>Isaiah 29:13</i>
	9 Their worship is a farce,				

	for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.”				
	10 Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. “Listen,” he said, “and try to understand.	14 Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. “All of you listen,” he said, “and try to understand.			
	11 It’s not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth.”	15 It’s not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart.”			
		16 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.			<i>V. 16 (in Mark) omitted in some translations</i>
	12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?”				
	13 Jesus replied, “Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be uprooted,				
	14 so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind, and if one blind person guides another, they will both fall into a ditch.”				
	15 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Explain to us the parable that says people aren’t defiled by what they eat.”	17 Then Jesus went into a house to get away from the crowd, and his disciples asked him what			

		he meant by the parable he had just used.			
	16 “Don’t you understand yet?” Jesus asked.	18 “Don’t you understand either?” he asked. “Can’t you see that the food you put into your body cannot defile you?”			
	17 “Anything you eat passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer.	19 Food doesn’t go into your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer.” (By saying this, he declared that every kind of food is acceptable in God’s eyes.)			
	18 But the words you speak come from the heart—that’s what defiles you.	20 And then he added, “It is what comes from inside that defiles you.			
	19 For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.	21 For from within, out of a person’s heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder,			
		22 adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.			
	20 These are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands will never defile you.”	23 All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you.”			
THE SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN	15:21-28	7:24-30			

	21 Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon.	24 Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know which house he was staying in, but he couldn't keep it a secret.			
	22 A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely."	25 Right away a woman who had heard about him came and fell at his feet. Her little girl was possessed by an evil spirit,			
		26 and she begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter. Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia,			
	23 But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging."				
	24 Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel."	27 (a) Jesus told her, "First I should feed the children—my own family, the Jews.			
	25 But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!"				

	26 Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."	27 (b) It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."			
	27 She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table."	28 She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates."			
	28 (a) "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted."	29 "Good answer!" he said. "Now go home, for the demon has left your daughter."			
	28 (b) And her daughter was instantly healed.	30 And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.			
MIRACLES OF HEALING	15:29-31	7:31-37			
	29 Jesus returned to the Sea of Galilee and climbed a hill and sat down.	31 Jesus left Tyre and went up to Sidon before going back to the Sea of Galilee and the region of the Ten Towns.			
	30 A vast crowd brought to him people who were lame, blind, crippled, those who couldn't speak, and many others. They laid them before Jesus, and he healed them all.				
		32 A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the			

		people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him.			
		33 Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man's tongue.			
		34 Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!"			
		35 Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly!			
		36 Jesus told the crowd not to tell anyone, but the more he told them not to, the more they spread the news.			
	31 The crowd was amazed! Those who hadn't been able to speak were talking, the crippled were made well, the lame were walking, and the blind could see again! And they praised the God of Israel.	37 They were completely amazed and said again and again, "Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak."			
FEEDING OF THE 4,000	15:32-39	8:1-10			
		1 About this time another large crowd had gathered, and the people			

		ran out of food again. Jesus called his disciples and told them,			
	32 (a) Then Jesus called his disciples and told them, "I feel sorry for these people. They have been here with me for three days, and they have nothing left to eat.	2 "I feel sorry for these people. They have been here with me for three days, and they have nothing left to eat.			
	32 (b) I don't want to send them away hungry, or they will faint along the way."	3 If I send them home hungry, they will faint along the way. For some of them have come a long distance."			
	33 The disciples replied, "Where would we get enough food here in the wilderness for such a huge crowd?"	4 His disciples replied, "How are we supposed to find enough food to feed them out here in the wilderness?"			
	34 Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have?" They replied, "Seven loaves, and a few small fish."	5 Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have?" "Seven loaves," they replied.			
	35 So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground.	6 (a) So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground.			
	36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to the disciples, who distributed the food to the crowd.	6 (b) Then he took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to his disciples, who distributed the bread to the crowd.			

		7 A few small fish were found, too, so Jesus also blessed these and told the disciples to distribute them.			
	37 They all ate as much as they wanted. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftover food.	8 They ate as much as they wanted. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftover food.			
	38 There were 4,000 men who were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children.	9 (a) There were about 4,000 men in the crowd that day,			
	39 (a) Then Jesus sent the people home,	9 (b) and Jesus sent them home after they had eaten.			
	39 (b) and he got into a boat and crossed over to the region of Magadan.	10 Immediately after this, he got into a boat with his disciples and crossed over to the region of Dalmanutha.			<i>Dalmanutha (Mark) is unidentified, and thought to be near Magadan (Matthew), if not the same place.</i>
SIGN FROM HEAVEN	16:1-4	8:11-13			
	One day the Pharisees and Sadducees came to test Jesus, demanding that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority.	11 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had arrived, they came and started to argue with him. Testing him, they demanded that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority.			
	2 He replied, "You know the saying, 'Red sky at night means fair weather tomorrow;				

	3 red sky in the morning means foul weather all day.' You know how to interpret the weather signs in the sky, but you don't know how to interpret the signs of the times!				
	4 (a) Only an evil, adulterous generation would demand a miraculous sign, but the only sign I will give them is the sign of the prophet Jonah."	12 When he heard this, he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why do these people keep demanding a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, I will not give this generation any such sign."			
	4 (b) Then Jesus left them and went away.	13 So he got back into the boat and left them, and he crossed to the other side of the lake.			
LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES	16:5-12	8:14-21			
	5 Later, after they crossed to the other side of the lake, the disciples discovered they had forgotten to bring any bread.	14 But the disciples had forgotten to bring any food. They had only one loaf of bread with them in the boat.			
	6 "Watch out!" Jesus warned them. "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."	15 As they were crossing the lake, Jesus warned them, "Watch out! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod."			
	7 At this they began to argue with each other	16 At this they began to argue with each other			

	because they hadn't brought any bread.	because they hadn't brought any bread.			
	8 Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, "You have so little faith! Why are you arguing with each other about having no bread?"	17 Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, "Why are you arguing about having no bread? Don't you know or understand even yet? Are your hearts too hard to take it in?"			
	9 (a) Don't you understand even yet?	18 'You have eyes—can't you see? You have ears—can't you hear?' Don't you remember anything at all?			
	9 (b) Don't you remember the 5,000 I fed with five loaves, and the baskets of leftovers you picked up?	19 When I fed the 5,000 with five loaves of bread, how many baskets of leftovers did you pick up afterward?" "Twelve," they said.			
	10 Or the 4,000 I fed with seven loaves, and the large baskets of leftovers you picked up?	20 "And when I fed the 4,000 with seven loaves, how many large baskets of leftovers did you pick up?" "Seven," they said.			
	11 Why can't you understand that I'm not talking about bread? So again I say, 'Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.'"	21 "Don't you understand yet?" he asked them.			
	12 Then at last they understood that he wasn't speaking about				

	the yeast in bread, but about the deceptive teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.				
HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN		8:22-26			
PETER'S PROFESSION	16:13-20	8:27-30	9:18-21	6:66-71	
				66 At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him.	<i>Saddest verse in the whole Bible.</i>
				67 Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?"	
				68 Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.	
	13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"	7 Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"	18 One day Jesus left the crowds to pray alone. Only his disciples were with him, and he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"		
	14 "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."	28 "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets."	19 "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other ancient prophets risen from the dead."		
	15 Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"	29 (a) Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"	20 (a) Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"		

	16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."	29 (b) Peter replied, "You are the Messiah."	20 (b) Peter replied, "You are the Messiah sent from God!"	69 We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God."	
	17 Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.				
	18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.				
	19 And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."				
				70 Then Jesus said, "I chose the twelve of you, but one is a devil."	
				71 He was speaking of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, one of the Twelve, who would later betray him.	
	20 Then he sternly warned the disciples not	30 But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.	21 Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone who he was.		

	to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.				
JESUS' FIRST PROPHECY OF DEATH/RESURRECTION	16:21-28	8:31 – 9:1	9:22-27		<i>For the 2nd passion prophecy, see Matthew 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32; and Luke 9:43-45</i>
	21 From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.	31 Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead.	22 “The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things,” he said. “He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.”		
	22 But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. “Heaven forbid, Lord,” he said. “This will never happen to you!”	32 As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.			
	23 Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”	33 Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. “Get away from me, Satan!” he said. “You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”			

	24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.	34 Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.	23 Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.		
	25 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.	35 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.	24 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.		
	26 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?	36 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?	25 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?		
		37 Is anything worth more than your soul?			
	27 For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds.	38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."	26 If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels.		
	28 And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom."	9:1 Jesus went on to say, "I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of	27 I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God."		

		God arrive in great power!"			
TRANSFIGURATION	17:1-9	9:2-10	9:28-36		
	Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone.	2 (a) Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone.	28 About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray.		
	2 (a) As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed	2 (b) As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed,	29 (a) And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed,		
	2 (b) so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.	3 and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them.	29 (b) and his clothes became dazzling white.		
	3 Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus.	4 Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.	30 Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus.		
			31 They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.		
			32 Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him.		
	4 Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it's wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I'll make three shelters as memorials—one for you,	5 Peter exclaimed, "Rabbi, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you,	33 As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's		

	one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”	one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”	wonderful for us to be here! Let’s make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”		
		6 He said this because he didn’t really know what else to say, for they were all terrified.			
	5 (a) But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them,	7 (a) Then a cloud overshadowed them,	34 But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.		
	5 (b) and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him.”	7 (b) and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him.”	35 Then a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him.”		
	6 The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground.				
	7 Then Jesus came over and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”				
	8 And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus.	8 Suddenly, when they looked around, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus with them.	36 (a) When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone.		
	9 As they went back down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anyone what	9 As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had			

	you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."	seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.			
		10 So they kept it to themselves, but they often asked each other what he meant by "rising from the dead."	36 (b) They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.		
PROPHECY OF ELIJAH	17:10-13	9:11-13			
	10 Then his disciples asked him, "Why do the teachers of religious law insist that Elijah must return before the Messiah comes?"	11 Then they asked him, "Why do the teachers of religious law insist that Elijah must return before the Messiah comes?"			
	11 Jesus replied, "Elijah is indeed coming first to get everything ready.	12 Jesus responded, "Elijah is indeed coming first to get everything ready. Yet why do the Scriptures say that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be treated with utter contempt?			
	12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, but he wasn't recognized, and they chose to abuse him. And in the same way they will also make the Son of Man suffer."	13 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they chose to abuse him, just as the Scriptures predicted."			
	13 Then the disciples realized he was talking about John the Baptist.				
BOY WITH UNCLEAN SPIRIT	17:14-21	9:14-29	9:37-43		

	14 (a) At the foot of the mountain, a large crowd was waiting for them.	14 When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd surrounding them, and some teachers of religious law were arguing with them.	37 (a) The next day, after they had come down the mountain,		
		15 When the crowd saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with awe, and they ran to greet him.	37 (b) a large crowd met Jesus.		
		16 "What is all this arguing about?" Jesus asked.			
	14 (b) A man came and knelt before Jesus and said,	17 (a) One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said,	38 (a) A man in the crowd called out to him,		
	15 (a) "Lord, have mercy on my son.	17 (b) "Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him.	38 (b) "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, my only child.		
		17 (c) He is possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk.	39 (a) An evil spirit keeps seizing him, making him scream.		
	15 (b) He has seizures and suffers terribly. He often falls into the fire or into the water.	18 (a) And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid.	39 (b) It throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It batters him and hardly ever leaves him alone.		
	16 So I brought him to your disciples, but they couldn't heal him."	18 (b) So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn't do it."	40 I begged your disciples to cast out the spirit, but they couldn't do it."		
	17 Jesus said, "You faithless and corrupt	19 Jesus said to them, "You faithless people!	41 Jesus said, "You faithless and corrupt		

	people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.”	How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”	people! How long must I be with you and put up with you?” Then he said to the man, “Bring your son here.”		
		20 So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth.	42 (a) As the boy came forward, the demon knocked him to the ground and threw him into a violent convulsion.		
		21 “How long has this been happening?” Jesus asked the boy’s father. He replied, “Since he was a little boy.			
		22 The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.”			
		23 “What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.”			
		24 The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”			
	18 (a) Then Jesus rebuked the demon in the boy,	25 When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, he rebuked the evil spirit. “Listen, you spirit that makes this boy unable to hear and	42 (b) But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit		

		<p> speak,” he said. “I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!” </p>			
	<p> 18 (b) and it left him. From that moment the boy was well. </p>	<p> 26 Then the spirit screamed and threw the boy into another violent convulsion and left him. The boy appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd as people said, “He’s dead.” </p>	<p> 42 (c) and healed the boy. </p>		
		<p> 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up. </p>	<p> 42 (d) Then he gave him back to his father. </p>		
	<p> 19 Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, “Why couldn’t we cast out that demon?” </p>	<p> 28 Afterward, when Jesus was alone in the house with his disciples, they asked him, “Why couldn’t we cast out that evil spirit?” </p>			
	<p> 20 (a) “You don’t have enough faith,” Jesus told them. </p>	<p> 29 Jesus replied, “This kind can be cast out only by prayer.” </p>			<p> <i>In some manuscripts, Mark 9:29 says “prayer and fasting.”</i> </p>
	<p> 20 (b) “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.” </p>				
			<p> 43 (a) Awe gripped the people as they saw this </p>		

			majestic display of God's power.		
CRUCIFIXION FORETOLD A SECOND TIME	17:22-23	9:30-32	9:43-45		<i>For the 3rd passion prophecy, see Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; and Luke 18:31-34</i>
	22 (a) After they gathered again in Galilee,	30 Leaving that region, they traveled through Galilee. Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there,			
	22 (b) Jesus told them,	31 (a) for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them. He said to them,	43 (b) While everyone was marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples,		
	22 (c) "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies.	31 (b) "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies.	44 "Listen to me and remember what I say. The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies."		
	23 He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead." And the disciples were filled with grief.	31 (c) He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead."			
		32 They didn't understand what he was saying, however, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant.	45 But they didn't know what he meant. Its significance was hidden from them, so they couldn't understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.		
COINS IN FISH FOR TAXES	17:24-27				
WHO IS THE GREATEST	18:1-5	9:33-37	9:46-48		

		33 After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you discussing out on the road?"			
	1 About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"	34 But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.	46 Then his disciples began arguing about which of them was the greatest.		
		35 He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."			
	2 Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them.	36 Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,	47 But Jesus knew their thoughts, so he brought a little child to his side.		
	3 Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.				
	4 So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.				
	5 "And anyone who welcomes a little child	37 "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf	48 Then he said to them, "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on		

	like this on my behalf is welcoming me.	welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me.”	my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me also welcomes my Father who sent me. Whoever is the least among you is the greatest.”		
NOT AGAINST US, FOR US		9:38-41	9:49-50		
		38 John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn’t in our group.”	49 John said to Jesus, “Master, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he isn’t in our group.”		
		39 “Don’t stop him!” Jesus said. “No one who performs a miracle in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me.	50 (a) But Jesus said, “Don’t stop him!		
		40 Anyone who is not against us is for us.	50 (b) Anyone who is not against you is for you.”		
		41 If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded.			
TEMPTATION TO SIN	18:6-9	9:42-50	17:1-4		
			1 One day Jesus said to his disciples, “There will always be temptations to sin, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting!		

	6 But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.	42 “But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around your neck.	2 It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin.		
	7 “What sorrow awaits the world, because it tempts people to sin. Temptations are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting.				
	8 So if your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It’s better to enter eternal life with only one hand or one foot than to be thrown into eternal fire with both of your hands and feet.	43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It’s better to enter eternal life with only one hand than to go into the unquenchable fires of hell with two hands.			
		44 ‘where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.’			<i>Mark 9:44 is missing in the most reliable transcripts</i>
	9 And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It’s better to enter eternal life with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.	45 If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It’s better to enter eternal life with only one foot than to be thrown into hell with two feet.			

		46 'where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.'			<i>Mark 9:46 is missing in the most reliable transcripts</i>
		47 And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It's better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,			
		48 'where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.'			
		49 "For everyone will be tested with fire.			
		50 Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other."			<i>This verse matches Matthew 5:13 and Luke 14:34-35 (added later)</i>
			3 So watch yourselves! "If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive.		
			4 Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive."		
THE LOST SHEEP	18:10-14		15:3-7		
	10 "Beware that you don't look down on any				

	of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.				
	11 For the Son of Man came to save the lost.				<i>Matthew 18:11 is missing in the most reliable transcripts</i>
			3 So Jesus told them this story:		
	12 "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost?"		4 "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?"		
	13 And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away!		5 And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders.		
			6 When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'		
	14 In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish.		7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are		

			righteous and haven't strayed away!		
CONFLICT RESOLUTION	18:15-20				
PARABLE OF UNFORGIVING SERVANT	18:21-35				
FIRE FROM HEAVEN			9:51-56		
COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS	8:19-22		9:57-62		
	19 Then one of the teachers of religious law said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."		57 As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go."		
	20 But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head."		58 But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head."		
	21 Another of his disciples said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father."		59 He said to another person, "Come, follow me." The man agreed, but he said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father."		
	22 But Jesus told him, "Follow me now. Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead."		60 But Jesus told him, "Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God."		
			61 Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you,		

			but first let me say good-bye to my family.”		
			62 But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”		
TEACHING AT THE FEAST OF BOOTHES				7:1-53	
WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY				8:1-11	<i>John 8:1-11 is missing in the most reliable transcripts</i>
DISPUTE WITH THE PHARISEES				8:12-59	
HEALING MAN BORN BLIND				9:1-41	
I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD				10:1-21	
TEACHING AT THE FEAST				10:22-42	
SENDING THE 72 (RETURN OF 72)			10:1-16 10:17-24		<i>Some manuscripts say “70”</i>
GOOD SAMARITAN			10:25-37		
MARY AND MARTHA			10:38-42		
THE LORD’S PRAYER	6:9-13		11:1-4		
			1 Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”		
	9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.		2 (a) Jesus said, “This is how you should pray: “Father, may your name be kept holy.		

	10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.		2 (b) May your Kingdom come soon.		
	11 Give us today the food we need,		3 Give us each day the food we need,		
	12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.		4 (a) and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.		
	13 (a) And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.		4 (b) And don't let us yield to temptation."		
	13 (b) For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.				<i>Most reliable manuscripts are missing v. 13 (b)</i>
ADDITIONAL TEACHING ON PRAYER	7:7-11		11:5-13		
			5 Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him,		
			6 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.'		
			7 And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the		

			night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.'		
			8 But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.		
	7 "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.		9 "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.		
	8 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.		10 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.		
	9 "You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead?		11 "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead?		
	10 Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not!		12 Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not!		
	11 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father		13 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father		

	give good gifts to those who ask him		give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."		
THE ROAMING UNCLEAN SPIRIT	12:43-45		11:24-26		
	43 "When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none.		24 (a) "When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, searching for rest. But when it finds none,		
	44 (a) Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.'		24 (b) it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.'		
	44 (b) So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order.		25 So it returns and finds that its former home is all swept and in order.		
	45 Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. That will be the experience of this evil generation."		26 Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before."		
WOMAN'S PRAISE			11:27-28		
SIGN OF JONAH	12:38-42		11:29-32		
	38 One day some teachers of religious law and Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to show us a miraculous sign to prove your authority."				
	39 But Jesus replied, "Only an evil, adulterous		29 As the crowd pressed in on Jesus, he said,		

	generation would demand a miraculous sign; but the only sign I will give them is the sign of the prophet Jonah.		"This evil generation keeps asking me to show them a miraculous sign. But the only sign I will give them is the sign of Jonah.		
	40 For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.				
			30 What happened to him was a sign to the people of Nineveh that God had sent him. What happens to the Son of Man will be a sign to these people that he was sent by God.		
			31 "The queen of Sheba will stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for she came from a distant land to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Now someone greater than Solomon is here—but you refuse to listen.		<i>Luke & Matthew inverted their story outlines</i>
	41 "The people of Nineveh will stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at		32 The people of Nineveh will also stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their		

	the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent.		sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent.		
	42 The queen of Sheba will also stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for she came from a distant land to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Now someone greater than Solomon is here—but you refuse to listen.				
LIGHT OF THE BODY	5:15; 6:22-23		11:33-36		
	5:15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.		33 “No one lights a lamp and then hides it or puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where its light can be seen by all who enter the house.		
	6:22 “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light.		34 (a) “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light.		
	23 (a) But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness.		34 (b) But when it is unhealthy, your body is filled with darkness.		
	23 (b) And if the light you think you have is		35 Make sure that the light you think you have is not actually darkness.		

	actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!				
			36 If you are filled with light, with no dark corners, then your whole life will be radiant, as though a floodlight were filling you with light."		
WOE TO THE PHARISEES	23:1-39		11:37-54		
			37 As Jesus was speaking, one of the Pharisees invited him home for a meal. So he went in and took his place at the table.		<i>Matthew & Luke inverted their outlines. In this comparison, preference is shown to Matthew.</i>
			38 His host was amazed to see that he sat down to eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony required by Jewish custom.		<i>Consequently, Luke's outline is piecemealed.</i>
	Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,				
	2 "The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses.				
	3 So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don't follow their example. For they don't practice what they teach.				

			45 "Teacher," said an expert in religious law, "you have insulted us, too, in what you just said."		
	4 They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.		46 "Yes," said Jesus, "what sorrow also awaits you experts in religious law! For you crush people with unbearable religious demands, and you never lift a finger to ease the burden."		
	5 "Everything they do is for show. On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and they wear robes with extra long tassels."				
	6 And they love to sit at the head table at banquets and in the seats of honor in the synagogues.		43 (a) "What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you love to sit in the seats of honor in the synagogues"		
	7 They love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi.'		43 (b) and receive respectful greetings as you walk in the marketplaces.		
	8 "Don't let anyone call you 'Rabbi,' for you have only one teacher, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters."				

	9 And don't address anyone here on earth as 'Father,' for only God in heaven is your Father.				
	10 And don't let anyone call you 'Teacher,' for you have only one teacher, the Messiah.				
	11 The greatest among you must be a servant.				
	12 But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.				
	13 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in people's faces. You won't go in yourselves, and you don't let others enter either.		52 "What sorrow awaits you experts in religious law! For you remove the key to knowledge from the people. You don't enter the Kingdom yourselves, and you prevent others from entering."		
	14 What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! You shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, you will be severely punished.				<i>Most reliable manuscripts are missing Matthew 23:14</i>

	15 “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person into twice the child of hell you yourselves are!				
	16 “Blind guides! What sorrow awaits you! For you say that it means nothing to swear ‘by God’s Temple,’ but that it is binding to swear ‘by the gold in the Temple.’				
	17 Blind fools! Which is more important—the gold or the Temple that makes the gold sacred?				
	18 And you say that to swear ‘by the altar’ is not binding, but to swear ‘by the gifts on the altar’ is binding.				
	19 How blind! For which is more important—the gift on the altar or the altar that makes the gift sacred?				
	20 When you swear ‘by the altar,’ you are swearing by it and by everything on it.				
	21 And when you swear ‘by the Temple,’ you are				

	swearing by it and by God, who lives in it.				
	22 And when you swear 'by heaven,' you are swearing by the throne of God and by God, who sits on the throne.				
	23 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.		42 "What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.		
	24 Blind guides! You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a camel!				
	25 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence!		39 Then the Lord said to him, "You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and wickedness!		

			40 Fools! Didn't God make the inside as well as the outside?		
	26 You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.		41 So clean the inside by giving gifts to the poor, and you will be clean all over.		
	27 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity.		44 Yes, what sorrow awaits you! For you are like hidden graves in a field. People walk over them without knowing the corruption they are stepping on."		
	28 Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.				
	29 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you build tombs for the prophets your ancestors killed, and you decorate the monuments of the godly people your ancestors destroyed.		47 What sorrow awaits you! For you build monuments for the prophets your own ancestors killed long ago.		
	30 Then you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would				

	never have joined them in killing the prophets.'				
	31 "But in saying that, you testify against yourselves that you are indeed the descendants of those who murdered the prophets.		48 But in fact, you stand as witnesses who agree with what your ancestors did. They killed the prophets, and you join in their crime by building the monuments!		
	32 Go ahead and finish what your ancestors started.				
	33 Snakes! Sons of vipers! How will you escape the judgment of hell?				
	34 "Therefore, I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers of religious law. But you will kill some by crucifixion, and you will flog others with whips in your synagogues, chasing them from city to city.		49 This is what God in his wisdom said about you: 'I will send prophets and apostles to them, but they will kill some and persecute the others.'		
	35 (a) As a result, you will be held responsible for the murder of all godly people of all time—		50 "As a result, this generation will be held responsible for the murder of all God's prophets from the creation of the world—		
	35 (b) from the murder of righteous Abel to the murder of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you		51 (a) from the murder of Abel to the murder of Zechariah, who was		

	killed in the Temple between the sanctuary and the altar.		killed between the altar and the sanctuary.		
	36 I tell you the truth, this judgment will fall on this very generation.		51 (b) Yes, it will certainly be charged against this generation.		
	37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.				
	38 And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate.				
	39 For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'"				
HAVE NO FEAR	10:26-33		12:1-12		
			1 Meanwhile, the crowds grew until thousands were milling about and stepping on each other. Jesus turned first to his disciples and warned them, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees—their hypocrisy.		
			2 The time is coming when everything that is		

			covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.		
			3 Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear!		
	26 (a) "But don't be afraid of those who threaten you.		4 "Dear friends, don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot do any more to you after that.		
	26 (b) For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.				<i>See Luke 12:2</i>
	27 What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ear, shout from the housetops for all to hear!				<i>See Luke 12:3</i>
	28 (a) "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul.				
	28 (b) Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.		5 But I'll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you		

			and then throw you into hell. Yes, he's the one to fear.		
	29 What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it.		6 “What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them.		
	30 And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.		7 (a) And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.		
	31 So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.		7 (b) So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.		
	32 “Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.		8 “I tell you the truth, everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, the Son of Man will also acknowledge in the presence of God's angels.		
	33 But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.		9 But anyone who denies me here on earth will be denied before God's angels.		
			10 Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.		
			11 “And when you are brought to trial in the synagogues and before		

			rulers and authorities, don't worry about how to defend yourself or what to say,		
			12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what needs to be said."		
PARABLE OF RICH FOOL			12:13-21		
DO NOT BE ANXIOUS	6:25-33		12:22-34		
	25 (a) "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear.		22 Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear.		
	25 (b) Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?		23 For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing.		
	26 Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?		24 Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds!		
	27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?		25 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?		
			26 And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things?		

	28 “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing,		27 (a) “Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing,		
	29 yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are.		27 (b) yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are.		
	30 And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?		28 And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?		
	31 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’		29 “And don’t be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don’t worry about such things.		
	32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.		30 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs.		
	33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.		31 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.		
			32 “So don’t be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great		

			happiness to give you the Kingdom.		
			33 "Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it.		
			34 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.		
TEACHING ABOUT PREPAREDNESS			12:35-59		
JESUS' RESPONSE TO GALILEAN JUDGMENT			13:1-5		
PARABLE OF THE BARREN FIG TREE			13:6-9		
WOMAN HEALED ON SABBATH			13:10-17		
PARABLE OF LEAVEN	13:33		13:20-21		
	33 (a) Jesus also used this illustration:		20 He also asked, "What else is the Kingdom of God like?"		
	33 (b) "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough."		21 It is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough."		

THE NARROW DOOR			13:22-30		
WARNING AGAINST HEROD			13:31-33		
LAMENT OVER JERUSALEM	23:37-39		13:34-35		
	37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.		34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.		
	38 And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate.		35 (a) And now, look, your house is abandoned.		
	39 For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'"		35 (b) And you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'"		
MAN WITH DROPSY HEALED ON SABBATH			14:1-6		
PARABLE OF CHOOSING BEST SEAT			14:7-14		
PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET	22:1-14		14:15-24		
			15 Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, "What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!"		<i>This parable may be two separate stories with similarities.</i>

	Jesus also told them other parables. He said,		16 (a) Jesus replied with this story:		
	2 "The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son.		16 (b) "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations.		
	3 (a) When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited.		17 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.'		
	3 (b) But they all refused to come!		18 (a) But they all began making excuses.		
	4 "So he sent other servants to tell them, 'The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!'				
	5 But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business.				
			18 (b) One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.'		
			19 Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.'		

			20 Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'		
	6 Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.				
	7 "The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town.		21 (a) "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said,		
	8 And he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor.				
	9 Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.'		21 (b) 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'		
	10 So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.				
			22 After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.'		
			23 So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.		

			24 For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.”		
	11 “But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn’t wearing the proper clothes for a wedding.				
	12 ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?’ But the man had no reply.				
	13 Then the king said to his aides, ‘Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’				
	14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.”				
THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP	10:37-38		14:25-33		
			25 A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them,		
	37 “If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more		26 “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even		

	than me, you are not worthy of being mine.		your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.		
	38 If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine.		27 And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.		
			28 “But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?		
			29 Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you.		
			30 They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’		
			31 “Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him?		
			32 And if he can’t, he will send a delegation to		

			discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away.		
			33 So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.		
SALT OF THE EARTH	5:13	(9:50)	14:34-35		
	13 (a) "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again?"	50 Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other."	34 "Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again?"		
	13 (b) It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.		35 Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!"		
PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP			15:1-7		
PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN			15:8-10		
PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON			15:11-32		
PARABLE OF THE SHREWD MANAGER			16:1-13		
THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS			16:14-18		<i>Luke 16:18 (about divorce/remarriage) also matches Matthew 19:9 & Mark 10:11-12 below</i>

RICH MAN & LAZAURS			16:19-31		<i>Scholars disagree if this is a parable.</i>
THE POWER OF FAITH	17:20		17:5-6		
			5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith."		
	20 "You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."		6 The Lord answered, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!"		
PARABLE OF THE MASTER AND SERVANT			17:7-10		
JESUS CLEANSED THE TEN LEPERS			17:11-19		
THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM			17:20-37		
PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW			18:1-8		
PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR			18:9-14		
TEACHING ON DIVORCE	19:1-12	10:1-12	(16:18)		
	1 When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went down to the region of Judea east of the Jordan River.	1 (a) Then Jesus left Capernaum and went down to the region of Judea and into the area east of the Jordan River.			

	2 Large crowds followed him there, and he healed their sick.	1 (b) Once again crowds gathered around him, and as usual he was teaching them.			
	3 Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question: "Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife for just any reason?"	2 Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question: "Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife?"			
	4 "Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.'"				
	5 And he said, "'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.'				
	6 Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."				
	7 "Then why did Moses say in the law that a man could give his wife a written notice of divorce and send her away?" they asked.	3 Jesus answered them with a question: "What did Moses say in the law about divorce?"			
		4 "Well, he permitted it," they replied. "He said a man can give his wife a			

		written notice of divorce and send her away.”			
	8 Jesus replied, “Moses permitted divorce only as a concession to your hard hearts, but it was not what God had originally intended.	5 But Jesus responded, “He wrote this commandment only as a concession to your hard hearts.			
		6 But ‘God made them male and female’ from the beginning of creation.			
		7 ‘This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife,			
		8 and the two are united into one.’ Since they are no longer two but one,			
		9 let no one split apart what God has joined together.”			
		10 Later, when he was alone with his disciples in the house, they brought up the subject again.			
	9 And I tell you this, whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery—unless his wife has been unfaithful.”	11 He told them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery against her.	18 (a) “For example, a man who divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery.		
		12 And if a woman divorces her husband and marries someone else, she commits adultery.”	18 (b) And anyone who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.”		

	10 Jesus' disciples then said to him, "If this is the case, it is better not to marry!"				
	11 "Not everyone can accept this statement," Jesus said. "Only those whom God helps.				
	12 Some are born as eunuchs, some have been made eunuchs by others, and some choose not to marry for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let anyone accept this who can."				
LITTLE CHILDREN BROUGHT TO JESUS	19:13-15	10:13-16	18:15-17		
	13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.	13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.	15 One day some parents brought their little children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But when the disciples saw this, they scolded the parents for bothering him.		
	14 But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."	14 When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.	16 Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.		
		15 I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't	17 I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't		

		receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.”	receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.”		
	15 And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.	16 Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.			
THE RICH YOUNG MAN	19:16-26	10:17-27	18:18-27		
	16 Someone came to Jesus with this question: “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”	17 As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”	18 Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: “Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”		
	17 (a) “Why ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good.	18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good.	19 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked him. “Only God is truly good.		
	17 (b) But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments.”	19 (a) But to answer your question, you know the commandments:	20 (a) But to answer your question, you know the commandments:		
	18 “Which ones?” the man asked. And Jesus replied: ““You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely.	19 (b) ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone.	20 (b) ‘You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely.		
	19 Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself.”	19 (c) Honor your father and mother.”	20 (c) Honor your father and mother.”		
	20 “I’ve obeyed all these commandments,” the	20 “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all	21 The man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these		(Highly unlikely.)

	young man replied. “What else must I do?”	these commandments since I was young.”	commandments since I was young.”		
	21 Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”	21 Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”	22 When Jesus heard his answer, he said, “There is still one thing you haven’t done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”		
	22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.	22 At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.	23 But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich.		
	23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.	23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!”	24 When Jesus saw this, he said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!		
		24 This amazed them. But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God.			
	24 I’ll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”	25 In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”	25 In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”		
	25 The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked.	26 The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked.	26 Those who heard this said, “Then who in the world can be saved?”		

	26 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."	27 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."	27 He replied, "What is impossible for people is possible with God."		
THE DISCIPLES' REWARD	19:27-30	10:28-31	18:28-30		
	27 Then Peter said to him, "We've given up everything to follow you. What will we get?"	28 Then Peter began to speak up. "We've given up everything to follow you," he said.	28 Peter said, "We've left our homes to follow you."		
	28 Jesus replied, "I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.				
	29 (a) And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake,	29 "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News,	29 "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the Kingdom of God,		
	29 (b) will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.	30 will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the	30 will be repaid many times over in this life, and will have eternal life in the world to come."		

		world to come that person will have eternal life.			
	30 But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then.	31 But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then."			
PARABLE OF THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD	20:1-16				
DEATH OF CHRIST FORETOLD A THIRD TIME	20:17-19	10:32-34	18:31-34		<i>For the 1st passion prophecy, see Matthew 16:21-28; Mark 8:31 – 9:1; and Luke 9:22-27 (above)</i>
	17 As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside privately and told them what was going to happen to him.	32 They were now on the way up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were filled with awe, and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him.	31 (a) Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus said,		
	18 "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading	33 "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading	31 (b) "Listen, we're going up to Jerusalem, where all the predictions of the prophets		

	priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die.	priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans.	concerning the Son of Man will come true.		
	19 (a) Then they will hand him over to the Romans to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified.	34 (a) They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him,	32 He will be handed over to the Romans, and he will be mocked, treated shamefully, and spit upon.		
	19 (b) But on the third day he will be raised from the dead."	34 (b) but after three days he will rise again."	33 They will flog him with a whip and kill him, but on the third day he will rise again."		
			34 But they didn't understand any of this. The significance of his words was hidden from them, and they failed to grasp what he was talking about.		
REQUEST OF JAMES AND JOHN	20:20-28	10:35-45			
	20 Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons. She knelt respectfully to ask a favor.	35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor."			
	21 (a) "What is your request?" he asked.	36 "What is your request?" he asked.			
	21 (b) She replied, "In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."	37 They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right			

		and the other on your left."			
	22 (a) But Jesus answered by saying to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?"	38 But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?"			
	22 (b) "Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!"	39 (a) "Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!"			
	23 (a) Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup.	39 (b) Then Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering.			
	23 (b) But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."	40 But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."			
	24 When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant.	41 When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant.			
	25 But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their	42 So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials			

	authority over those under them.	flaunt their authority over those under them.			
	26 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,	43 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,			
	27 and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave.	44 and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.			
	28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."	45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."			
BLIND MEN AT JERICO	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43		
	29 As Jesus and the disciples left the town of Jericho, a large crowd followed behind.	46 (a) Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him.	35 (a) As Jesus approached Jericho,		
	30 (a) Two blind men were sitting beside the road.	46 (b) A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaues) was sitting beside the road.	35 (b) a blind beggar was sitting beside the road.		<i>Bartimaeus most likely had a blind companion that Matthew remembered in person.</i>
	31 (b) When they heard that Jesus was coming that way,	47 (a) When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby,	36 When he heard the noise of a crowd going past, he asked what was happening.		
			37 They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was going by.		

	31 (c) they began shouting, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"	47 (b) he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"	38 So he began shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"		
	31 "Be quiet!" the crowd yelled at them. But they only shouted louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"	48 "Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"	39 "Be quiet!" the people in front yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"		
	32 (a) When Jesus heard them, he stopped and called,	49 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!"	40 (a) When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him.		
		50 Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.	40 (b) As the man came near, Jesus asked him,		
	32 (b) "What do you want me to do for you?"	51 (a) "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked.	41 (a) "What do you want me to do for you?"		
	33 "Lord," they said, "we want to see!"	51 (b) "My Rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!"	41 (b) "Lord," he said, "I want to see!"		
	34 (a) Jesus felt sorry for them and touched their eyes.	52 (a) And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you."	42 And Jesus said, "All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you."		
	34 (b) Instantly they could see! Then they followed him.	52 (b) Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.	43 Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all who saw it praised God, too.		
JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS			19:1-10		

PARABLE OF THE TEN TALENTS	25:14-30		19:11-28		
			11 The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away.		<i>These are most likely two different parables – but similar enough to compare.</i>
	14 (a) “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip.		12 He said, “A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return.		
	14 (b) He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.		13 Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, ‘Invest this for me while I am gone.’		
	15 He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.				
			14 But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We do not want him to be our king.’		

	16 "The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more.				
	17 The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more.				
	18 But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.				
	19 "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.		15 "After he was crowned king, he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what their profits were.		
	20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.'		16 The first servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!'		
	21 "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more		17 "'Well done!' the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.'		

	responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!				
	22 "The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.'		18 "The next servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.'		
	23 "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'		19 "'Well done!' the king said. 'You will be governor over five cities.'		
	24 "Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate.		20 "But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said, 'Master, I hid your money and kept it safe.		
	25 I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.'		21 I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn't yours and harvesting crops you didn't plant.'		
	26 "But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't		22 "'You wicked servant!' the king roared. 'Your own words condemn you. If you		

	plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate,		knew that I'm a hard man who takes what isn't mine and harvests crops I didn't plant,		
	27 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'		23 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'		
	28 "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver.		24 "Then, turning to the others standing nearby, the king ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one who has ten pounds.'		
			25 "'But, master,' they said, 'he already has ten pounds!'		
	29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.		26 "'Yes,' the king replied, 'and to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.		
	30 Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'		27 And as for these enemies of mine who didn't want me to be their king—bring them in and execute them right here in front of me.'"		
			28 After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem,		

			walking ahead of his disciples.		
DEATH/RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS				11:1-44	
PLOT TO KILL JESUS				11:45-57	
TRIUMPHAL ENTRY	21:1-11	11:1-11	19:28-44	12:12-19	
	1 (a) As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem,	1 (a) As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem,	28 After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples.		
	1 (b) they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead.	1 (b) they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead.	29 As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead.		
	2 "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me.	2 "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.	30 "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.	14 Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:	
	3 If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them."	3 If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.'"	31 If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"		
	4 This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,				
	5 "Tell the people of Jerusalem, 'Look, your King is coming to you.			15 "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem.	<i>Cited Zechariah 9:9</i>

	He is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt."			Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt."	
				16 His disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him.	
	6 The two disciples did as Jesus commanded.	4 The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door.	32 So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said.		
		5 As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"	33 And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?"		
		6 They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it.	34 And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it."		
	7 They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.	7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it.	35 So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.		
	8 Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut	8 Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy	36 As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him.		

	branches from the trees and spread them on the road.	branches they had cut in the fields.			
	9 (a) Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,	9 (a) Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,	37 When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.	12 The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors	
				13 (a) took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted,	
	9 (b) "Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!"	9 (b) "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"	38 "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"	13 (b) "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!"	<i>Cited Psalm 118:26</i>
		10 Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in highest heaven!"			<i>(Cited Psalm 118:26)</i>
	10 The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked.				
	11 And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."				

				17 Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it.	
				18 That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign.	
			39 But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!”		<i>Matthew included this part later after the “Cleansing of the Temple”</i>
			40 He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”		
				19 Then the Pharisees said to each other, “There’s nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!”	
			41 But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep.		
			42 “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes.		

			43 Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side.		
			44 They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you."		
		11 So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.			
JESUS CURSES THE FIG TREE	21:18-19	11:12-14			
	18 In the morning, as Jesus was returning to Jerusalem, he was hungry,	12 The next morning as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry.			
	19 (a) and he noticed a fig tree beside the road. He went over to see if there were any figs, but there were only leaves. Then he said to it,	13 He noticed a fig tree in full leaf a little way off, so he went over to see if he could find any figs. But there were only leaves because it was too early in the season for fruit.			

	19 (b) "May you never bear fruit again!" And immediately the fig tree withered up.	14 Then Jesus said to the tree, "May no one ever eat your fruit again!" And the disciples heard him say it.			
JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE	21:12-16	11:15-19	19:45-48		<i>John recorded the temple cleansing early (ch. 2:12-25) (Jesus could have cleansed the temple twice)</i>
	12 Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves.	15 When they arrived back in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves,	45 Then Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people selling animals for sacrifices.		
		16 and he stopped everyone from using the Temple as a marketplace.			
	13 He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!"	17 He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves."	46 He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves."		<i>Jesus quoted Isaiah 56:7</i>
	14 The blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them.				

	15 The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David." But the leaders were indignant.	18 (a) When the leading priests and teachers of religious law heard what Jesus had done, they began planning how to kill him.	47 After that, he taught daily in the Temple, but the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the other leaders of the people began planning how to kill him.		
		18 (b) But they were afraid of him because the people were so amazed at his teaching.	48 But they could think of nothing, because all the people hung on every word he said.		
	16 They asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?" "Yes," Jesus replied. "Haven't you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, 'You have taught children and infants to give you praise.'"				<i>Luke included this part earlier after the "Triumphal Entry"</i>
		19 That evening Jesus and the disciples left the city.			
DISCIPLES AMAZED AT BARREN FIG TREE	21:20-22 (6:14-15)	11:20-26			
		20 The next morning as they passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up.			
	20 The disciples were amazed when they saw this and asked, "How did	21 Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous			

	the fig tree wither so quickly?"	day and exclaimed, "Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!"			
	21 (a) Then Jesus told them, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don't doubt, you can do things like this and much more.	22 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God.			
	21 (b) You can even say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen.	23 I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.			
	22 You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it."	24 I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.			
	6:14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.	25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."			
	6:15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.				
JESUS' AUTHORITY CHALLENGED	21:23-27	11:27-33	20:1-8		

	23 (a) When Jesus returned to the Temple and began teaching, the leading priests and elders came up to him.	27 Again they entered Jerusalem. As Jesus was walking through the Temple area, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him.	1 One day as Jesus was teaching the people and preaching the Good News in the Temple, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him.		
	23 (b) They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?"	28 They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right to do them?"	2 They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?"		
	24 "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied.	29 "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied.	3 "Let me ask you a question first," he replied.		
	25 (a) "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human?"	30 "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human? Answer me!"	4 "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human?"		
	25 (b) They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven, he will ask us why we didn't believe John.	31 They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven, he will ask why we didn't believe John.	5 They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven, he will ask why we didn't believe John.		
	26 But if we say it was merely human, we'll be mobbed because the people believe John was a prophet."	32 But do we dare say it was merely human?" For they were afraid of what the people would do, because everyone believed that John was a prophet.	6 But if we say it was merely human, the people will stone us because they are convinced John was a prophet."		
	27 (a) So they finally replied, "We don't know."	33 (a) So they finally replied, "We don't know."	7 So they finally replied that they didn't know.		

	27 (b) And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things."	33 (b) And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things."	8 And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things."		
PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS	21:28-32				
PARABLE OF THE TENANTS	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-19		
	33 "Now listen to another story. A certain landowner planted a vineyard, built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and built a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another country.	1 Then Jesus began teaching them with stories: "A man planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and built a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another country.	9 Now Jesus turned to the people again and told them this story: "A man planted a vineyard, leased it to tenant farmers, and moved to another country to live for several years.		
	34 At the time of the grape harvest, he sent his servants to collect his share of the crop.	2 At the time of the grape harvest, he sent one of his servants to collect his share of the crop.	10 (a) At the time of the grape harvest, he sent one of his servants to collect his share of the crop.		
	35 But the farmers grabbed his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.	3 But the farmers grabbed the servant, beat him up, and sent him back empty-handed.	10 (b) But the farmers attacked the servant, beat him up, and sent him back empty-handed.		
	36 (a) So the landowner sent a larger group of his servants to collect for him,	4 The owner then sent another servant, but they insulted him and beat him over the head.	11 So the owner sent another servant, but they also insulted him, beat him up, and sent him away empty-handed.		

	36 (b) but the results were the same.	5 The next servant he sent was killed. Others he sent were either beaten or killed,	12 A third man was sent, and they wounded him and chased him away.		
	37 “Finally, the owner sent his son, thinking, ‘Surely they will respect my son.’	6 until there was only one left—his son whom he loved dearly. The owner finally sent him, thinking, ‘Surely they will respect my son.’	13 “‘What will I do?’ the owner asked himself. ‘I know! I’ll send my cherished son. Surely they will respect him.’		
	38 “But when the tenant farmers saw his son coming, they said to one another, ‘Here comes the heir to this estate. Come on, let’s kill him and get the estate for ourselves!’	7 “But the tenant farmers said to one another, ‘Here comes the heir to this estate. Let’s kill him and get the estate for ourselves!’	14 “But when the tenant farmers saw his son, they said to each other, ‘Here comes the heir to this estate. Let’s kill him and get the estate for ourselves!’		
	39 So they grabbed him, dragged him out of the vineyard, and murdered him.	8 So they grabbed him and murdered him and threw his body out of the vineyard.	15 (a) So they dragged him out of the vineyard and murdered him.		
	40 “When the owner of the vineyard returns,” Jesus asked, “what do you think he will do to those farmers?”	9 (a) “What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do?”	15 (b) “What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do to them?” Jesus asked.		
	41 The religious leaders replied, “He will put the wicked men to a horrible death and lease the vineyard to others who will give him his share of the crop after each harvest.”	9 (b) Jesus asked. “I’ll tell you—he will come and kill those farmers and lease the vineyard to others.	16 “I’ll tell you—he will come and kill those farmers and lease the vineyard to others.” “How terrible that such a thing should ever happen,” his listeners protested.		
	42 (a) Then Jesus asked them, “Didn’t you ever	10 Didn’t you ever read this in the Scriptures?	17 Jesus looked at them and said, “Then what		<i>Cited Psalm 118:22 (& Isaiah 8:14)</i>

	read this in the Scriptures? 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'	'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'	does this Scripture mean? 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'		
			18 Everyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on."		<i>Cited Isaiah 8:15</i>
	42 (b) This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see.'	11 This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see.'"			<i>Cited Psalm 118:23</i>
	43 I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that will produce the proper fruit.				
	44 Anyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on."				<i>Cited Isaiah 8:14-15</i>
	45 When the leading priests and Pharisees heard this parable, they realized he was telling the story against them—they were the wicked farmers.	12 (a) The religious leaders wanted to arrest Jesus because they realized he was telling the story against them—they were the wicked farmers.	19 (a) The teachers of religious law and the leading priests wanted to arrest Jesus immediately because they realized he was telling the story against them—they were the wicked farmers.		

	46 They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds, who considered Jesus to be a prophet.	12 (b) But they were afraid of the crowd, so they left him and went away.	19 (b) But they were afraid of the people's reaction.		
PAYING TAXES TO CAESAR	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26		
	15 Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested.	13 Later the leaders sent some Pharisees and supporters of Herod to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested.	20 Watching for their opportunity, the leaders sent spies pretending to be honest men. They tried to get Jesus to say something that could be reported to the Roman governor so he would arrest Jesus.		
	16 They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don't play favorites.	14 (a) "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You are impartial and don't play favorites. You teach the way of God truthfully.	21 "Teacher," they said, "we know that you speak and teach what is right and are not influenced by what others think. You teach the way of God truthfully.		
	17 Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"	14 (b) Now tell us—is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?	22 Now tell us—is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"		
		15 (a) Should we pay them, or shouldn't we?"			
	18 But Jesus knew their evil motives. "You hypocrites!" he said.	15 (b) Jesus saw through their hypocrisy and said,	23 He saw through their trickery and said,		

	"Why are you trying to trap me?"	"Why are you trying to trap me?"			
	19 (a) Here, show me the coin used for the tax."	15 (c) Show me a Roman coin, and I'll tell you."	24 (a) "Show me a Roman coin.		
	19 (b) When they handed him a Roman coin,	16 (a) When they handed it to him,			
	20 he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?"	16 (b) he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?"	24 (b) Whose picture and title are stamped on it?"		
	21 "Caesar's," they replied.	16 (c) "Caesar's," they replied.	24 (c) "Caesar's," they replied.		
	"Well, then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."	17 (a) "Well, then," Jesus said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."	25 "Well then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."		
	22 His reply amazed them, and they went away.	17 (b) His reply completely amazed them.	26 So they failed to trap him by what he said in front of the people. Instead, they were amazed by his answer, and they became silent.		
JESUS CORRECTS THE SADDUCEES	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40		
	23 (a) That same day Jesus was approached by some Sadducees—religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead.	18 (a) Then Jesus was approached by some Sadducees—religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead.	27 Then Jesus was approached by some Sadducees—religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead.		
	23 (b) They posed this question:	18 (b) They posed this question:	28 They posed this question:		
	24 "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies without children, his brother	19 "Teacher, Moses gave us a law that if a man dies, leaving a wife	28 (b) "Teacher, Moses gave us a law that if a man dies, leaving a wife		

	should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name.'	without children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name.	but no children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name.		
	25 Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children, so his brother married the widow.	20 Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children.	29 Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children.		
	26 (a) But the second brother also died,	21 (a) So the second brother married the widow, but he also died without children.	30 So the second brother married the widow, but he also died.		
	26 (b) and the third brother married her.	21 (b) Then the third brother married her.	31 (a) Then the third brother married her.		
	26 (c) This continued with all seven of them.	22 (a) This continued with all seven of them, and still there were no children.	31 (b) This continued with all seven of them, who died without children.		
	27 Last of all, the woman also died.	22 (b) Last of all, the woman also died.	32 Finally, the woman also died.		
	28 So tell us, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? For all seven were married to her."	23 So tell us, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? For all seven were married to her."	33 So tell us, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? For all seven were married to her!"		
	29 Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God.	24 Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God.	34 Jesus replied, "Marriage is for people here on earth.		
	30 (a) For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage.	25 (a) For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage.	35 But in the age to come, those worthy of being raised from the		

			dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage.		
	30 (b) In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven.	25 (b) In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven.	36 And they will never die again. In this respect they will be like angels. They are children of God and children of the resurrection.		
	31 “But now, as to whether there will be a resurrection of the dead—haven’t you ever read about this in the Scriptures? Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said,	26 (a) “But now, as to whether the dead will be raised—haven’t you ever read about this in the writings of Moses, in the story of the burning bush? Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said to Moses,	37 (a) “But now, as to whether the dead will be raised—even Moses proved this when he wrote about the burning bush. Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, he referred to the Lord as		
	32 (a) ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’	26 (b) ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’	37 (b) ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’		<i>Cited Exodus 3:6</i>
	31 (b) So he is the God of the living, not the dead.”	27 So he is the God of the living, not the dead. You have made a serious error.”	38 So he is the God of the living, not the dead, for they are all alive to him.”		
	33 When the crowds heard him, they were astounded at his teaching.		39 “Well said, Teacher!” remarked some of the teachers of religious law who were standing there.		
			40 And then no one dared to ask him any more questions.		<i>Mark said “No one dared ask him any more questions” later in ch. 12:34. See also Matthew 22:46.</i>

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS	22:34-40	12:28-34			
	34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again.				
	35 One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question:	28 (a) One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked,			
	36 "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"	28 (b) "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"			
	37 (a) Jesus replied,	29 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.			<i>Cited Deuteronomy 6:4</i>
	37 (b) "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'	30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'			<i>Cited Deuteronomy 6:5</i>
	38 This is the first and greatest commandment.				
	39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'	31 (a) The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'			<i>Cited Leviticus 19:18</i>

	40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”	31 (b) No other commandment is greater than these.”			
		32 The teacher of religious law replied, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other.			
		33 And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law.”			
		34 Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.			<i>Luke said “No one dared ask him any more questions” earlier in ch. 20:12. See also Matthew 22:46.</i>
WHOSE SON IS THE CHRIST?	22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44		
	41 Then, surrounded by the Pharisees, Jesus asked them a question:	35 (a) Later, as Jesus was teaching the people in the Temple, he asked,	41 (a) Then Jesus presented them with a question.		

	42 “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They replied, “He is the son of David.”				
	43 Jesus responded, “Then why does David, speaking under the inspiration of the Spirit, call the Messiah ‘my Lord’? For David said,	35 (b) “Why do the teachers of religious law claim that the Messiah is the son of David?	41 (b) “Why is it,” he asked, “that the Messiah is said to be the son of David?		
	44 (a) ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit in the place of honor at my right hand	36 (a) For David himself, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit in the place of honor at my right hand	42 For David himself wrote in the book of Psalms: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit in the place of honor at my right hand		<i>Cited Psalm 110:1</i>
	44 (b) until I humble your enemies beneath your feet.’	36 (b) until I humble your enemies beneath your feet.’	43 until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.’		<i>(Cited Psalm 110:1)</i>
	45 Since David called the Messiah ‘my Lord,’ how can the Messiah be his son?”	37 Since David himself called the Messiah ‘my Lord,’ how can the Messiah be his son?” The large crowd listened to him with great delight.	44 Since David called the Messiah ‘Lord,’ how can the Messiah be his son?”		
	46 No one could answer him. And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.				<i>Mark said “No one dared ask him any more questions” earlier in ch. 12:34. See also Luke 20:40.</i>

WARNING ABOUT THE SCRIBES		12:38-40	20:45-47		<i>See also Matthew 23:1-39 and Luke 11:37-54</i>
		38 (a) Jesus also taught:	45 Then, with the crowds listening, he turned to his disciples and said,		
		38 (b) "Beware of these teachers of religious law! For they like to parade around in flowing robes and receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces.	46 (a) "Beware of these teachers of religious law! For they like to parade around in flowing robes and love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces.		
		39 And how they love the seats of honor in the synagogues and the head table at banquets.	46 (b) And how they love the seats of honor in the synagogues and the head table at banquets.		
		40 Yet they shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, they will be more severely punished."	47 Yet they shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, they will be severely punished."		
THE WIDOW'S OFFERING		12:41-44	21:1-4		
		41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts.	1 While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box.		

		42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.	2 Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins.		
		43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.	3 "I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them.		
		44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."	4 For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."		
DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE (FORETOLD)	24:1-2	13:1-2	21:5-6		
	1 As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings.	1 As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, "Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls."	5 Some of his disciples began talking about the majestic stonework of the Temple and the memorial decorations on the walls. But Jesus said,		
	2 But he responded, "Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"	2 Jesus replied, "Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"	6 "The time is coming when all these things will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"		
OLIVET DISCOURSE (END TIMES)	24:3-51	13:3-37	21:7-36		
	3 (a) Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said,	3 Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple. Peter, James,			

		John, and Andrew came to him privately and asked him,			
	3 (b) "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"	4 "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to be fulfilled?"	7 "Teacher," they asked, "when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to take place?"		
	4 Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you,	5 Jesus replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you,	8 (a) He replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you,		
	5 for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many.	6 for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many.	8 (b) for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and saying, 'The time has come!' But don't believe them.		
	6 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.	7 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.	9 And when you hear of wars and insurrections, don't panic. Yes, these things must take place first, but the end won't follow immediately."		
	7 (a) Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.	8 (a) Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.	10 Then he added, "Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.		
	7 (b) There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world.	8 (b) There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines.	11 There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven.		

	8 But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.	8 (c) But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.	12 (a) “But before all this occurs,		
	9 “Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers.	9 “When these things begin to happen, watch out! You will be handed over to the local councils and beaten in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me.	12 (b) there will be a time of great persecution. You will be dragged into synagogues and prisons, and you will stand trial before kings and governors because you are my followers.		
		10 For the Good News must first be preached to all nations.	13 But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me.		<i>Matthew said this later in v. 14</i>
		11 (a) But when you are arrested and stand trial, don’t worry in advance about what to say.	14 So don’t worry in advance about how to answer the charges against you,		
		11 (b) Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit.	15 for I will give you the right words and such wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you!		
	10 And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other.	12 “A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed.	16 Even those closest to you—your parents, brothers, relatives, and friends—will betray you. They will even kill some of you.		
	11 And many false prophets will appear and				

	will deceive many people.				
	12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold.				
		13 (a) And everyone will hate you because you are my followers.	17 And everyone will hate you because you are my followers.		
			18 But not a hair of your head will perish!		
	13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.	13 (b) But the one who endures to the end will be saved.	19 By standing firm, you will win your souls.		
	14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.				<i>Mark and Luke said this already in v. 10 and v. 13, respectively.</i>
	15 “The day is coming when you will see what Daniel the prophet spoke about—the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing in the Holy Place.” (Reader, pay attention!)	14 (a) “The day is coming when you will see the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing where he should not be.” (Reader, pay attention!)	20 “And when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you will know that the time of its destruction has arrived.		
	16 “Then those in Judea must flee to the hills.	14 (b) “Then those in Judea must flee to the hills.	21 Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. Those in Jerusalem must get out, and those out in the country should not return to the city.		

	17 A person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack.	15 A person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack.			
	18 A person out in the field must not return even to get a coat.	16 A person out in the field must not return even to get a coat.			
			22 For those will be days of God's vengeance, and the prophetic words of the Scriptures will be fulfilled.		
	19 How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days.	17 How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days.	23 (a) How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days.		
	20 And pray that your flight will not be in winter or on the Sabbath.	18 And pray that your flight will not be in winter.			
	21 For there will be greater anguish than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again.	19 For there will be greater anguish in those days than at any time since God created the world. And it will never be so great again.	23 (b) For there will be disaster in the land and great anger against this people.		
			24 They will be killed by the sword or sent away as captives to all the nations of the world. And Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles until the period of the Gentiles comes to an end.		
	22 In fact, unless that time of calamity is	20 In fact, unless the Lord shortens that time			

	shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones.	of calamity, not a single person will survive. But for the sake of his chosen ones he has shortened those days.			
	23 "Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it.	21 "Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it.			
	24 For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones.	22 For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones.			
	25 See, I have warned you about this ahead of time.	23 Watch out! I have warned you about this ahead of time!			
	26 "So if someone tells you, 'Look, the Messiah is out in the desert,' don't bother to go and look. Or, 'Look, he is hiding here,' don't believe it!				
	27 For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes.				
	28 Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.				

	29 (a) "Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light,	24 "At that time, after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light,	25 "And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides.		<i>All cited variations of Isaiah 13:10; 24:23; Ezekiel 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31; & 3:15.</i>
	29 (b) the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.	25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.	26 People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken.		
	30 And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.	26 Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory.	27 Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory.		
	31 And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.	27 And he will send out his angels to gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.			
			28 So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!"		

	32 (a) "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree.	28 (a) "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree.	29 Then he gave them this illustration: "Notice the fig tree, or any other tree.		
	32 (b) When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near.	28 (b) When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near.	30 When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near.		
	33 In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door.	29 In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that his return is very near, right at the door.	31 In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that the Kingdom of God is near.		
	34 I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things take place.	30 I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene before all these things take place.	32 I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things have taken place.		
	35 Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.	31 Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.	33 Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.		
	36 "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.	32 "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.			
			34 "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware,		

			35 like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth.		
	37 "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day.				
	38 In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat.				<i>Matthew referenced Genesis 7:7-16.</i>
	39 People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.				
	40 "Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left.				
	41 Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.				
	42 "So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming.	33 And since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert!			
	43 Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would				

	keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into.				
		34 “The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return.			Matthew <i>expounded on this short parable in vv. 45-51</i>
	44 You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.	35 You, too, must keep watch! For you don’t know when the master of the household will return—in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak.			
	45 “A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them.				Mark shortened this parable in v. 34
	46 If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward.				
	47 I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.				

	48 But what if the servant is evil and thinks, 'My master won't be back for a while,'				
	49 and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk?				
	50 The master will return unannounced and unexpected,	36 Don't let him find you sleeping when he arrives without warning.			
	51 and he will cut the servant to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.				
		37 I say to you what I say to everyone: Watch for him!"	36 Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."		
PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS (OIL / LAMPS)	25:1-13				
PARABLE OF THE SHEEP & THE GOATS	25:31-46				
GREEKS SEEK JESUS				12:20-26	
FATHER'S NAME GLORIFIED				12:27-36	
UNBELIEF EXPLAINED (PROPHECY FULFILLED)				12:36-43	
JESUS CAME TO SAVE THE WORLD				12:44-50	

CONSPIRACY OF THE JEWS	26:1-5	14:1-2	22:1-2		
	1 When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,				
	2 “As you know, Passover begins in two days, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”	1 (a) It was now two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread.	1 The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is also called Passover, was approaching.		
	3 At that same time the leading priests and elders were meeting at the residence of Caiaphas, the high priest,	1 (b) The leading priests and the teachers of religious law were	2 (a) The leading priests and teachers of religious law were		
	4 plotting how to capture Jesus secretly and kill him.	1 (c) still looking for an opportunity to capture Jesus secretly and kill him.	2 (b) plotting how to kill Jesus, but they were afraid of the people’s reaction.		
	5 “But not during the Passover celebration,” they agreed, “or the people may riot.”	2 “But not during the Passover celebration,” they agreed, “or the people may riot.”			
JESUS ANOINTED AT BETHANY (TWICE?)	26:6-13	14:3-9	(7:36-50?)	12:1-11	<i>See also Luke 7:36-50. Most scholars agree Jesus was anointed at least twice. Once in Luke, and again during Passion Week. For that reason, Luke’s account is not compared here.</i>
	6 Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home	3 (a) Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the		1 Six days before the Passover celebration	<i>Many scholars believe Jesus was</i>

	of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy.	home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy.		began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead.	<i>anointed thrice – and that John's account was the 3rd (and separate) anointing. The different locations give the first clue.</i>
				2 A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him.	
	7 While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume and poured it over his head.	3 (b) While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard. She broke open the jar and poured the perfume over his head.		3 Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.	<i>In Matthew and Mark's accounts, Jesus' head was anointed, but not in John's account – another clue of different anointings.</i>
	8 The disciples were indignant when they saw this. "What a waste!" they said.	4 Some of those at the table were indignant. "Why waste such expensive perfume?" they asked.		4 But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said,	<i>The rest of the stories are very similar.</i>
	9 "It could have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor."	5 "It could have been sold for a year's wages and the money given to the poor!" So they scolded her harshly.		5 "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor."	
				6 Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he	

				often stole some for himself.	
	10 But Jesus, aware of this, replied, "Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to me?"	6 But Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me?"		7 Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial.	
	11 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.	7 You will always have the poor among you, and you can help them whenever you want to. But you will not always have me.		8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."	
	12 She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial.	8 She has done what she could and has anointed my body for burial ahead of time.			
	13 I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed."	9 I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed."			
				9 When all the people heard of Jesus' arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead.	
				10 Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too,	
				11 for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted	

				them and believed in Jesus.	
JUDAS TO BETRAY JESUS	26:14-16	14:10-11	22:3-6		
	14 (a) Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples,	10 (a) Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples,	3 Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples,		
	14 (b) went to the leading priests	10 (b) went to the leading priests	4 (a) and he went to the leading priests and captains of the Temple guard		
	15 and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver.	10 (c) to arrange to betray Jesus to them.	4 (b) to discuss the best way to betray Jesus to them.		
		11 (a) They were delighted when they heard why he had come, and they promised to give him money.	5 They were delighted, and they promised to give him money.		
	16 From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.	11 (b) So he began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.			
THE LAST SUPPER	26:17-29	14:12-25	22:7-23	13:1-35	
				1 Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end.	

	17 (a) On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread,	12 (a) On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed,	7 Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed.		
(SECURING THE LOCATION)			8 Jesus sent Peter and John ahead and said, "Go and prepare the Passover meal, so we can eat it together."		
	17 (b) the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for you?"	12 (b) Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go to prepare the Passover meal for you?"	9 "Where do you want us to prepare it?" they asked him.		
	18 (a) "As you go into the city," he told them, "you will see a certain man.	13 So Jesus sent two of them into Jerusalem with these instructions: "As you go into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him.	10 He replied, "As soon as you enter Jerusalem, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters,		
	18 (b) Tell him, 'The Teacher says: My time has come, and I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.'"	14 At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?'	11 say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?'		
		15 He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal."	12 He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal."		
	19 So the disciples did as Jesus told them and	16 So the two disciples went into the city and found everything just as	13 They went off to the city and found everything just as Jesus		

	prepared the Passover meal there.	Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there.	had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there.		
	20 When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the Twelve.	17 In the evening Jesus arrived with the Twelve.	14 When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table.	2 (a) It was time for supper,	
			15 Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins.		
			16 For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."		<i>Matthew and Mark included this saying after communion.</i>
(JESUS MENTIONS THE BETRAYER)	21 While they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me."	18 As they were at the table eating, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me."		2 (b) and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.	<i>Luke and John alternated the betrayal sequence later (after supper) in vv. 21-23, and vv. 21-30, respectively.</i>
	22 Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one, Lord?"	19 Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one?"			
	23 He replied, "One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray me.	20 He replied, "It is one of you twelve who is eating from this bowl with me.			
	24 For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be	21 For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be			

	far better for that man if he had never been born!"	far better for that man if he had never been born!"			
	25 Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, "Rabbi, am I the one?" And Jesus told him, "You have said it."				
				3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.	
<i>(JESUS WASHES THE FEET OF THE DISCIPLES)</i>				4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist,	
				5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.	
				6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"	
				7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."	
				8 "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!"	

				Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."	
				9 Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"	
				10 Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you."	
				11 For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean."	
				12 After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?"	
				13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am.	
				14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example to	

				<p>follow. Do as I have done to you. 16 I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. 17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.</p>	
(HOLY COMMUNION)	<p>26 As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body."</p>	<p>22 As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body."</p>	<p>19 He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."</p>		<p><i>Luke alternated the order of the bread/cup.</i></p>
	<p>27 And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it,</p>	<p>23 And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.</p>	<p>17 Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves.</p>		
			<p>18 For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come."</p>		
	<p>28 for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.</p>	<p>24 And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many.</p>	<p>20 After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is</p>		

			poured out as a sacrifice for you.		
	29 Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father’s Kingdom.”	25 I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.”			
(JESUS MENTIONS THE BETRAYER)			21 “But here at this table, sitting among us as a friend, is the man who will betray me.	21 Now Jesus was deeply troubled, and he exclaimed, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me!”	See also Matthew 26:21-25 and Mark 14:18-21 .
			22 For it has been determined that the Son of Man must die. But what sorrow awaits the one who betrays him.”		
			23 The disciples began to ask each other which of them would ever do such a thing.	22 The disciples looked at each other, wondering whom he could mean.	
				23 The disciple Jesus loved was sitting next to Jesus at the table.	
				24 Simon Peter motioned to him to ask, “Who’s he talking about?”	
				25 So that disciple leaned over to Jesus and asked, “Lord, who is it?”	
				26 Jesus responded, “It is the one to whom I give the bread I dip in the bowl.” And when he had dipped it, he gave it	

				to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.	
				27 When Judas had eaten the bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus told him, "Hurry and do what you're going to do."	
				28 None of the others at the table knew what Jesus meant.	
				29 Since Judas was their treasurer, some thought Jesus was telling him to go and pay for the food or to give some money to the poor.	
				30 So Judas left at once, going out into the night.	
				31 As soon as Judas left the room, Jesus said, "The time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory, and God will be glorified because of him.	
				32 And since God receives glory because of the Son, he will give his own glory to the Son, and he will do so at once.	
				33 Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you	

				can't come where I am going.	
				34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.	
				35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."	
	30 Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.	26 Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.			<i>Matthew & Mark end the dinner here, while Luke & John add a bit more.</i>
CONTENTION OF THE DISCIPLES			22:24-30		
PETER'S DENIAL FORETOLD	26:31-35	14:27-31	22:31-39	13:36-38	
				36 Simon Peter asked, "Lord, where are you going?" And Jesus replied, "You can't go with me now, but you will follow me later."	
	31 On the way, Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'	27 On the way, Jesus told them, "All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'			<i>Cited Zechariah 13:7</i>
	2 But after I have been raised from the dead, I	28 But after I am raised from the dead, I will go			

	will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.”	ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.”			
			31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat.		
			32 But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.”		
	33 Peter declared, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you.”	29 Peter said to him, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will.”	33 Peter said, “Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you.”	37 “But why can’t I come now, Lord?” he asked. “I’m ready to die for you.”	
	34 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.”	30 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.”	34 But Jesus said, “Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.”	38 Jesus answered, “Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.	
	35 “No!” Peter insisted. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!” And all the other disciples vowed the same.	31 “No!” Peter declared emphatically. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!” And all the others vowed the same.			
			35 Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you out to preach the Good News and you did not have money, a traveler’s bag, or an extra pair of		

			sandals, did you need anything?" "No," they replied.		
			36 "But now," he said, "take your money and a traveler's bag. And if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one!"		
			37 For the time has come for this prophecy about me to be fulfilled: 'He was counted among the rebels.' Yes, everything written about me by the prophets will come true."		
			38 "Look, Lord," they replied, "we have two swords among us." "That's enough," he said.		
			39 Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives.		<i>Luke ends the dinner here while John adds quite a bit more.</i>
I AM THE WAY, TRUTH, AND LIFE				14:1-14	
JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT				14:15-31	
I AM THE TRUE VINE				15:1-17	
THE WORLD'S HATRED				15:18-27 + 16:1-4	
HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK				16:5-15	
SORROW INTO JOY				16:16-24	
I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD				16:25-33	

JESUS' PRIESTLY PRAYER				17:1-26	
GARDEN OF GATHSEMANE (JESUS' SELFLESS PRAYER)	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:39-46	18:1	
	36 (a) Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane,	32 (a) They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane,	39 (b) and went as usual to the Mount of Olives.	1 After saying these things, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley with his disciples and entered a grove of olive trees.	
	36 (b) and he said, "Sit here while I go over there to pray."	32 (b) and Jesus said, "Sit here while I go and pray."			
	37 He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed.	33 He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed.			
	38 He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."	34 He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."	40 There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation."		
	39 (a) He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying,	35 He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by.	41 He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,		
	39 (b) "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."	36 "Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."	42 "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."		

			43 Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him.		
	40 Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour?"	37 Then he returned and found the disciples asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you watch with me even one hour?"			
	41 Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"	38 Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak."			
	42 Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, "My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done."	39 Then Jesus left them again and prayed the same prayer as before.	44 He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.		
	43 When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open.	40 When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open. And they didn't know what to say.	45 At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief.		
			46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation."		
	44 So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again.				
	45 Then he came to the disciples and said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have	41 When he returned to them the third time, he said, "Go ahead and			

	your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.	sleep. Have your rest. But no—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.			
	46 Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!"	42 Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!"			
THE BETRAYAL	26:47-56	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:2-11	
				2 Judas, the betrayer, knew this place, because Jesus had often gone there with his disciples.	
	47 And even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests and elders of the people.	43 And immediately, even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders.	47 (a) But even as Jesus said this, a crowd approached, led by Judas, one of the twelve disciples.	3 The leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas a contingent of Roman soldiers and Temple guards to accompany him. Now with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons, they arrived at the olive grove.	
				4 (a) Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward to meet them.	
	48 The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss."	44 The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss. Then you can take him away under guard."			

	49 So Judas came straight to Jesus. "Greetings, Rabbi!" he exclaimed and gave him the kiss.	45 As soon as they arrived, Judas walked up to Jesus. "Rabbi!" he exclaimed, and gave him the kiss.	47 (b) Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a kiss.		
	50 (a) Jesus said, "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for."		48 But Jesus said, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"		
				4 (b) "Who are you looking for?" he asked.	
				5 "Jesus the Nazarene," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.)	
				6 As Jesus said "I am he," they all drew back and fell to the ground!	
				7 Once more he asked them, "Who are you looking for?" And again they replied, "Jesus the Nazarene."	
				8 "I told you that I am he," Jesus said. "And since I am the one you want, let these others go."	
				9 He did this to fulfill his own statement: "I did not lose a single one of those you have given me."	

	50 (b) Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him.	46 Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him.			
			49 When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, "Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!"		
	51 But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.	47 But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.	50 And one of them struck at the high priest's slave, slashing off his right ear.	10 Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest's slave.	
	52 "Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword.		51 But Jesus said, "No more of this." And he touched the man's ear and healed him.	11 But Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Shall I not drink from the cup of suffering the Father has given me?"	
	53 Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?				
	54 But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?"				
	55 (a) Then Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I some dangerous revolutionary, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me?"	48 Jesus asked them, "Am I some dangerous revolutionary, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me?"	52 Then Jesus spoke to the leading priests, the captains of the Temple guard, and the elders who had come for him. "Am I some dangerous revolutionary," he asked,		

			"that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me?"		
	55 (b) Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there teaching every day.	49 (a) Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there among you teaching every day.	53 (a) Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there every day.		
	56 (a) But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures."	49 (b) But these things are happening to fulfill what the Scriptures say about me."	53 (b) But this is your moment, the time when the power of darkness reigns."		
	56 (b) At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled.	50 Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away.			
		51 One young man following behind was clothed only in a long linen shirt. When the mob tried to grab him,			
		52 he slipped out of his shirt and ran away naked.			
JESUS BEFORE ANNAS & CAIAPHAS	26:57-68	14:53-54	22:54-55, 63-65	18:12-24	
	57 (a) Then the people who had arrested Jesus	53 (a) They took Jesus	54 (a) So they arrested him	12 So the soldiers, their commanding officer, and the Temple guards arrested Jesus and tied him up.	
	57 (b) led him to the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of religious law and the elders had gathered.	53 (b) to the high priest's home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered.	54 (b) and led him to the high priest's home.	13 First they took him to Annas, since he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest at that time.	

				14 Caiaphas was the one who had told the other Jewish leaders, "It's better that one man should die for the people."	<i>See ch. 11:49-53.</i>
	58 Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and came to the high priest's courtyard. He went in and sat with the guards and waited to see how it would all end.	54 (a) Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard.	54 (c) And Peter followed at a distance.	15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another of the disciples. That other disciple was acquainted with the high priest, so he was allowed to enter the high priest's courtyard with Jesus.	
		54 (b) There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire.	55 The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there.		
				16 Peter had to stay outside the gate. Then the disciple who knew the high priest spoke to the woman watching at the gate, and she let Peter in.	<i>John broke down Peter's denial in three parts, while Matthew, Mark, and Luke summarized it later.</i>
				17 The woman asked Peter, "You're not one of that man's disciples, are you?" "No," he said, "I am not."	
				18 Because it was cold, the household servants and the guards had made a charcoal fire. They stood around it,	

				warming themselves, and Peter stood with them, warming himself.	
	59 Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find witnesses who would lie about Jesus, so they could put him to death.	55 Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn't find any.		19 Inside, the high priest began asking Jesus about his followers and what he had been teaching them.	
	60 (a) But even though they found many who agreed to give false witness, they could not use anyone's testimony.	56 Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other.			
				20 Jesus replied, "Everyone knows what I teach. I have preached regularly in the synagogues and the Temple, where the people gather. I have not spoken in secret.	
				21 Why are you asking me this question? Ask those who heard me. They know what I said."	
	60 (b) Finally, two men came forward	57 Finally, some men stood up and gave this false testimony:			
	61 who declared, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the Temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"	58 "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this Temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another, made without human hands.'"			

		59 But even then they didn't get their stories straight!			
	62 Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?"	60 Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, "Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?"			
	63 But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I demand in the name of the living God—tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."	61 But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"			
	64 Jesus replied, "You have said it. And in the future you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven."	62 Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven."			
	65 (a) Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, "Blasphemy! Why do we need other witnesses?"	63 Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, "Why do we need other witnesses?"			
	65 (b) You have all heard his blasphemy.	64 (a) You have all heard his blasphemy.			
	66 What is your verdict?" "Guilty!" they shouted. "He deserves to die!"	64 (b) What is your verdict?" "Guilty!" they all cried. "He deserves to die!"			

	67 Then they began to spit in Jesus' face and beat him with their fists. And some slapped him,	65 (a) Then some of them began to spit at him, and they blindfolded him and beat him with their fists.	63 The guards in charge of Jesus began mocking and beating him.	22 Then one of the Temple guards standing nearby slapped Jesus across the face. "Is that the way to answer the high priest?" he demanded.	<i>Luke alternated Peter's denial and the soldier's mocking of Jesus.</i>
	68 jeering, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who hit you that time?"	65 (b) "Prophecy to us," they jeered. And the guards slapped him	64 They blindfolded him and said, "Prophecy to us! Who hit you that time?"		
			65 And they hurled all sorts of terrible insults at him.		
				23 Jesus replied, "If I said anything wrong, you must prove it. But if I'm speaking the truth, why are you beating me?"	
		65 (c) as they took him away.		24 Then Annas bound Jesus and sent him to Caiaphas, the high priest.	
PETER DENIES CHRIST	26:69-75	14:66-72	22:56-62	18:25-27	
	69 (a) Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over	66 Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by		25 (a) Meanwhile, as Simon Peter was standing by the fire warming himself,	<i>All four gospels have Peter denying Christ three times. John included Peter's first denial earlier than the rest.</i>
	69 (b) and said to him, "You were one of those with Jesus the Galilean."	67 and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said, "You	56 A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, "This	25 (b) they asked him again, "You're not one of his disciples, are you?"	<i>Luke summarized Peter's denial earlier than Matthew and Mark.</i>

		were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth.”	man was one of Jesus’ followers!”		
	70 But Peter denied it in front of everyone. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.	68 But Peter denied it. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed.	57 But Peter denied it. “Woman,” he said, “I don’t even know him!”	25 (c) He denied it, saying, “No, I am not.”	
	71 Later, out by the gate, another servant girl noticed him and said to those standing around, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”	69 When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, “This man is definitely one of them!”	58 (a) After a while someone else looked at him and said, “You must be one of them!”	26 But one of the household slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Didn’t I see you out there in the olive grove with Jesus?”	
	72 Again Peter denied it, this time with an oath. “I don’t even know the man,” he said.	70 (a) But Peter denied it again.	58 (b) “No, man, I’m not!” Peter retorted.		
	73 A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, “You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent.”	70 (b) A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, “You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean.”	59 About an hour later someone else insisted, “This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too.”		
	74 (a) Peter swore, “A curse on me if I’m lying—I don’t know the man!”	71 Peter swore, “A curse on me if I’m lying—I don’t know this man you’re talking about!”	60 (a) But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about.”	27 (a) Again Peter denied it.	
	74 (b) And immediately the rooster crowed.	72 (a) And immediately the rooster crowed the second time.	60 (b) And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.	27 (b) And immediately a rooster crowed.	
	75 (a) Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before	72 (b) Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before	61 At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the		

	the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.”	the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.”	Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.”		
	75 (b) And he went away, weeping bitterly.	72 (c) And he broke down and wept.	62 And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.		
JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL			22:66-71		
JESUS DELIVERED TO PILATE	27:1-2, 11-14	15:1-5	23:1-5	18:28-32	
	Very early in the morning the leading priests and the elders of the people met again to lay plans for putting Jesus to death.	1 (a) Very early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law—the entire high council—met to discuss their next step.		28 (a) Jesus’ trial before Caiaphas ended in the early hours of the morning.	
	2 Then they bound him, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.	1 (b) They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.	Then the entire council took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor.	28 (b) Then he was taken to the headquarters of the Roman governor. His accusers didn’t go inside because it would defile them, and they wouldn’t be allowed to celebrate the Passover.	
				29 So Pilate, the governor, went out to them and asked, “What is your charge against this man?”	
			2 They began to state their case: “This man has	30 “We wouldn’t have handed him over to you	

			been leading our people astray by telling them not to pay their taxes to the Roman government and by claiming he is the Messiah, a king.”	if he weren’t a criminal!” they retorted.	
				31 “Then take him away and judge him by your own law,” Pilate told them. “Only the Romans are permitted to execute someone,” the Jewish leaders replied.	
				32 (This fulfilled Jesus’ prediction about the way he would die.)	
	11 Now Jesus was standing before Pilate, the Roman governor. “Are you the king of the Jews?” the governor asked him. Jesus replied, “You have said it.”	2 Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus replied, “You have said it.”	3 So Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus replied, “You have said it.”		
	12 But when the leading priests and the elders made their accusations against him, Jesus remained silent.	3 Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes,			
			4 Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, “I find nothing wrong with this man!”		
			5 Then they became insistent. “But he is		

			causing riots by his teaching wherever he goes—all over Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem!”		
	13 “Don’t you hear all these charges they are bringing against you?” Pilate demanded.	4 and Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?”			
	14 But Jesus made no response to any of the charges, much to the governor’s surprise.	5 But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate’s surprise.			
JUDAS’ SUICIDE	27:3-10				
JESUS BEFORE HEROD			23:6-16		
CROWD CHOOSES BARABBAS (REJECTS CHRIST)	27:15-21	15:6-11	23:17-21	18:39-40	
	15 Now it was the governor’s custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner to the crowd—anyone they wanted.	6 Now it was the governor’s custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner—anyone the people requested.	17 Now it was necessary for him to release one prisoner to them during the Passover celebration.		<i>Most reliable manuscripts are missing Luke 23:17</i>
	16 This year there was a notorious prisoner, a man named Barabbas.	7 One of the prisoners at that time was Barabbas, a revolutionary who had committed murder in an uprising.	19 (Barabbas was in prison for taking part in an insurrection in Jerusalem against the government, and for murder.)		
	17 (a) As the crowds gathered before Pilate’s house that morning, he asked them, “Which one	8 The crowd went to Pilate and asked him to release a prisoner as usual.	18 Then a mighty roar rose from the crowd, and with one voice they		

	do you want me to release to you— Barabbas,		shouted, “Kill him, and release Barabbas to us!”		
	17 (b) or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”	9 “Would you like me to release to you this ‘King of the Jews’?” Pilate asked.	20 Pilate argued with them, because he wanted to release Jesus.		
	18 (He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.)	10 (For he realized by now that the leading priests had arrested Jesus out of envy.)			
	19 Just then, as Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message: “Leave that innocent man alone. I suffered through a terrible nightmare about him last night.”				
	20 Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be put to death.	11 But at this point the leading priests stirred up the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus.	21 But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”		
	21 So the governor asked again, “Which of these two do you want me to release to you?” The crowd shouted back, “Barabbas!”				
PILATE’S SENTENCE & BARABBAS’ RELEASE	27:22-25	15:12-15	23:22-25		
	22 (a) Pilate responded, “Then what should I do	12 Pilate asked them, “Then what should I do	22 For the third time he demanded, “Why? What		

	with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"	with this man you call the king of the Jews?"	crime has he committed? I have found no reason to sentence him to death. So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him."		
	22 (b) They shouted back, "Crucify him!"	13 They shouted back, "Crucify him!"	23 But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed.		
	23 "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?" But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"	14 "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?" But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"			
	24 Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!"				
	25 And all the people yelled back, "We will take responsibility for his death—we and our children!"				
			24 So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded.		
	26 (a) So Pilate released Barabbas to them.	15 (a) So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them.	25 As they had requested, he released Barabbas, the man in		

			prison for insurrection and murder. But he turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished.		
JESUS FLOGGED AND MOCKED	27:26-31	15:15-20		19:1-3	
	26 (b) He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.	15 (b) He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.		1 Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip.	
	27 Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment.	16 The soldiers took Jesus into the courtyard of the governor's headquarters (called the Praetorium) and called out the entire regiment.			
	28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him.	17 (a) They dressed him in a purple robe,			
	29 (a) They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter.	17 (b) and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head.		2 The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him.	
	29 (b) Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!"	18 Then they saluted him and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!"		3 (a) "Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked,	
	30 And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it.	19 And they struck him on the head with a reed stick, spit on him, and dropped to their knees in mock worship.		3 (b) as they slapped him across the face.	

JESUS PRESENTED TO CROWD				19:4-15	
THE CRUCIFIXION	27:31-44	15:20-32	23:26:43	19:16-27	
	31 When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.	20 When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.		16 Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus away.	
	32 Along the way, they came across a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross.	21 A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.)	26 As they led Jesus away, a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, happened to be coming in from the countryside. The soldiers seized him and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.	17 (a) Carrying the cross by himself,	
			27 A large crowd trailed behind, including many grief-stricken women.		
			28 But Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.		
			29 For the days are coming when they will say, 'Fortunate indeed are the women who are childless, the wombs that have not borne a child and the breasts that have never nursed.'		

			30 People will beg the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and plead with the hills, 'Bury us.		
			' 31 For if these things are done when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"		
			32 Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him.		
	33 And they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull").	22 And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull").	33 (a) When they came to a place called The Skull,	17 (b) he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha).	
			33 (b) they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.	18 There they nailed him to the cross. Two others were crucified with him, one on either side, with Jesus between them.	
	34 The soldiers gave Jesus wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it.	23 They offered him wine drugged with myrrh, but he refused it.			
	35 (a) After they had nailed him to the cross,	24 (a) Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross.	34 (a) Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."	23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus,	(John's vv. 23-24 shared here for comparison.)
	35 (b) the soldiers gambled for his clothes	24 (b) They divided his clothes	34 (b) And the soldiers gambled for his clothes	they divided his clothes among the four of them. They also took his robe, but it was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.	

	35 (c) by throwing dice.	24 (c) and threw dice to decide who would get each piece.	34 (c) by throwing dice.	24 So they said, "Rather than tearing it apart, let's throw dice for it." This fulfilled the Scripture that says, "They divided my garments among themselves and threw dice for my clothing." So that is what they did.	<i>John cited Psalm 22:18.</i>
	36 Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there.				
		25 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.			
	37 A sign was fastened above Jesus' head, announcing the charge against him. It read: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."	26 A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews."	38 A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."	19 And Pilate posted a sign on the cross that read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."	<i>(Luke's v. 38 shared here for comparison)</i>
				20 The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people could read it.	
				21 Then the leading priests objected and said to Pilate, "Change it from 'The King of the Jews' to 'He said, I am King of the Jews.'"	

				22 Pilate replied, "No, what I have written, I have written."	
	38 Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.	27 Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.			
				25 Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene.	
				26 When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son."	
				27 And he said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home.	
	39 The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery.	29 (a) The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery.			
	40 (a) "Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days.	29 (b) "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days.			
	40 (b) Well then, if you are the Son of God, save	30 Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!"			

	yourself and come down from the cross!”				
	41 The leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders also mocked Jesus.	31 (a) The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus.	35 (a) The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed.		
	42 “He saved others,” they scoffed, “but he can’t save himself! So he is the King of Israel, is he? Let him come down from the cross right now, and we will believe in him!”	31 (b) “He saved others,” they scoffed, “but he can’t save himself!”	35 (b) “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”		
			36 The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine.		
	43 He trusted God, so let God rescue him now if he wants him! For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”	32 (a) Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!”	37 They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”		
	44 Even the revolutionaries who were crucified with him ridiculed him in the same way.	32 (b) Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him.			
			39 One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”		
			40 But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you		

			have been sentenced to die?		
			41 We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong."		
			42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."		
			43 And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."		
THE DEATH OF CHRIST	27:45-56	15:33-41	23:44-49	19:28-37	
	45 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.	33 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.	44 By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.		
	46 At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"	34 Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"			
				28 Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty."	
	47 Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah.	35 Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah.			

	48 One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink.	36 (a) One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink.		29 A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips.	
	49 But the rest said, "Wait! Let's see whether Elijah comes to save him."	36 (b) "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!"			
	50 Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit.	37 Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last.	46 Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last.	30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.	<i>Luke's v. 46 shared here for comparison</i>
	51 At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart,	38 And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.	45 The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle.		
	52 and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead.				
	53 They left the cemetery after Jesus' resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people.				
	54 The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that	39 When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This	47 When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped		

	had happened. They said, "This man truly was the Son of God!"	man truly was the Son of God!"	God and said, "Surely this man was innocent."		
			48 And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow.		
	55 And many women who had come from Galilee with Jesus to care for him were watching from a distance.	40 Some women were there, watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James the younger and of Joseph), and Salome.	49 But Jesus' friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching.		
	56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James and Joseph), and the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee.	41 They had been followers of Jesus and had cared for him while he was in Galilee. Many other women who had come with him to Jerusalem were also there.			
				31 It was the day of preparation, and the Jewish leaders didn't want the bodies hanging there the next day, which was the Sabbath (and a very special Sabbath, because it was Passover week). So they asked Pilate to hasten their deaths by ordering that their legs be broken. Then their	

				bodies could be taken down.	
				32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men crucified with Jesus.	
				33 But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs.	
				34 One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out.	
				35 (This report is from an eyewitness giving an accurate account. He speaks the truth so that you also may continue to believe.)	
				36 These things happened in fulfillment of the Scriptures that say, "Not one of his bones will be broken,"	
				37 and "They will look on the one they pierced."	
JESUS' BURIAL	27:57-66	15:42-47	23:50-56	19:38-42	
		42 This all happened on Friday, the day of preparation, the day before the Sabbath. As evening approached,			

	57 As evening approached, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who had become a follower of Jesus,	43 (a) Joseph of Arimathea took a risk	50 Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph. He was a member of the Jewish high council,	38 (a) Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders),	
			51 but he had not agreed with the decision and actions of the other religious leaders. He was from the town of Arimathea in Judea, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.		
	58 went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him.	43 (b) and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. (Joseph was an honored member of the high council, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.)	52 He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.	38 (b) asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body.	
		44 Pilate couldn't believe that Jesus was already dead, so he called for the Roman officer and asked if he had died yet.			
		45 The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body.		38 (c) When Pilate gave permission,	
	59 Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth.	46 (a) Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth,	53 (a) Then he took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a long sheet of linen cloth	38 (d) Joseph came and took the body away.	
				39 With him came Nicodemus, the man	

				who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes.	
				40 Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth.	
				41 The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before.	
	60 He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left.	46 (b) and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance.	53 (b) and laid it in a new tomb that had been carved out of rock.	42 And so, because it was the day of preparation for the Jewish Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.	
			54 This was done late on Friday afternoon, the day of preparation, as the Sabbath was about to begin.		
	61 Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching.	47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.	55 As his body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where his body was placed.		
			56 Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint his body. But by the time		

			they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law.		
	62 The next day, on the Sabbath, the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate.				
	63 They told him, "Sir, we remember what that deceiver once said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise from the dead.'				
	64 So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead! If that happens, we'll be worse off than we were at first."				
	65 Pilate replied, "Take guards and secure it the best you can."				
	66 So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it.				
CHRIST'S RESURRECTION!	28:1-10	16:1-11	24:1-12	20:1-18	
	1 (a) Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary	1 Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of	1 But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the	1 (a) Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary	

	Magdalene and the other Mary	James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body.	tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.	Magdalene came to the tomb	
	1 (b) went out to visit the tomb.	2 Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb.			
		3 On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"			
	2 Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it.				
		4 But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.	2 They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.	1 (b) and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.	
		5 (a) When they entered the tomb,	3 So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus.		
	3 His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow.	5 (b) they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked,	4 As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.		
	4 The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.				

	5 Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified."	6 (a) but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified."	5 The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?"		
	6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.	6 (b) He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body.	6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee,		
			7 that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."		
	7 And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."	7 Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."			
			8 Then they remembered that he had said this.		
	8 The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give	8 (a) The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone	9 So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened.	2 She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of	

	the disciples the angel's message.	because they were too frightened.		the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"	
			10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened.		
	9 And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him.				
	10 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."				
		8 (b) Then they briefly reported all this to Peter and his companions. Afterward Jesus himself sent them out from east to west with the sacred and unfailing message of salvation that gives eternal life. Amen.			Early manuscripts are missing Mark 8b-20.
		9 After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons.			

		10 She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened.			
		11 But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her.	11 But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it.		
			12 (a) However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look.	3 Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb.	
				4 They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.	
				5 He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in.	
			12 (b) Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings;	6 Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there,	
				7 while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings.	
				8 Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed—	
				9 for until then they still hadn't understood the	

				Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead.	
			12 (c) then he went home again, wondering what had happened.	10 Then they went home.	
JESUS APPEARS TO MARY MAGDELENE				20:11-18	
DISCIPLES GOING TO EMMAUS		16:12-13	24:13-35		
		12 Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country.	13 That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem.		
			14 As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened.		
			15 As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them.		
			16 But God kept them from recognizing him.		
			17 He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces.		
			18 Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You		

			must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."		
			19 "What things?" Jesus asked. "The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people.		
			20 But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him.		
			21 We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.		
			22 "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report.		
			23 They said his body was missing, and they		

			had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive!		
			24 Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."		
			25 Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures.		
			26 Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?"		
			27 Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.		
			28 By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on,		
			29 but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them.		

			30 As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them.		
			31 Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!		
			32 They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"		
		13 (a) They rushed back to tell the others,	33 And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them,		
			34 who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."		
			35 Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.		
		13 (b) but no one believed them.			

THE JEWS' COVER-UP ATTEMPT	28:11-15				
JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES (TWICE)		16:14	24:36-46	20:19-29	
		14 (a) Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together.	36 And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said.	19 That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said.	
			37 But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!		
			38 "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt?"		
			39 Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."		
			40 As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.	20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!	

			41 Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"		
			42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,		
			43 and he ate it as they watched.		
			44 Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled."		
			45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.		
			46 And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.		
				21 Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."	(Also known as John's "Great Commission," included later.)
				22 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.	
				23 If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not	

				forgive them, they are not forgiven."	
				24 One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came.	
				25 They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."	
				26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said.	
				27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"	
				28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.	

		14 (b) He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.		29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."	
JOHN'S PURPOSE FOR WRITING (LIFE IN JESUS' NAME)				20:30-31	
JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES (SEA OF GALILEE)				21:1-14	When reading v. 6, see Luke 5:1-11 . (The "Sea of Tiberias" was another name for the "Sea of Galilee" according to John 6:1)
JESUS REINSTATES PETER				21:15-25	
THE GREAT COMMISSION	28:16-20	16:15-18	24:47-49	20:21	
	16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.				
	17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!				
	18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.				
	19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the	15 And then he told them, "Go into all the	47 It was also written that this message would	21 Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the	

	nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.	world and preach the Good News to everyone.	be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'	Father has sent me, so I am sending you."	
		16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.			
		17 These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.			
		18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."			
	20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."				
			48 You are witnesses of all these things.		
			49 "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But		

			stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”		
JESUS’ ASCENSION		16:19-20	24:50-53		
		19 (a) When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them,	50 Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them.		
		19 (b) he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God’s right hand.	51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.		
			52 So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy.		
			53 And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.		
		20 And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.			
					<i>Extra notes: Acts 1:3 says Jesus spent 40 days with the disciples before His ascension.</i>
					<i>Also, before the ascension, Jesus had appeared to</i>

					500 witnesses at once! (1 Cor. 15:6)
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*Wasn't that amazing? The **GOOD NEWS** of Jesus is beautiful!*