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1 BOOK OF THE GENESIS OF **IESOUS CHRISTOS**, SON OF DAVID, SON OF ABRAHAM.

2 **ABRAHAM** BEGAT ISAAC, AND

ISAAC BEGAT JACOB, AND

JACOB BEGAT JUDAH AND HIS BROTHERS, 3 AND

JUDAH BEGAT PEREZ AND ZARA OF TAMAR, AND

PEREZ BEGAT ESROM, AND

ESROM BEGAT ARAM, 4 AND

ARAM BEGAT AMINADAB, AND

AMINADAB BEGAT NAASSON, AND

NAASSON BEGAT SALMON, 5 AND

SALMON BEGAT BOAZ OF RAHAB, AND

BOAZ BEGAT OBED OF RUTH, AND

OBED BEGAT JESSE, 6 AND

JESSE BEGAT **DAVID** THE KING,

AND **DAVID** THE KING BEGAT SOLOMON OF HER OF URIAH, 7 AND

SOLOMON BEGAT REHOBOAM, AND

REHOBOAM BEGAT ABIJAH, AND

ABIJAH BEGAT ASA, 8 AND

ASA BEGAT JEHOSHAPHAT, AND

JEHOSHAPHAT BEGAT JORAM, AND

JORAM BEGAT UZZIAH, 9 AND

UZZIAH BEGAT JOTHAM, AND

JOTHAM BEGAT AHAZ, AND

AHAZ BEGAT HEZEKIAH, 10 AND

HEZEKIAH BEGAT MANASSEH, AND

MANASSEH BEGAT AMON, AND

AMON BEGAT JOSIAH, 11 AND

JOSIAH BEGAT

JECHONIAH AND HIS BROTHERS IN THE TIME OF THE DISPLACEMENT TO BABYLON,

12 AND AFTER THE DISPLACEMENT TO BABYLON, **JECHONIAH** BEGAT SHEALTIEL, AND

SHEALTIEL BEGAT ZERUBBABEL, 13 AND

ZERUBBABEL BEGAT ABIUD, AND

ABIUD BEGAT ELIAKIM, AND

ELIAKIM BEGAT AZOR, 14 AND

AZOR BEGAT SADOC, AND

SADOC BEGAT ACHIM, AND

ACHIM BEGAT ELIUD, 15 AND

ELIUD BEGAT ELEAZAR, AND

ELEAZAR BEGAT MATTHAN, AND

MATTHAN BEGAT JACOB, 16 AND

JACOB BEGAT

JOSEPH THE HUSBAND OF MARY OF WHOM WAS BORN

IESOUS, THE ONE BEING CALLED **CHRISTOS**.

17 THEN ALL THE GENERATIONS FROM ABRAHAM TO DAVID ARE FOURTEEN GENERATIONS, AND FROM DAVID TO THE DISPLACEMENT TO BABYLON ARE FOURTEEN GENERATIONS, AND FROM THE DISPLACEMENT TO BABYLON TO THE CHRISTOS ARE FOURTEEN GENERATIONS.

18 NOW THE BIRTH OF **IESOUS CHRISTOS** WAS THUS: HIS MOTHER MARY HAD BEEN BETROTHED TO JOSEPH, BUT BEFORE THEIR COMING TOGETHER, SHE WAS FOUND HAVING CONCEIVED FROM **THE HOLY SPIRIT**.
19 AND JOSEPH HER HUSBAND, BEING JUST AND NOT WILLING TO EXPOSE HER, WAS MINDED TO DISMISS HER IN PRIVATE. 20 WHILE HE WAS PONDERING OVER THESE THINGS, BEHOLD, AN ANGEL OF KYRIOS APPEARED TO HIM IN A DREAM, SAYING:

"JOSEPH SON OF DAVID, DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ACCEPT MARY THE WIFE OF YOU,
FOR THAT BEGOTTEN IN HER BY **THE SPIRIT IS HOLY**.
21 AND SHE WILL BRING FORTH A SON, AND YOU WILL CALL HIS NAME IESOUS,
FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."

22 BUT ALL THIS HAPPENED, THAT MIGHT BE FULFILLED **WHAT** HAD BEEN DECLARED BY KYRIOS THROUGH THE PROPHET, SAYING:

23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND WILL BRING FORTH A SON,
AND THEY WILL CALL HIS NAME **EMMANUEL**,
WHICH IS BEING TRANSLATED: THEOS WITH US."

24 WHEN JOSEPH WAS BEING ROUSED FROM HIS SLEEP, HE DID AS THE ANGEL OF KYRIOS DIRECTED HIM, AND TOOK UNTO HIM HIS WIFE. 25 BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HER UNTIL SHE HAD BROUGHT FORTH A SON, AND HE CALLED HIS NAME IESOUS.

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1 AND IESOUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDAEA IN THE DAYS OF KING HEROD. BEHOLD, WISE MEN FROM THE EAST CAME TO JERUSALEM, 2 ASKING: "WHERE IS THE ONE HAVING BEEN BORN **KING OF THE JEWS** FOR WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING, AND WE CAME TO DO OBEISANCE TO HIM." 3 AND HAVING IT HEARD, KING HEROD WAS TROUBLED AND ALL JERUSALEM WITH HIM. 4 AND ASSEMBLING ALL THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES OF THE PEOPLE, HE WAS INQUIRING OF THEM WHERE THE CHRISTOS IS BEING BORN. 5 AND THEY SAID TO HIM: "IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDAEA, FOR SO IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN BY THE PROPHET:

6 "AND YOU, BETHLEHEM LAND OF JUDAH,
IN NO RESPECT ARE YOU LEAST AMONG THE GOVERNORS OF JUDAH,
FOR OUT OF YOU WILL COME ONE LEADING,
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL."

7 THEN HEROD, HAVING CALLED THE WISE MEN PRIVATELY, REQUESTED FROM THEM THE TIME THE STAR WAS APPEARING. 8 AND HAVING SENT THEM TO BETHLEHEM, HE SAID: "BE GONE, INQUIRE METICULOUSLY CONCERNING THE CHILD, AND WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND HIM, REPORT TO ME SO THAT I MIGHT ALSO COME TO WORSHIP HIM."

9 NOW HAVING HEARD THE KING, THEY WENT AND BEHOLD, THE STAR WHICH THEY PERCEIVED AT ITS RISING, WAS GOING BEFORE THEM, UNTIL HAVING SET, IT STOOD ABOVE WHERE THE CHILD WAS. 10 AND HAVING SEEN THE STAR, THEY HAILED EXCEEDINGLY GREAT JOY. 11 AND HAVING COME INTO THE HOUSE, THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER, AND HAVING FALLEN DOWN, THEY DID OBEISANCE TO HIM, AND HAVING OPENED THEIR TREASURES, THEY PRESENTED GIFTS TO HIM: GOLD AND FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH. 12 AND HAVING BEEN ADMONISHED THROUGH A DREAM TO NOT GO BACK TO HEROD, THEY DEPARTED TO THEIR COUNTRY BY ANOTHER ROUTE.

13AND THEY HAVING DEPARTED, BEHOLD, AN ANGEL OF KYRIOS APPEARED TO JOSEPH BY DREAM, SAYING:

"ARISE, TAKE ALONG THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER,
AND FLEE TO EGYPT! AND BE THERE UNTIL I MAY SPEAK TO YOU.
FOR HEROD IS ABOUT TO SEEK THE CHILD, TO DESTROY HIM."

14AND HAVING RISEN, HE TOOK ALONG THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER BY NIGHT AND DEPARTED TO EGYPT.
15AND HE WAS THERE UNTIL THE DEATH OF HEROD, THAT MIGHT BE FULFILLED WHAT HAD BEEN DECLARED
BY KYRIOS THROUGH THE PROPHET, SAYING:

"OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON."

16THEN HEROD, HAVING SEEN THAT HE HAD BEEN DELUDED BY THE WISE MEN, WAS VERY ANGRY. AND
HAVING SENT OUT, HE MURDERED ALL THE MALE CHILDREN IN BETHLEHEM AND IN ALL ITS BOUNDARIES,
FROM TWO YEARS AND YOUNGER, ACCORDING TO THE TIME WHICH HE HAD DETERMINED BY THE WISE MEN.
17THEN WAS FULFILLED, WHAT HAD BEEN DECLARED THROUGH THE PROPHET JEREMIAH, SAYING:

18"AN OUTCRY WAS HEARD IN RAMA,
WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING.
RACHEL IS BEWAILING HER CHILDREN
AND SHE WOULD NOT BE CONSOLED,
FOR THEY ARE NOT."

19AND HEROD HAVING DIED, BEHOLD, AN ANGEL OF KYRIOS APPEARED TO JOSEPH IN A DREAM IN EGYPT,
SAYING:

20"ARISE, TAKE ALONG THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER, AND GO INTO THE LAND OF ISRAEL,
FOR THE ONES SEEKING THE SOUL OF THE CHILD HAVE DIED."

21AND HAVING ARISEN, HE TOOK ALONG THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER AND CAME INTO THE LAND OF ISRAEL.

22AND HAVING HEARD THAT ARCHELAUS IS REIGNING JUDAEA INSTEAD OF HIS FATHER HEROD, HE WAS
AFRAID TO GO THERE. AND HAVING BEEN ADMONISHED THROUGH A DREAM, HE DEPARTED TO THE REGIONS
OF GALILEE. 23AND HAVING ENTERED, HE DWELT IN A TOWN CALLED NAZARETH, SO THAT MIGHT BE
FULFILLED WHAT HAD BEEN DECLARED THROUGH THE PROPHETS: "FOR HE WILL BE CALLED A NAZARENE."

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1AND IN THOSE DAYS CAME JOHN THE BAPTIST, PROCLAIMING IN THE WILDERNESS OF JUDAEA. 2AND HE WAS
CALLING:

"REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS HAS DRAWN NEAR!"

3FOR THIS IS THE ONE SPOKEN OF BY THE PROPHET ISAIAH, SAYING:

'A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,
PREPARE THE WAY OF KYRIOS,
MAKE HIS PATHS PLAIN!"

4AND THIS JOHN HAD HIS APPAREL OF CAMEL'S HAIR AND A GIRDLE OF LEATHER AROUND HIS WAIST. AND
HIS FOOD WAS LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY. 5THEN JERUSALEM AND ALL JUDAEA WAS GOING OUT TO HIM, AND

THE ENTIRE VICINITY OF THE JORDAN. 6AND THEY WERE BEING BAPTIZED BY HIM IN THE JORDAN RIVER, CONFESSING THEIR SINS.

7AND HAVING NOTICED MANY OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES COMING TO HIS BAPTISM, HE SAID TO THEM: "BROODS OF VIPERS! WHO ADMONISHED YOU TO FLEE FROM THE COMING WRATH? 8PRODUCE THEREFORE FRUITS WORTHY OF REPENTANCE! 9AND DO NOT PRETEND TO TELL AMONG YOURSELVES: 'WE HAVE THE FATHER ABRAHAM.' FOR I TELL YOU THAT THEOS IS ABLE TO HAVE RISEN CHILDREN OUT OF THESE STONES TO ABRAHAM. 10AND THE AX IS ALREADY LYING BEFORE THE ROOT OF THE TREES. THEREFORE EVERY TREE NOT YIELDING GOOD FRUIT IS BEING CUT DOWN AND BEING THROWN INTO FIRE.

11FORASMUCH AS I AM BAPTIZING YOU IN WATER CONCERNING REPENTANCE, YET THE ONE COMING AFTER ME IS STRONGER THAN ME, OF WHOM I AM NOT WORTHY TO UNTIE THE SANDALS. HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU IN HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE, 12WITH THE WINNOWING FAN IN HIS HAND. AND HE WILL THOROUGHLY CLEANSE HIS THRESHING-FLOOR AND WILL GATHER HIS WHEAT INTO THE STOREHOUSE. BUT THE CHAFF HE WILL BURN UP IN UNQUENCHABLE FIRE."

13THEN CAME IESOUS FROM GALILEE TOWARDS JOHN AT THE JORDAN, TO BE BAPTIZED BY HIM. 14BUT JOHN WAS HINDERING HIM, EXPOUNDING: "I HAVE NEED TO BE BAPTIZED BY YOU, AND YOU COME TO ME?" 15WHEN IESOUS WAS ANSWERING, HE SPOKE TO HIM: "YIELD NOW, FOR THUS IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR US TO FULFILL ALL JUSTIFICATION." THEN HE YIELDED TO HIM.

16AND HAVING BEEN BAPTIZED, IESOUS ASCENDED IMMEDIATELY FROM THE WATER. AND BEHOLD, THE HEAVENS WERE OPENED, AND HE BEHELD THE SPIRIT OF THEOS DESCENDING AS A DOVE AND COMING UPON HIM. 17AND BEHOLD, A VOICE CALLING OUT OF THE HEAVENS:

"THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED IN WHOM I DELIGHT."

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1THEN IESOUS WAS LED UP INTO THE WILDERNESS BY THE SPIRIT, TO BE TRIED BY THE DEVIL. 2AND HAVING FASTED FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS, HE EVENTUALLY WAS HUNGRY. 3AND THE ONE TRYING HAVING APPROACHED HIM, SAID: "IF YOU ARE THE SON OF THEOS, YOU MUST HAVE ORDERED THAT THESE STONES BECAME BREADS." 4AND ANSWERING, HE SPOKE: **"IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN**

NOT ON BREAD ALONE A MAN WILL LIVE,
BUT ON EVERY WORD PROCEEDING FROM THE MOUTH OF THEOS."

5THEN THE DEVIL TOOK HIM TO THE HOLY CITY. AND HE PLACED HIM ON THE PINNACLE OF THE SACRED PLACE. 6AND HE TOLD HIM: "IF YOU ARE THE SON OF THEOS, CAST YOURSELF DOWN. FOR IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN,

THAT HIS ANGELS WILL BE DIRECTED CONCERNING YOU,
AND THEY WILL RAISE YOU ON HANDS,
LEST YOU WOULD STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE."

7AGAIN IESOUS WAS REVEALING TO HIM: **"IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN**

YOU WILL NOT CHALLENGE KYRIOS YOUR THEOS."

8ONCE AGAIN TOOK HIM THE DEVIL TO A VERY HIGH MOUNTAIN, AND HE SHOWED HIM ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD AND THEIR SPLENDOUR. 9AND HE SAID TO HIM: "ALL THESE I WILL GIVE TO YOU, IF YOU

WOULD FALL DOWN WORSHIPPING ME." 10 THEN IESOUS CALLED HIM: "SATAN, GO AWAY! FOR **IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN**

"YOU WILL WORSHIP KYRIOS YOUR THEOS, AND ONLY HIM YOU WILL SERVE."

11 THEN THE DEVIL LEFT HIM, AND BEHOLD, ANGELS APPROACHED AND WERE MINISTERING TO HIM.

12 AND HAVING HEARD THAT JOHN HAD BEEN ARRESTED, HE DEPARTED TO GALILEE. 13 HAVING LEFT NAZARETH AND ENTERING, HE DWELT IN CAPERNAUM BESIDE THE LAKE, WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ZEBULUN AND NEPHTALI, 14 SO THAT MIGHT BE FULFILLED **WHAT** WAS BEING DECLARED THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH, SAYING:

15 "LAND OF ZEBULUN AND LAND OF NEPHTALI,
LAKE ROAD BEYOND THE JORDAN,
GALILEE OF THE NATIONS!

16 THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DWELLING IN DARKNESS,
PERCEIVED A GREAT LIGHT,
AND TO THE ONES DWELLING IN A LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH,
LIGHT AROSE TO THEM."

17 SINCE THEN, IESOUS BEGAN TO PROCLAIM AND TO CALL: "REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS HAS DRAWN NEAR."

18 AND WALKING BY THE LAKE OF GALILEE, HE NOTICED TWO BROTHERS, SIMON CALLED PETER [ROCK] AND ANDREW HIS BROTHER, CASTING A THROW-NET INTO THE LAKE, FOR THEY WERE FISHERMEN. 19 AND HE SAID TO THEM: "GO FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN." 20 AND HAVING LEFT IMMEDIATELY THE NETS, THEY FOLLOWED HIM. 21 AND HAVING ADVANCED FROM THERE, HE NOTICED TWO OTHER BROTHERS, JACOB OF ZEBEDEE AND JOHN HIS BROTHER, IN THE BOAT WITH ZEBEDEE THEIR FATHER, SETTING UP THEIR NETS, AND HE CALLED THEM. 22 AND HAVING LEFT IMMEDIATELY THE BOAT AND THEIR FATHER, THEY FOLLOWED HIM.

23 AND HE WAS GOING THROUGH ALL GALILEE, TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES AND PROCLAIMING THE EVANGELIUM OF THE KINGDOM, AND HEALING EVERY DISEASE AND EVERY WEAKNESS AMONG THE PEOPLE. 24 AND HIS FAME SPREAD THROUGHOUT ALL SYRIA, AND THEY BROUGHT HIM ALL THE SICK, HAVING VARIOUS DISEASES AND CONSTRAINING AGONIES, BEING DEMONIZED AND LUNATICS, AND PARALYTICS, THEN HE CURED THEM. 25 AND THEY FOLLOWED HIM IN GREAT MULTITUDES, FROM GALILEE AND DECAPOLIS, AND JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA, AND BEYOND THE JORDAN.

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1 AND HAVING NOTICED THE MULTITUDES, HE ASCENDED AT THE MOUNTAIN, THEN HAVING SEATED HIMSELF, HIS DISCIPLES APPROACHED HIM. 2 AND HAVING OPENED HIS MOUTH, HE WAS TEACHING THEM, SAYING:

3 **FORTUNATE ARE** THOSE DESTITUTE **TO** THE SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS

4 **FORTUNATE ARE** THOSE MOURNING,
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED NEAR.

5 **FORTUNATE ARE** THE MEEK,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE LAND.

6 **FORTUNATE ARE** THOSE HUNGERING AND THIRSTING RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.

7**FORTUNATE ARE** THE COMPASSIONATE,
 FOR THEY WILL RECEIVE MERCY
 8**FORTUNATE ARE** THE PURE IN HEART,
 FOR THEY WILL SEE THEOS
 9**FORTUNATE ARE** THE PEACEMAKERS,
 FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED SONS OF THEOS.
 10**FORTUNATE ARE** THOSE HAVING BEEN PERSECUTED ON ACCOUNT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
 FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS
 11**FORTUNATE ARE** YOU, WHENEVER THEY MAY REVILE AND MAY PERSECUTE YOU,
 AND MAY SAY ANYTHING WICKED AGAINST YOU, LYING ON ACCOUNT OF ME
 12REJOICE AND EXULT! HOW GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN THE HEAVENS!
 FOR IN THIS WAY DID THEY PERSECUTE THE PROPHETS PRIOR TO YOU.

13YOU ARE THE **SALT OF THE EARTH**. BUT BY WHOM WILL IT BE SALTED, IF THE SALT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE TASTELESS? NOW IT IS GOOD FOR NOTHING, EXCEPT TO BE THROWN OUT, TO BE TRAMPLED ON BY MEN.

14YOU ARE THE **LIGHT OF THE WORLD**. A CITY BEING SET ON A MOUNTAIN CANNOT BE HIDDEN. 15NEITHER DO YOU LIGHT A LAMP AND PLACE IT UNDER A CASK, BUT ON THE LAMPSTAND, SO THAT IT SHINES TO ALL THOSE IN THE HOUSE. 16THUS LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN, SO THAT THEY MAY NOTICE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND MAY GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN THE HEAVENS.

17YOU SHOULD NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO DESTROY THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS. I HAVE NOT COME TO DESTROY BUT TO PERFECT. 18FOR TRULY I TELL YOU: EVEN WHEN THE HEAVEN AND THE WORLD SHOULD PASS AWAY, NOT EVEN ONE IOTA NOR ONE TITTLE MAY PASS FROM THE LAW, UNTIL ALL SHOULD HAVE COME TO PASS. 19WHOEVER THEN SHOULD LOOSEN ONE OF THESE COMMANDS IN THE LEAST, AND SHOULD TEACH MEN IN THIS WAY, WILL BE CALLED LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS. BUT WHOEVER SHOULD ABIDE BY AND TEACH, HE WILL BE CALLED GREAT IN THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS. 20FOR I TELL YOU THAT UNLESS YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SHOULD NOT GREATLY SURPASS THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, YOU MAY NEVER ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS.

21**YOU HEARD** THAT IT WAS DECLARED TO THE FIRST MEN:

YOU SHALL NOT MURDER,
 AND WHOEVER SHOULD MURDER, WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONDEMNATION.

22**BUT I TELL YOU**, THAT ANYONE BEING ENRAGED BY HIS BROTHER, WILL BE SUBJECT TO JUDGMENT. AND WHOEVER SHOULD SAY 'WORTHLESS' TO HIS BROTHER, WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE COUNCIL. AND WHOEVER SHOULD SAY 'FOOLISH', WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE FIRE OF GEHENNA. 23WHENEVER YOU SHOULD OFFER YOUR GIFT ON THE ALTAR AND THERE YOU SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT YOUR BROTHER HAS SOMETHING AGAINST YOU, 24LEAVE THERE YOUR GIFT IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR AND GO AWAY! FIRST RECONCILE WITH YOUR BROTHER, AND APPEARING THEN, OFFER YOUR GIFT. 25AGREE QUICKLY TO YOUR ACCUSER, EVEN WHILE YOU ARE ON THE ROAD WITH HIM. LEST THE ACCUSER MIGHT GIVE YOU TO THE JUDGE, AND THE JUDGE TO THE OFFICER, AND YOU WILL BE CAST INTO A PRISON. 26TRULY I TELL YOU: IN NO WAY MAY YOU COME OUT FROM THAT PLACE UNTIL YOU SHOULD HAVE PAID THE LAST PENNY.

27**YOU HEARD** THAT IT WAS DECLARED:

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

28**BUT I TELL YOU**, THAT ANYONE LOOKING AT A **MARRIED** WOMAN TO DESIRE HER, ALREADY COMMITTED ADULTERY TO HER IN HIS HEART. 29AND IF YOUR RIGHT EYE BEGUILDES YOU, PLUCK IT OUT AND THROW IT FROM YOU. FOR IT IS BETTER THAT YOU MIGHT LOSE ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS, AND NOT YOUR WHOLE BODY

SHOULD BE CAST INTO GEHENNA. ³⁰LIKewise, IF YOUR RIGHT HAND BEGUILes YOU, CUT IT OFF AND THROW IT FROM YOU. FOR IT IS BETTER THAT YOU MIGHT LOSE ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS, AND NOT YOUR WHOLE BODY SHOULD DEPART INTO GEHENNA.

31IT WAS ALSO DECLARED:

WHOEVER SHOULD ABANDON HIS WIFE, MUST GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE.

32BUT I TELL YOU, THAT ANYONE WHO SHOULD ABANDON HIS WIFE, EXCEPT ON THE GROUND OF UNCHASTITY, MAKES HER COMMIT ADULTERY. AND WHOEVER SHOULD MARRY ONE HAVING BEEN ABANDONED, COMMITS ADULTERY.

33FURTHERMORE, YOU HEARD THAT IT WAS DECLARED TO THE FIRST MEN:

YOU SHALL NOT SWEAR, AND YOU SHALL GIVE YOUR OATHS TO KYRIOS

34BUT I TELL YOU DO NOT SWEAR AT ALL - NEITHER BY HEAVEN, FOR IT IS THE THRONE OF THEOS - ³⁵NOR BY EARTH, FOR IT IS A FOOTSTOOL OF HIS FEET - NOR BY JERUSALEM, FOR IT IS THE GREAT KING'S CITY - ³⁶NOR SHOULD YOU SWEAR BY YOUR HEAD, FOR YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE ONE HAIR WHITE OR BLACK. ³⁷ BUT LET YOUR WORD BE: YES, YES - NO, NO! BUT BEYOND THAT, IT IS OUT OF WICKEDNESS.

38YOU HEARD THAT IT WAS DECLARED:

EYE FOR EYE, AND TOOTH FOR TOOTH.

39BUT I TELL YOU: DO NOT WITHSTAND EVIL. BUT ANYONE WHO SLAPS YOU ON YOUR RIGHT CHEEK, TURN TO HIM ALSO THE OTHER. ⁴⁰AND TO THE ONE DESIRING YOU TO BE PUNISHED AND TO OBTAIN YOUR TUNIC, LEAVE HIM ALSO THE COAT. ⁴¹AND ANYONE WHO WILL SEND YOU ONE MILE, GO WITH HIM TWO. ⁴²GIVE TO THE ONE ASKING YOU. AND YOU SHOULD NOT TURN AWAY THE ONE INTENDING TO BORROW FROM YOU.

43YOU HEARD THAT IT WAS DECLARED:

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND HATE YOUR ENEMY.

44BUT I TELL YOU: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THE ONES PERSECUTING YOU, ⁴⁵SO THAT YOU SHOULD BECOME SONS OF YOUR FATHER, THE ONE IN THE HEAVENS. FOR HIS SUN RISES UPON EVIL AND GOOD ONES, AND IT RAINS ON JUST AND UNJUST. ⁴⁶FOR IF YOU SHOULD LOVE THE ONES LOVING YOU, WHAT REWARD DO YOU HAVE? ARE NOT THE TAX COLLECTORS ALSO DOING THE SAME? ⁴⁷AND IF YOU SHOULD GREET ONLY YOUR BROTHERS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING BETTER? ARE NOT THE NATIONS ALSO DOING THE SAME?

⁴⁸YOU WILL THEREFORE BE PERFECT, EVEN AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT.

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¹BUT HEED TO NOT PERFORM YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE MEN, TO BE SEEN BY THEM. BUT IF NOT, YOU SURELY HAVE NO REWARD FROM YOUR FATHER, THE ONE IN THE HEAVENS. ²THEREFORE, WHENEVER YOU MAY DO CHARITY, YOU SHOULD NOT TRUMPET BEFORE YOU, JUST AS THE HYPOCRITES ARE DOING IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND IN THE STREETS, SO THAT THEY MIGHT BE HONOURED BY MEN. TRULY I TELL YOU: THEY ARE RECEIVING IN FULL THEIR REWARD. ³WHEN YOU ARE DOING CHARITY, LET NOT YOUR LEFT HAND KNOW, WHAT IS DOING YOUR RIGHT, ⁴SO THAT YOUR CHARITY MAY BE IN SECRET. AND YOUR FATHER, THE ONE PERCEIVING IN SECRET, WILL REWARD YOU.

5AND WHENEVER YOU MAY PRAY, YOU SHALL NOT BE LIKE THE HYPOCRITES. FOR THEY ARE FOND OF THE SYNAGOGUES AND OF THE CORNERS OF THE SQUARES, STANDING TO PRAY, SO THAT THEY MIGHT BE SEEN BY MEN. TRULY I TELL YOU: THEY ARE RECEIVING IN FULL THEIR REWARD. 6BUT YOU, WHENEVER YOU MAY PRAY, ENTER INTO YOUR CHAMBER AND HAVING CLOSED YOUR DOOR, PRAY TO YOUR FATHER, THE ONE IN SECRET. AND YOUR FATHER, THE ONE PERCEIVING IN SECRET, WILL REWARD YOU.

7AND PRAYING, YOU SHOULD NOT USE VAIN REPETITIONS LIKE THE NATIONS. FOR THEY SUPPOSE THAT THEY WILL BE HEARD FOR THEIR ELOQUENCE. 8YOU SHOULD THEREFORE NOT IMITATE THEM, FOR YOUR FATHER HAS KNOWN WHAT NEED YOU HAVE, BEFORE YOU ASK HIM.

9YOU MUST THEREFORE PRAY IN THIS MANNER.

**OUR FATHER IN THE HEAVENS,
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.
10LET YOUR KINGDOM COME.
LET YOUR WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED, AS IN HEAVEN, SO ON EARTH.
11GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
12AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS.
13AND BRING US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT RESCUE US FROM EVIL.**

14FOR IF YOU SHOULD FORGIVE MEN THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS, YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER WILL ALSO FORGIVE YOU. 15BUT IF YOU SHOULD NOT FORGIVE MEN, NEITHER YOUR FATHER WILL FORGIVE YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS.

16AND WHENEVER YOU MAY FAST, BE NOT FOUND GRIM-FACED AS THE HYPOCRITES. FOR THEY ARE DISGUIISING THEIR FACES, SO THAT THEY MIGHT APPEAR AS FASTING TO MEN. TRULY I TELL YOU: THEY ARE RECEIVING IN FULL THEIR REWARD. 17WHEN YOU ARE FASTING, ANOINT YOUR HEAD AND WASH YOUR FACE, 18SO THAT YOU MIGHT NOT APPEAR TO MEN AS FASTING, BUT TO YOUR FATHER, THE ONE IN SECRET. AND YOUR FATHER, THE ONE PERCEIVING IN SECRET, WILL REWARD YOU.

19DO NOT ACCUMULATE FOR YOURSELVES WEALTH ON EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DESTROY, AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK IN AND STEAL. 20BUT ACCUMULATE FOR YOURSELVES WEALTH IN HEAVEN, WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST DESTROY, AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN NOR STEAL. 21FOR WHERE YOUR WEALTH IS, THERE WILL ALSO BE YOUR HEART.

22THE LIGHT OF THE BODY IS THE EYE. NOW IF YOUR EYE SHOULD BE INTACT, YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL BE FULL OF LIGHT. 23BUT IF YOUR EYE SHOULD BE WICKED, YOUR WHOLE BODY WILL BE FULL OF DARKNESS. IF THEN THE LIGHT IN YOU IS DARKNESS, HOW GREAT A DARKNESS!

24NO ONE IS ABLE TO SERVE TWO MASTERS. FOR EITHER ONE HE WILL HATE AND THE OTHER HE WILL LOVE, OR HE WILL ADHERE TO ONE AND WILL DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE THEOS AND MAMMON.

25BECAUSE OF THIS I TELL YOU: DO NOT BE ANXIOUS IN YOUR SOUL, WHAT YOU MIGHT EAT OR WHAT YOU MIGHT DRINK. NOR FOR YOUR BODY, WHAT YOU MIGHT WEAR. IS NOT THE SOUL MORE THAN FOOD, AND THE BODY THAN CLOTHING? 26LOOK AT THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVEN. FOR THEY DO NOT SOW NOR EAT, NOR DO THEY GATHER INTO STOREHOUSES. YET YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS NOURISHING THEM. ARE YOU NOT GREATLY SURPASSING THEM? 27BUT WHO OF YOU, BEING ANXIOUS, IS ABLE TO ADD ONE MEASURE TO HIS MATURITY? 28AND WHY ARE YOU ANXIOUS ABOUT CLOTHING? CONSIDER THE LILIES OF THE FIELD, HOW ARE THEY GROWING! THEY DO NOT TOIL NOR DO THEY SPIN. 29BUT I TELL TO YOU, THAT NOT EVEN SOLOMON IN ALL HIS SPLENDOR WAS CLOTHED AS ONE OF THESE. 30NOW THAT THE GRASS OF THE FIELD IS AT PRESENT,

YET IS BEING THROWN INTO A FURNACE TOMORROW, IS THEOS THUS NOT CLOTHING MUCH MORE YOU, OF LITTLE FAITH? 31 THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD NOT BE ANXIOUS, ASKING: WHAT SHOULD WE EAT, OR WHAT SHOULD WE DRINK, OR WHAT SHOULD WE WEAR?' 32 FOR THE NATIONS ARE SEEKING FOR ALL THOSE, YET YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS KNOWN THAT YOU NEED ALL THOSE. 33 BUT BE SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF THEOS AND HIS JUSTIFICATION, AND ALL THOSE WILL BE ADDED TO YOU.

34 THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD NOT BE ANXIOUS CONCERNING TOMORROW, FOR TOMORROW WILL BE ANXIOUS FOR ITSELF. ENOUGH THE DAY'S OWN TROUBLE.

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1 JUDGE NOT, IN ORDER THAT YOU MIGHT NOT BE JUDGED. 2 FOR BY WHAT JUDGMENT YOU JUDGE, YOU WILL BE JUDGED. AND BY WHAT MEASURE YOU MEASURE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU. 3 NOW WHY DO YOU PERCEIVE THE SLIVER IN THE EYE OF YOUR BROTHER, YET YOU ARE NOT CONSIDERING THE BEAM IN YOUR EYE? 4 AND HOW WILL YOU SPEAK TO YOUR BROTHER: 'ALLOW ME TO TAKE THE SLIVER OUT OF YOUR EYE. BUT BEHOLD THE BEAM IN YOUR EYE! 5 HYPOCRITE! FIRST TAKE THE BEAM OUT OF YOUR EYE, AND THEN YOU WILL SEE CLEARLY, TO TAKE THE SLIVER OUT OF THE EYE OF YOUR BROTHER.

6 YOU SHOULD NOT GIVE THE HOLY TO THE DOGS, NOR SHOULD YOU THROW YOUR PEARLS BEFORE THE SWINE, LEST THEY MIGHT TRAMPLE THEM WITH THEIR FEET, AND TURNING AROUND, THEY MIGHT TEAR YOU.

7 ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU. SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND. KNOCK AND IT WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. 8 FOR EVERYONE ASKING RECEIVES, AND THE ONE SEEKING FINDS, AND TO THE ONE KNOCKING IT WILL BE OPENED. 9 OR IS ANY MAN AMONG YOU, WHOM HIS SON WILL ASK FOR BREAD? HE WILL NOT GIVE HIM A STONE! 10 OR ELSE WILL ASK FOR FISH? HE WILL NOT GIVE HIM A SERPENT! 11 IF YOU THEN, BEING EVIL, HAVE UNDERSTOOD TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER IN THE HEAVENS GIVE GOOD TO THE ONES ASKING HIM?

12 ALL THEN, WHATEVER YOU MIGHT DESIRE THAT MEN SHOULD DO TO YOU, THUS YOU MUST ALSO DO TO THEM. FOR THIS IS THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.

13 ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE! FOR WIDE IS THE GATE AND BROAD THE WAY LEADING TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ARE THE ONES ENTERING THROUGH IT. 14 FOR NARROW IS THE GATE AND AFFLICTING THE WAY LEADING TO LIFE, AND FEW ARE THE ONES FINDING IT.

15 BEWARE OF PSEUDO-PROPHETS WHO COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, YET INSIDE THEY ARE RAPACIOUS WOLVES! 16 BY THEIR FRUITS YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM. DO THEY COLLECT PERCHANCE GRAPES FROM THORNS OR FIGS FROM THISTLES? 17 THUS EVERY UPRIGHT TREE YIELDS GOOD FRUITS, YET THE CORRUPT TREE YIELDS EVIL FRUITS. 18 AN UPRIGHT TREE CANNOT YIELD EVIL FRUITS, NOR A CORRUPT TREE YIELD GOOD FRUITS. 19 EVERY TREE NOT YIELDING GOOD FRUIT IS BEING CUT DOWN AND BEING THROWN INTO FIRE. 20 CONSEQUENTLY, BY THEIR FRUITS YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM.

21 NOT EVERYONE SAYING TO ME 'KYRIOS KYRIOS', WILL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS, BUT THE ONE DOING THE WILL OF MY FATHER, THE ONE IN THE HEAVENS. 22 MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY: 'KYRIOS KYRIOS, DID WE NOT PROPHECY IN YOUR NAME? AND IN YOUR NAME WE HAVE CAST OUT DEMONS, AND IN YOUR NAME WE DID MANY DEEDS OF POWER.' 23 BUT THEN I WILL AVOW TO THEM THAT I NEVER KNEW YOU. DEPART FROM ME, THOSE COMMITTING LAWLESSNESS.

24 ANYONE THEREFORE, WHO HEARS THESE SAYINGS OF MINE AND PRACTISES THEM, WILL BE LIKENED TO A PRUDENT MAN, WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK. 25 AND THE RAIN CAME DOWN AND THE FLOODS ENTERED, AND THE WINDS BLEW AND THEY STRUCK THAT HOUSE, BUT IT DID NOT FAIL, FOR IT HAD BEEN

FOUNDED ON THE ROCK. 26BUT ANYONE HEARING THESE SAYINGS OF MINE AND NOT PRACTISING THEM, WILL BE LIKENED TO A FOOLISH MAN, WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE SAND. 27AND THE RAIN CAME DOWN AND THE FLOODS ENTERED. AND THE WINDS BLEW AND THEY STRUCK THAT HOUSE. AND IT FAILED, AND GREAT WAS ITS COLLAPSE."

28AND IT FOLLOWED WHEN IESOUS CONSUMMATED THESE SAYINGS, THE MULTITUDES WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS TEACHING. 29FOR HE WAS TEACHING THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY, AND NOT AS THEIR SCRIBES.

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1NOW, HE HAVING DESCENDED FROM THE MOUNTAIN, THEY FOLLOWED HIM IN GREAT MULTITUDES. 2AND A LEPER HAVING APPROACHED, BEHOLD, HE DID OBEISANCE TO HIM, SAYING: "KYRIOS, IF YOU ARE WILLING, YOU CAN CLEANSE ME." 3AND STRETCHING OUT THE HAND, HE TOUCHED HIM, SAYING: "I AM WILLING, BE CLEANSED!" AND IMMEDIATELY HIS LEPROSY WAS CLEANSED. 4AND IESOUS SAID TO HIM: "TAKE HEED! YOU SHOULD NOT TELL ANYONE. BUT GO AWAY, SHOW YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST AND OFFER THE GIFT THAT MOSES COMMANDED, AS A WITNESS TO THEM."

5NOW HE HAVING ENTERED INTO CAPERNAUM, A CENTURION CAME TO HIM, BESEECHING HIM. 6AND HE SAID: "MASTER, MY SERVANT IS LYING PARALYZED AT HOME, BEING TORMENTED TERRIBLY." 7AND HE SAID TO HIM: "I COME, I WILL CURE HIM." 8ANSWERING THEN, THE CENTURION WAS REFLECTING: "MASTER, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD COME UNDER MY ROOF, BUT ONLY SAY A WORD, AND MY SERVANT WILL BE HEALED." 9FOR I TOO AM A MAN OF AUTHORITY, HAVING SOLDIERS UNDER ME. AND I CALL TO ONE: 'BE GONE!' AND HE GOES. AND TO ANOTHER: 'COME!' AND HE COMES. AND TO MY SLAVE: 'DO THIS!' AND HE DOES

10AND HAVING LISTENED, IESOUS MARVELED AND SPOKE TO THOSE FOLLOWING: "TRULY I TELL YOU, WITH NO ONE IN ISRAEL HAVE I FOUND SO GREAT A FAITH. 11NOW I SAY TO YOU, THAT MANY WILL ARRIVE FROM EAST AND WEST, AND THEY WILL BE SEATED WITH ABRAHAM AND ISAAC AND JACOB IN THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS. 12BUT THE SONS OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE EXPELLED INTO THE OUTER DARKNESS." THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. 13AND IESOUS SPOKE TO THE CENTURION: "GO AWAY! AS YOU BELIEVED, LET IT BE ACCOMPLISHED TO YOU." AND HIS SERVANT WAS HEALED IN THAT HOUR.

14AND IESOUS HAVING COME INTO THE HOUSE OF PETER, HE SAW THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF HIM, HAVING BEEN PROSTRATED AND HAVING FEVER. 15AND HE TOUCHED HER HAND AND THE FEVER LEFT HER. AND SHE WAS ANIMATED AND WAS SERVING HIM.

16NOW EVENING HAVING COME, THEY BROUGHT HIM MANY BEING DEMONIZED, AND HE CAST OUT THE SPIRITS BY A WORD, AND HE CURED ALL THOSE BEING MISERABLE, 17SO THAT MIGHT BE FULFILLED WHAT WAS BEING DECLARED THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH, SAYING:

"HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES
AND HE BORE THE DISEASES."

18AND IESOUS HAVING NOTICED A MULTITUDE AROUND HIM, HE ORDERED TO DEPART TO THE OTHER SIDE. 19AND A CERTAIN SCRIBE HAVING APPROACHED, HE SAID TO HIM: "TEACHER, I WILL FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU MIGHT GO." 20AND IESOUS SAID TO HIM: "FOXES HAVE HOLES AND THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVEN NESTS, BUT THE SON OF MAN HAS NOWHERE HE MAY LAY THE HEAD." 21NOW ANOTHER OF HIS DISCIPLES SAID TO HIM: "MASTER, ALLOW ME FIRST, TO GO AWAY AND TO BURY MY FATHER." 22BUT IESOUS SAID TO HIM: "FOLLOW ME AND LEAVE THE DEAD TO BURY THEIR DEAD."

23AND HE HAVING ENTERED INTO THE BOAT, HIS DISCIPLES FOLLOWED HIM. 24AND BEHOLD, A GREAT STORM AROSE ON THE LAKE, SO THAT THE BOAT WAS BEING COVERED BY THE WAVES. BUT HE WAS SLEEPING. 25WHEN HAVING APPROACHED, THEY AWOKE HIM, SAYING: "MASTER, SAVE US, WE ARE PERISHING!" 26AND HE ASKED

THEM: "WHY ARE YOU FEARFUL, OF LITTLE FAITH?" THEN HAVING ARISEN, HE REBUKED THE WINDS AND THE LAKE AND THERE WAS A GREAT CALM. 27AND THE MEN MARVELED, SAYING: "WHO IS THIS, THAT EVEN THE WINDS AND THE SEA OBEY HIM?"

28AND HE HAVING COME ON THE OTHER SIDE TO THE LAND OF THE GADARENES, HE ENCOUNTERED TWO DEMONIZED, COMING EXTREMELY TERRIFYING OUT OF THE TOMBS, SO THAT NO ONE COULD PASS BY THAT WAY. 29AND BEHOLD, THEY SHRIEKED, UTTERING: "WHAT ARE WE NOW TO YOU, SON OF THEOS? HAVE YOU COME HERE BEFORE TIME TO TORMENT US?" 30NOW THERE WAS AT A DISTANCE FROM THEM GRAZING A HERD OF MANY PIGS. 31AND THE DEMONS WERE BESEECHING HIM, UTTERING: "IF YOU CAST US OUT, SEND US AWAY INTO THE HERD OF THE PIGS." 32AND HE SAID TO THEM: "GO!" AND HAVING GONE OUT, THEY WENT INTO THE PIGS AND BEHOLD, ALL THE HERD RUSHED DOWN THE OVERHANG INTO THE LAKE AND DIED IN THE WATERS. 33NOW THE ONES TENDING FLED, AND HAVING GONE INTO THE CITY, THEY REPORTED EVERYTHING, ALSO OF THOSE BEING DEMONIZED. 34AND BEHOLD, ALL THE CITY WENT OUT FOR MEETING IESOUS, AND HAVING SEEN HIM, THEY URGED THAT HE WOULD DEPART FROM THEIR BOUNDARIES.

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1AND HAVING ENTERED INTO A BOAT, HE CROSSED OVER AND CAME TO HIS OWN CITY.

2AND BEHOLD, THEY WERE BRINGING TO HIM A PARALYTIC, HAVING BEEN PROSTRATED UPON A COT, AND IESOUS, HAVING SEEN THEIR FAITH, SPOKE TO THE PARALYTIC: "SON, BE ENCOURAGED, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN." 3AND BEHOLD, SOME OF THE SCRIBES SAID WITHIN THEMSELVES: "THIS ONE BLASPHEMES." 4AND IESOUS, KNOWING THEIR THOUGHTS, SPOKE: "WHY DO YOU THINK EVIL IN YOUR HEARTS? 5FOR WHAT IS EASIER TO SAY, 'YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN', OR TO SAY 'RISE AND WALK'? 6BECAUSE NOW YOU SHOULD KNOW WHY THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON THE EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS."

THEN HE TOLD TO THE PARALYTIC: "RISE, TAKE UP YOUR COT AND GO TO YOUR HOUSE." 7AND HAVING RISEN, HE WENT AWAY TO HIS HOUSE. 8NOW THE MULTITUDES HAVING SEEN IT, THEY FEARED AND GLORIFIED THEOS, THE ONE HAVING BESTOWED SUCH AUTHORITY TO MEN.

9AND IESOUS CONTINUING FROM THERE, HE NOTICED A MAN SITTING AT THE TAX BOOTH, CALLED MATTHEW, AND HE TOLD HIM: "FOLLOW ME!" AND HAVING STOOD UP, HE FOLLOWED HIM.

10AND IT HAPPENED THAT HE WAS DINING IN THE HOUSE, AND BEHOLD, HAVING COME MANY TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS, THEY WERE DINING WITH IESOUS AND HIS DISCIPLES. 11WHEN HAVING KNOWN IT, THE PHARISEES WERE SAYING TO HIS DISCIPLES: "FOR WHAT REASON IS YOUR TEACHER EATING WITH THE TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS?" 12AND HAVING IT HEARD, HE SPOKE: "THOSE BEING WELL HAVE NO NEED OF A PHYSICIAN, BUT THOSE BEING SICK. 13NOW GOING FORTH, LEARN WHAT IS

MERCY I DESIRE, AND NOT SACRIFICE.

FOR I CAME NOT TO CALL RIGHTEOUS ONES, BUT SINNERS."

14THEN CAME THE DISCIPLES OF JOHN TO HIM, SAYING: "FOR WHAT REASON DO WE AND THE PHARISEES FAST, BUT YOUR DISCIPLES DO NOT FAST?" 15AND IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: "THE SONS OF THE BRIDAL CHAMBER CANNOT MOURN, AS LONG AS THE BRIDEGROOM IS WITH THEM. BUT DAYS WILL COME WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM MAY BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM, AND THEN THEY WILL FAST."

16NOW NO ONE PUTS A NEW PATCH OF CLOTH ON OLD CLOTHING, FOR IT'S FILLING TEARS AWAY FROM THE CLOTHING, AND WORSE A TEAR EMERGES. 17NOR DO THEY POUR NEW WINE INTO OLD WINESKINS, AND IF NOT, THE WINESKINS SURELY DO BURST, AND THE WINE IS SPILLED AND THE WINESKINS ARE DESTROYED. BUT THEY POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS, AND BOTH ARE PRESERVED."

18AS HE WAS TELLING THIS TO THEM, BEHOLD, HAVING APPEARED A CERTAIN RULER. HE WAS KNEELING DOWN TO HIM, SAYING: "FOR MY DAUGHTER JUST DIED. BUT COME, LAY YOUR HAND UPON HER AND SHE WILL LIVE." 19THEN HAVING RISEN, IESOUS AND HIS DISCIPLES FOLLOWED HIM.

20AND BEHOLD, A WOMAN BLEEDING TWELVE YEARS, WAS APPROACHING FROM BEHIND. SHE GRABBED THE FRINGE OF HIS ROBE, 21FOR SHE WAS SAYING WITHIN HERSELF: "IF I MIGHT ONLY GRAB HIS ROBE, I WILL BE HEALED." 22AND IESOUS HAVING TURNED AND HAVING SEEN HER, SPOKE: "BE ENCOURAGED DAUGHTER, YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL." AND THE WOMAN WAS HEALED AT THAT HOUR.

23AND IESOUS HAVING COME INTO THE HOUSE OF THE RULER, AND HAVING SEEN THE FLUTE PLAYERS AND THE MULTITUDE MAKING A COMMOTION, 24HE CALLED: "GO AWAY! FOR THE GIRL HAS NOT DIED, BUT SHE SLEEPS." BUT THEY WERE DERIDING HIM. 25NOW HAVING ENTERED WHEN THE MULTITUDE WAS SENT AWAY, HE GRASPED HER HAND, AND THE GIRL AROSE. 26AND THIS ACCOUNT WENT OUT INTO THAT ENTIRE LAND.

27AND IESOUS CONTINUING FROM THERE, TWO BLIND FOLLOWED HIM, SCREAMING AND SAYING: "BE MERCIFUL TO US, SON OF DAVID!" 28AND HAVING COME INTO THE HOUSE, THE BLIND CAME TO HIM, AND IESOUS ASKED THEM: "DO YOU BELIEVE THAT I CAN DO THIS?" THEY SAID TO HIM: "YES, KYRIOS." 29THEN HE TOUCHED THEIR EYES, TELLING: "ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH LET IT BE ACCOMPLISHED TO YOU." 30AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED. THEN IESOUS ENJOINED THEM, SAYING: "TAKE HEED! LET NO ONE KNOW!" 31BUT HAVING DEPARTED, THEY REPORTED OF HIM IN ALL THAT LAND.

32AS THEY WERE DEPARTING, BEHOLD, THEY BROUGHT HIM A DUMB MAN, ONE BEING DEMONIZED. 33AND THE DEMON HAVING BEEN CAST OUT, THE DUMB SPOKE. AND THE MULTITUDES MARVELED, SAYING: "NEVER WAS IT SEEN SO IN ISRAEL." 34BUT THE PHARISEES WERE CLAIMING: "HE IS CASTING OUT THE DEMONS THROUGH THE RULER OF THE DEMONS."

35THEN IESOUS WAS ITINERATING ALL THE CITIES AND VILLAGES, TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES AND PROCLAIMING THE EVANGELIUM OF THE KINGDOM, AND HEALING EVERY DISEASE AND EVERY WEAKNESS. 36AND BEHOLDING THE MULTITUDES, HE EMPATHIZED WITH THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE BEING TROUBLED AND BEING STARTLED, LIKE SHEEP NOT HAVING A SHEPHERD. 37THEN HE EXPOUNDED TO HIS DISCIPLES: "TRULY ABUNDANT IS THE HARVEST, BUT FEW THE WORKERS. 38PETITION THEREFORE **KYRIOS OF THE HARVEST**, THAT HE MIGHT BRING WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST."

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1AND HAVING CALLED HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES, HE BESTOWED TO THEM AUTHORITY OVER UNCLEAN SPIRITS, SO AS TO CAST THEM OUT, AND TO HEAL EVERY DISEASE AND EVERY WEAKNESS.

2NOW THE NAMES OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES ARE THESE:

FIRST **SIMON BEING CALLED PETER**, AND

ANDREW HIS BROTHER, AND

JACOB THE ONE OF ZEBEDEE, AND

JOHN HIS BROTHER,

3 **PHILIP**, AND

BARTHOLOMEW,

THOMAS, AND

MATTHEW THE TAX COLLECTOR,

JACOB THE ONE OF ALPHAEUS, AND

THADDAEUS,

4 **SIMON** THE CANAANITE, AND

JUDAS THE ISCARIOT, THE ONE ALSO HAVING BETRAYED HIM

5 THESE TWELVE JESOUS SENT OUT, HAVING INSTRUCTED THEM, SAYING: "YOU SHOULD NOT WALK ON A ROAD OF NATIONS, AND YOU SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO A CITY OF SAMARITANS. 6 BUT RATHER GO TO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. 7 GOING NOW, PREACH BY EXPOUNDING THAT THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS HAS DRAWN NEAR. 8 HEAL SICK ONES, RAISE DEAD ONES, CLEANSE LEPERS, CAST OUT DEMONS; FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE! 9 YOU SHOULD POSSESS NEITHER GOLD, NOR SILVER, NOR COPPER IN YOUR POCKETS. 10 NOR A BAG FOR THE ROAD, NOR TWO TUNICS, NOR SANDALS, NOR A STAFF FOR THE WORKER DESERVES HIS NOURISHMENT. 11 AND INTO WHATEVER CITY OR VILLAGE YOU MAY ENTER, INQUIRE WHO IN IT IS FITTING. AND THERE REMAIN UNTIL YOU SHOULD DEPART. 12 THEN ENTERING INTO THE HOUSE, GREET IT. 13 AND IF THE HOUSE SHOULD BE TRULY FITTING, LET YOUR PEACE COME UPON IT! BUT IF IT SHOULD NOT BE FITTING, LET YOUR PEACE BE RETURNED TO YOU. 14 AND WHOEVER SHOULD NOT RECEIVE YOU, NOR SHOULD HEAR YOUR WORDS, GOING OUT OF THAT HOUSE OR THE CITY, SHAKE OFF THE DUST OF YOUR FEET. 15 TRULY I TELL YOU: IT WILL BE MORE BEARABLE FOR A LAND OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH ON A DAY OF JUDGMENT, THAN FOR THAT CITY.

16 BEHOLD, I AM SENDING YOU AS SHEEP AMONGST WOLVES. BECOME THEREFORE ASTUTE AS SERPENTS, AND INNOCENT AS DOVES

17 BUT BEWARE OF MEN. FOR THEY WILL DELIVER YOU TO SANHEDRINS, AND THEY WILL FLOG YOU IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES. 18 AND YOU WILL ALSO BE BROUGHT BEFORE GOVERNORS AND KINGS FOR MY SAKE, FOR A WITNESS TO THEM AND TO THE NATIONS. 19 BUT WHENEVER THEY MIGHT DELIVER YOU UP, YOU SHOULD NOT BE ANXIOUS HOW, OR WHAT YOU SHOULD SAY. FOR IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU IN THAT HOUR WHAT YOU SHOULD SAY. 20 FOR YOU ARE NOT THE ONES SPEAKING, BUT THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER SPEAKING THROUGH YOU.

21 AND BROTHER WILL DELIVER BROTHER TO DEATH, AND A FATHER A CHILD, AND CHILDREN WILL RISE UP AGAINST PARENTS AND WILL PUT THEM TO DEATH. 22 AND YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL ON ACCOUNT OF MY NAME. BUT THE ONE ENDURING UNTIL THE END, THIS ONE WILL BE SAVED. 23 AND WHENEVER THEY MAY PERSECUTE YOU IN THIS CITY, FLEE TO THE OTHER! FOR TRULY I TELL YOU: YOU MIGHT NOT EVEN EXHAUST THE CITIES OF ISRAEL, UNTIL THE SON OF MAN SHOULD APPEAR.

24 A DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE THE TEACHER, NOR A SLAVE ABOVE HIS MASTER. 25 ENOUGH FOR THE DISCIPLE THAT HE SHOULD BECOME AS HIS TEACHER, AND THE SLAVE AS HIS MASTER. IF THEY CALLED THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE BEELZEBUL, HOW MUCH MORE HIS HOUSEHOLD?

26 DO THEREFORE NOT FEAR THEM, FOR THERE IS NOTHING, HAVING BEEN CONCEALED, WHICH WILL NOT BE REVEALED, OR HIDDEN WHICH WILL NOT BE MADE KNOWN. 27 WHAT I AM TELLING YOU IN THE DARKNESS, SPEAK IN THE LIGHT! AND WHAT YOU HEAR WITH THE EAR, PROCLAIM ON THE HOUSETOPS. 28 AND DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THOSE KILLING THE BODY, BUT THE SOUL THEY ARE NOT BEING ABLE TO KILL. BUT RATHER FEAR THE ONE BEING ABLE TO DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN GEHENNA. 29 ARE NOT TWO SPARROWS SOLD FOR AN ASSARION? YET NOT ONE OF THEM WILL FALL TO THE GROUND WITHOUT YOUR FATHER. 30 AND OF YOU, EVEN THE HAIRS OF THE HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED. 31 DO THEREFORE NOT FEAR! YOU OUTVALUE MANY SPARROWS

32 ANYONE THEREFORE, WHO WILL PROFESS TO ME BEFORE MEN, TO HIM I ALSO WILL PROFESS BEFORE MY FATHER, THE ONE IN THE HEAVENS. 33 BUT WHOEVER SHOULD DENY ME BEFORE MEN, HIM I WILL ALSO DENY BEFORE MY FATHER IN THE HEAVENS.

34 YOU SHOULD NOT THINK THAT I CAME TO BRING PEACE UPON THE EARTH. I CAME NOT TO BRING PEACE, BUT A SWORD. 35 FOR I CAME

TO DIVIDE A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER,
 AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER,
 AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW.
 36 THEN MAN IS HATED BY HIS HOUSEHOLD.

37 THE ONE LOVING FATHER OR MOTHER MORE THAN ME, IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. AND THE ONE LOVING SON OR DAUGHTER MORE THAN ME, IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. 38 AND WHOEVER IS NOT ATTAINING HIS CROSS AND IS FOLLOWING AFTER ME, IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. 39 THE ONE HAVING FOUND HIS SOUL, WILL LOSE IT. BUT THE ONE HAVING LOST HIS SOUL FOR MY SAKE, WILL FIND IT.

40 THE ONE RECEIVING YOU, RECEIVES ME. AND THE ONE RECEIVING ME, RECEIVES THE ONE HAVING SENT ME. 41 THE ONE RECEIVING A PROPHET IN AUTHORITY OF A PROPHET, WILL RECEIVE A REWARD OF A PROPHET. AND THE ONE RECEIVING A JUST ONE IN NAME OF A JUST, WILL RECEIVE A REWARD OF A JUST. 42 AND WHOEVER, MERELY IN NAME OF A DISCIPLE, SHOULD GIVE TO DRINK A COLD CUP TO ONE OF THESE SMALL ONES, TRULY I TELL YOU: HE SHOULD NOT EVEN LOSE HIS REWARD."

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1 AND IT FOLLOWED, WHEN IESOUS FINISHED INSTRUCTING HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES, HE DEPARTED FROM THERE TO TEACH AND TO PROCLAIM IN THEIR CITIES.

2 AND JOHN, HAVING HEARD IN PRISON OF THE WORKS OF CHRISTOS, TRANSMITTING THROUGH HIS DISCIPLES, 3 SAID TO HIM: "ARE YOU THE ONE COMING, OR ARE WE EXPECTING ANOTHER?" 4 AND ANSWERING, IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: "GO, ANNOUNCE TO JOHN WHAT YOU ARE HEARING AND SEEING. 5 BLIND ARE RECEIVING SIGHT AND LAME ARE WALKING. LEPERS ARE BEING CLEANSED AND DEAF ARE HEARING. EVEN DEAD ARE BEING RAISED, AND POOR ARE BEING EVANGELIZED. 6 BUT FORTUNATE IS HE, WHO SHOULD NOT BE SHAKEN IN ME."

7 AS THEY WERE GOING, IESOUS BEGAN TO EXPOUND TO THE MULTITUDES CONCERNING JOHN: "WHAT DID YOU COME TO OBSERVE IN THE WILDERNESS? REED BEING SHAKEN BY WIND? 8 BUT WHOM DID YOU COME TO SEE? A MAN HAVING BEEN CLOTHED IN FINE THINGS? BEHOLD, THOSE WEARING FINE THINGS ARE IN THE HOUSES OF KINGS. 9 BUT WHOM DID YOU COME TO SEE? A PROPHET? INDEED, I TELL YOU, EVEN A MORE EXCELLENT PROPHET. 10 THIS IS HE, CONCERNING WHOM IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN:

BEHOLD, I AM SENDING MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE,
 WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU."

11 TRULY I TELL YOU: NO ONE HAS BEEN RAISED, BORN BY WOMEN, GREATER THAN JOHN THE BAPTIST. YET THE LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS GREATER THAN HE. 12 BUT FROM THE DAYS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST UNTIL NOW, THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS BEING ATTACKED, AND AGGRESSORS ARE CLAIMING IT. 13 FOR ALL THE PROPHETS AND THE LAW PROPHESED UNTIL JOHN. 14 AND IF YOU ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT IT - HE IS ELIJAH, THE ONE BEING REQUIRED TO COME. 15 THE ONE HAVING EARS, LET HIM HEAR!

16 BUT TO WHAT WILL I COMPARE THIS GENERATION? IT IS LIKE CHILDREN SEATED IN THE MARKETS, WHO CALL OUT OTHERS, 17 SAYING: 'WE PLAYED FLUTE TO YOU, AND YOU DID NOT DANCE. WE MOURNED AND YOU DID NOT WAIL.'

18 FOR JOHN CAME NEITHER EATING NOR DRINKING, AND THEY SAY: 'HE HAS A DEMON.' 19 THE SON OF MAN CAME EATING AND DRINKING, AND THEY SAY: 'BEHOLD, A MAN, GLUTTON AND WINE-DRINKER, FOND OF TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS.' YET WISDOM WAS VINDICATED BY HER WORKS.

20 THEN HE BEGAN TO DENOUNCE THE CITIES IN WHICH WERE ACCOMPLISHED MOST OF HIS DEEDS OF POWER, BECAUSE THEY DID NOT REPENT. 21 WOE TO YOU CHORAZIN! WOE TO YOU BETHSAIDA! FOR IF IN TYRE AND SIDON WERE ACCOMPLISHED DEEDS OF POWER, HAVING BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AMONG YOU LONG AGO, THEY INDEED HAD REPENTED IN SACKCLOTH AND ASH. 22 MOREOVER I TELL YOU: IT WILL BE MORE BEARABLE FOR TYRE AND SIDON ON A DAY OF JUDGMENT THAN FOR YOU. 23 AND YOU CAPERNAUM, WILL NOT BE EXALTED TO HEAVEN. YOU WILL BE BROUGHT DOWN TO HADES FOR IF IN SODOM WERE ACCOMPLISHED THOSE DEEDS OF POWER HAVING BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AMONG YOU, IT HAD INDEED REMAINED UNTIL TODAY. 24 MOREOVER I TELL YOU THAT IT WILL BE MORE BEARABLE FOR A LAND OF SODOM ON A DAY OF JUDGMENT THAN FOR YOU."

25 CONCLUDING IN THIS MOMENT, IESOUS SPOKE: "I PROFESS YOU FATHER, KYRIOS OF HEAVEN AND THE EARTH, FOR YOU CONCEALED THESE THINGS FROM WISE AND INTELLIGENT ONES, AND YOU REVEALED THEM TO UNLEARNED ONES. 26 TRULY FATHER, FOR THUS IT BECAME A DELIGHT BEFORE YOU."

27 "EVERYTHING WAS ENTRUSTED TO ME BY MY FATHER. THEREFORE NO ONE FULLY KNOWS THE SON, IF NOT THE FATHER. NOR DOES ONE FULLY KNOW THE FATHER, IF NOT THE SON, AND TO WHOMSOEVER THE SON MIGHT BE WILLING TO REVEAL.

28 COME TO ME, ALL THE ONES TOILING AND BEING BURDENED, AND I WILL REFRESH YOU. 29 TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN FROM ME FOR I AM MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 FOR MY YOKE IS BETTER, AND MY BURDEN LIGHTER."

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1 IN THAT SEASON, IESOUS WENT ON THE SABBATHS THROUGH THE PLANTED FIELDS. NOW HIS DISCIPLES WERE HUNGRY AND THEY BEGAN TO PLUCK HEADS OF GRAIN, AND TO EAT. 2 BUT THE PHARISEES HAVING SEEN IT, THEY SAID TO HIM: "BEHOLD, YOUR DISCIPLES ARE DOING WHAT IS NOT LAWFUL TO DO ON A SABBATH." 3 AND HE SPOKE TO THEM: "HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE WAS HUNGRY, AND THE ONES BESIDE HIM? 4 HOW HE ENTERED INTO THE HOUSE OF THEOS AND THEY ATE THE BREADS OF THE PRESENCE, WHICH WAS NOT LAWFUL FOR HIM TO EAT, NOR FOR THOSE BESIDE HIM, EXCEPT THE PRIESTS ONLY. 5 OR HAVE YOU NOT READ IN THE LAW CONCERNING THE SABBATHS, THE PRIESTS IN THE TEMPLE ARE TRANSGRESSING THE SABBATH AND ARE GUILTLESS? 6 BUT I TELL YOU THAT **THE GREATER TEMPLE** IS HERE. 7 NOW IF YOU HAD COMPREHENDED WHAT IS MERCY I DESIRE AND NOT SACRIFICE, YOU HAD NEVER CONDEMNED THE GUILTLESS! 8 FOR THE SON OF MAN IS KYRIOS OF THE SABBATH."

9 AND HAVING DEPARTED FROM THERE, HE ENTERED INTO THEIR SYNAGOGUE. 10 AND BEHOLD, A MAN HAD A WITHERED HAND. AND THEY QUESTIONED HIM, ASKING WHETHER IT IS LAWFUL TO HEAL ON THE SABBATHS, SO THAT THEY MIGHT ACCUSE HIM. 11 AND HE SPOKE TO THEM: "WHAT MAN WILL BE AMONG YOU, WHO WILL HAVE ONE SHEEP, AND IF THIS SHOULD HAVE FALLEN ON THE SABBATHS INTO A PIT, WILL NOT SEIZE AND RAISE IT? 12 HOW GREATLY NOW, SURPASSES A MAN A SHEEP? THEREFORE IT IS LAWFUL TO DO GOOD ON THE SABBATHS."

13 THEN HE SAID TO THE MAN: "STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND." AND HE STRETCHED IT OUT AND IT WAS RESTORED, WHOLESOME AS THE OTHER. 14 BUT HAVING DEPARTED, THE PHARISEES TOOK COUNSEL AGAINST HIM, HOW THEY MIGHT DESTROY HIM.

15 AND IESOUS, HAVING BEEN AWARE, WITHDREW FROM THERE AND MANY FOLLOWED HIM, AND HE HEALED THEM ALL, 16 BUT ADMONISHED THEM THAT THEY SHOULD NOT MAKE HIM KNOWN, 17 SO THAT MIGHT BE FULFILLED WHAT WAS BEING DECLARED THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH, SAYING:

18 BEHOLD, MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;
MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL DELIGHTS.

I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM,
 AND HE WILL ANNOUNCE JUDGMENT TO THE NATIONS.
 19HE WILL NOT STRIVE NOR WILL HE CLAMOR,
 NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE SQUARES.
 20HE WILL NOT BREAK A REED HAVING BEEN BRUISED,
 AND HE WILL NOT EXTINGUISH SMOKING FLAX,
 UNTIL HE SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT THE JUDGMENT IN VICTORY.
 21AND NATIONS WILL TRUST HIS NAME."

22THEN ONE BEING DEMONIZED WAS BROUGHT TO HIM, BLIND AND DUMB, AND HE CURED HIM, SO AS FOR THE DUMB TO SPEAK AND TO SEE. 23AND WHOLE MULTITUDES WERE AMAZED, AND WERE SAYING:

"IS THIS PERCHANCE THE SON OF DAVID?"

24BUT THE PHARISEES HAVING HEARD IT, THEY SAID: "THIS ONE IS NOT CASTING OUT THE DEMONS, IF NOT THROUGH BEELZEBUL, RULER OF THE DEMONS." 25AND KNOWING THEIR THOUGHTS, HE SAID TO THEM: "EVERY KINGDOM HAVING BEEN DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, IS BEING DESERTED, AND EVERY CITY OR HOUSE HAVING BEEN DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, WILL NOT BE MAINTAINED. 26AND IF SATAN IS CASTING OUT SATAN, HE WAS DIVIDED AGAINST HIMSELF. HOW THEN WILL HIS KINGDOM BE MAINTAINED? 27AND IF I AM CASTING OUT DEMONS THROUGH BEELZEBUL, BY WHOM ARE YOUR SONS CASTING OUT? BECAUSE OF THIS, THEY WILL BE YOUR JUDGES. 28BUT IF I AM CASTING OUT DEMONS THROUGH A SPIRIT OF THEOS, THEN THE KINGDOM OF THEOS HAS COME UPON YOU. 29OR HOW CAN ANYONE ENTER INTO THE HOUSE OF THE STRONG ONE AND PLUNDER HIS GOODS, IF HE SHOULD NOT FIRST BIND THE STRONG ONE? THEN HE WILL INDEED PLUNDER HIS HOUSE. 30THE ONE NOT BEING WITH ME, IS AGAINST ME, AND THE ONE NOT GATHERING WITH ME, IS SCATTERING.

31BECAUSE OF THIS I TELL YOU, EVERY SIN AND BLASPHEMY WILL BE FORGIVEN TO MEN, BUT THE BLASPHEMY OF THE SPIRIT WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN. 32AND WHOEVER SHOULD SPEAK A WORD AGAINST THE SON OF MAN, HIM WILL BE FORGIVEN, BUT WHOEVER SHOULD SPEAK AGAINST THE **HOLY SPIRIT**, HIM WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN, NEITHER IN THIS AGE, NOR IN THE ONE COMING.

33EITHER YOU MAKE THE TREE GOOD AND ITS FRUIT GOOD, OR YOU MAKE THE TREE CORRUPT AND ITS FRUIT CORRUPT! FOR BY THE FRUIT THE TREE IS BEING KNOWN. 34BROODS OF VIPERS! HOW CAN YOU SPEAK GOOD, BEING EVIL? FOR THE MOUTH SPEAKS OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART. 35THE GOOD MAN BRINGS FORTH GOOD OUT OF THE GOOD TREASURE, LIKEWISE, THE WICKED MAN BRINGS FORTH EVIL OUT OF THE EVIL TREASURE. 36AND I TELL YOU, THAT EVERY IDLE WORD MEN WILL SPEAK, THEY WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT CONCERNING IT ON A DAY OF JUDGMENT. 37FOR BY YOUR WORDS YOU WILL BE VINDICATED, AND BY YOUR WORDS YOU WILL BE CONDEMNED."

38THEN SOME OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES ANSWERED TO HIM, SAYING: "TEACHER, WE DESIRE TO SEE A SIGN FROM YOU." 39AND ANSWERING, HE SAID TO THEM: "AN EVIL AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION IS SEEKING A SIGN, BUT A SIGN WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO IT, EXCEPT THE SIGN OF JONAH THE PROPHET. 40FOR JUST AS JONAH WAS IN THE HOLLOW OF THE HUGE FISH THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS, SO WILL BE THE SON OF MAN IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS. 41MEN OF NINEVEH WILL RISE AGAIN AT THE JUDGMENT WITH THIS GENERATION, AND THEY WILL JUDGE IT, FOR THEY REPENTED WITH THE PROCLAMATION OF JONAH, BUT LOOK HERE, A GREATER JONAH! 42A QUEEN OF THE SOUTH WILL RISE AGAIN AT THE JUDGMENT WITH THIS GENERATION, AND WILL JUDGE IT, FOR SHE CAME FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, TO HEAR THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON, BUT LOOK HERE, A GREATER SOLOMON!

43NOW WHENEVER THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT SHOULD DEPART FROM MAN, IT IS PASSING THROUGH WATERLESS PLACES SEEKING REST, BUT FINDS NONE. 44THEN IT SAYS: I WILL RETURN TO MY HOUSE FROM WHERE I DEPARTED, AND HAVING ENTERED, IT FINDS IT BEING VACANT, HAVING BEEN SWEEPED AND EMBELLISHED.

45 THEN IT GOES, AND TAKES WITH ITSELF SEVEN OTHER SPIRITS MORE EVIL THAN ITSELF. AND HAVING ENTERED, IT DWELLS THERE, AND THE LAST OF THAT MAN BECOMES WORSE THAN THE FIRST. THUS IT WILL ALSO BE TO THIS EVIL GENERATION."

46 WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING TO THE MULTITUDES, BEHOLD, HIS MOTHER AND BROTHERS WERE STANDING OUTSIDE, SEEKING TO SPEAK TO HIM. 47 48 BUT ANSWERING, HE SPOKE TO THE ONE HAVING TOLD HIM: "WHO IS MY MOTHER, AND WHO ARE MY BROTHERS?" 49 AND STRETCHING OUT HIS HAND TOWARDS HIS DISCIPLES, HE SPOKE: "BEHOLD, MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS. 50 FOR WHOEVER SHOULD DO THE WILL OF MY FATHER, THE ONE IN THE HEAVENS, THIS IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER, AND MOTHER."

13

1 ON THAT DAY, JESOUS HAVING LEFT THE HOUSE, WAS SITTING BY THE LAKE. 2 AND GREAT MULTITUDES WERE GATHERED BEFORE HIM, SO THAT HAVING ENTERED INTO A BOAT, HE SAT DOWN, AND ALL THE MULTITUDE REMAINED ON THE SHORE. 3 AND MUCH HE SPOKE TO THEM IN PARABLES, SAYING:

"BEHOLD, THE SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW. 4 AND IN HIS SOWING, SOME ACTUALLY FELL BESIDE THE WAY, THEN HAVING COME THE BIRDS, THEY ATE THEM UP. 5 YET OTHERS FELL ON ROCKY SPOTS, WHERE IT HAD NOT MUCH EARTH, AND IMMEDIATELY IT SPRANG UP, FOR NOT HAVING DEPTH OF EARTH. 6 NOW THE SUN HAVING RISEN, IT WAS SCORCHED AND DRIED UP FOR NOT HAVING ROOT. 7 YET OTHERS FELL AMONG THORNS, AND THE THORNS SCALED AND CHOKED THEM. 8 YET OTHERS FELL ON THE GOOD GROUND AND WERE YIELDING FRUIT: ONE THIRTY, AND ANOTHER SIXTY, AND ONE EVEN HUNDRED. 9 THE ONE HAVING EARS, LET HIM HEAR!"

10 AND THE DISCIPLES HAVING APPROACHED, SAID TO HIM: "FOR WHAT REASON ARE YOU SPEAKING TO THEM IN PARABLES?" 11 AND ANSWERING, HE SAID TO THEM: "BECAUSE TO YOU IT HAS BEEN GRANTED TO KNOW THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS, BUT TO THEM IT HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED. 12 FOR WHO HAS, TO HIM WILL BE GIVEN AND IT WILL BE INCREASED, BUT WHO HAS NOT, EVEN WHAT HE HAS WILL BE TAKEN FROM HIM. 13 BECAUSE OF THIS, I SPEAK TO THEM IN PARABLES, FOR SEEING, THEY SEE NOT AND HEARING, THEY HEAR NOT, NOR DO THEY UNDERSTAND. 14 THEN THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH IS FULFILLED IN THEM, SAYING

YOU WILL HEAR A REPORT, BUT WOULD NOT EVEN UNDERSTAND,
AND SEEING YOU WILL SEE, BUT WOULD NOT EVEN PERCEIVE.
15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DENSE,
SO THE EARS BARELY HEARD,
AND THEIR EYES THEY CLOSED,
BUT WHEN THE EYES SHOULD SEE
AND THE EARS SHOULD HEAR,
AND IN THE HEART THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND
AND THEY SHOULD TURN, THEN I WOULD HEAL THEM."

16 BUT BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES AS THEY SEE, AND YOUR EARS AS THEY HEAR. 17 FOR TRULY I TELL YOU THAT MANY PROPHETS AND JUST ONES LONGED TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE BEHOLDING, BUT THEY SAW NOT, AND TO HEAR WHAT YOU ARE HEARING, BUT THEY HEARD NOT.

18 HEAR YOU NOW THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER: 19 ANYONE HEARING THE MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM, YET WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING, THE WICKED ONE COMES AND TAKES THAT HAVING BEEN SOWN IN HIS HEART. THIS IS THAT HAVING BEEN SOWN BESIDE THE WAY. 20 AND THAT HAVING BEEN SOWN ON ROCKY SPOTS, THIS IS THE ONE HEARING THE MESSAGE AND IMMEDIATELY RECEIVING IT WITH JOY, 21 YET HE HAS NO ROOT IN HIMSELF AND ENDURES FOR A SEASON, NOW HAVING COME AFFLICTION OR PERSECUTION ON ACCOUNT OF THE WORD, HE IS IMMEDIATELY BEING BEGUILED. 22 AND THAT HAVING BEEN SOWN AMONG THORNS, THIS IS

THE ONE HEARING THE MESSAGE, BUT THE CONCERN OF THE AGE AND THE DELUSION OF WEALTH CHOKE THE WORD, AND IT BECOMES UNFRUITFUL. 23BUT THAT HAVING BEEN SOWN ON THE GOOD GROUND, THIS IS THE ONE HEARING AND UNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGE, WHO INDEED BEARS AND YIELDS FRUIT: ONE THIRTY AND ANOTHER SIXTY AND ONE EVEN HUNDRED."

24HE COMMITTED TO THEM ANOTHER PARABLE, SAYING: "THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS LIKENED TO A MAN HAVING SOWN GOOD SEED ON HIS FIELD. 25NOW WHILE THE MEN WERE SLEEPING, HIS ENEMY CAME AND SOWED WEEDS IN MIDST OF THE WHEAT, AND HE WENT AWAY. 26AND WHEN THE STALK SPROUTED AND PRODUCED FRUIT, THEN THE WEEDS WERE ALSO SEEN. 27AND THE SLAVES HAVING APPROACHED THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE, THEY SAID TO HIM: MASTER, DID YOU NOT SOW GOOD SEED ON YOUR FIELD? FROM WHERE THEN HAS IT WEEDS? 28AND HE REVEALED TO THEM: A HUMAN, AN ENEMY DID THIS AND THE SLAVES ASKED HIM: DO YOU DESIRE THEN, THAT GOING OUT WE SHOULD HEAP THEM? 29THEN HE REFLECTED: NO, LEST HEAPING THE WEEDS, YOU WOULD UPROOT WITH THEM THE WHEAT. 30ALLOW BOTH TO GROW TOGETHER UNTIL THE HARVEST. THEN IN THE TIME OF THE HARVEST, I WILL COMMAND THE HARVESTERS: HEAP FIRST THE WEEDS, AND BIND THEM IN BUNDLES SO AS TO BURN THEM UP. BUT GATHER THE WHEAT INTO MY STOREHOUSE."

31HE COMMITTED TO THEM ANOTHER PARABLE, SAYING: "THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS LIKE A GRAIN OF MUSTARD, WHICH HAVING OBTAINED, A MAN SOWED ON HIS FIELD. 32IT IS ACTUALLY THE SMALLEST OF ALL THE SEEDS, BUT WHEN IT WOULD BE GROWN IT IS THE LARGEST OF THE HERBS AND IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVEN COME AND LODGE IN ITS BRANCHES."

33HE TOLD THEM ANOTHER PARABLE: "THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS LIKE LEAVEN, WHICH HAVING TAKEN, A WOMAN HID IN THREE MEASURES OF MEAL, UNTIL ALL OF THAT WAS LEAVENED."

34IESOUS SPOKE ALL THIS TO THE MULTITUDES IN PARABLES. AND HE WAS NOT SPEAKING TO THEM WITHOUT A PARABLE, 35SO THAT MIGHT BE FULFILLED WHAT WAS BEING DECLARED THROUGH THE PROPHET, SAYING:

"I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES,
I WILL BROACH THAT HAVING BEEN HIDDEN FROM THE FOUNDATION."

36THEN HAVING LEFT THE MULTITUDES, HE ENTERED INTO THE HOUSE. AND HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM, SAYING: "EXPOUND TO US THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS OF THE FIELD." 37AND ANSWERING, HE SPOKE: "THE ONE SOWING THE GOOD SEED IS THE SON OF MAN. 38NOW THE FIELD IS THE WORLD, AND THE GOOD SEED, THESE ARE THE SONS OF THE KINGDOM. BUT THE WEEDS ARE THE SONS OF EVIL. 39AND THE ENEMY HAVING SOWN THEM IS THE DEVIL. AND THE HARVEST IS THE CONSUMMATION OF THE AGE, AND THE HARVESTERS ARE ANGELS. 40THEREFORE, JUST AS THE WEEDS ARE HEAPED AND BURNED UP IN FIRE, SO IT WILL BE IN THE CONSUMMATION OF THE AGE. 41THE SON OF MAN WILL SEND HIS ANGELS, AND THEY WILL GATHER OUT OF HIS KINGDOM ALL MISCREANTS AND THOSE COMMITTING LAWLESSNESS. 42AND THEY WILL CAST THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE. THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. 43THEN THE JUST ONES WILL SHINE FORTH LIKE THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER. THE ONE HAVING EARS, LET HIM HEAR!

44THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS LIKE A TREASURE HAVING BEEN HIDDEN IN THE FIELD, WHICH A MAN HAD FOUND AND CONCEALED. AND AFTER HIS JOY, HE GOES AND SELLS ALL WHAT HE HAS, AND BUYS THAT FIELD.

45FURTHERMORE, THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS LIKE A MAN, A MERCHANT SEEKING GOOD PEARLS. 46AND HAVING FOUND ONE MOST MAGNIFICENT PEARL, HE WENT AWAY, SOLD ALL WHAT HE HAD, AND BOUGHT IT.

47FURTHERMORE, THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS LIKE A DRAG-NET BEING THROWN INTO THE LAKE, AND GATHERING OF EVERY KIND. 48WHEN THAT WAS FILLED, HAVING DISEMBARKED ON THE SHORE AND HAVING

SAT DOWN, THEY COLLECTED THE GOOD INTO THE VESSELS, BUT THEY THREW AWAY THE BAD. 49SO IT WILL BE IN THE CONSUMMATION OF THE AGE. THE ANGELS WILL GO OUT AND WILL SEPARATE THE WICKED FROM AMONG THE JUST, 50AND THEY WILL CAST THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE. THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.

51HAVE YOU UNDERSTOOD ALL THIS?" THEY SAID TO HIM: "YES." 52AND HE SPOKE TO THEM: "BECAUSE OF THIS, EVERY SCRIBE HAVING BEEN DISCIPLED FOR THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS LIKE A MAN, A MASTER OF THE HOUSE WHO BRINGS FORTH FROM HIS TREASURE NEW AND OLD."

53AND IT FOLLOWED WHEN IESOUS CONSUMMATED THESE PARABLES, HE DEPARTED FROM THERE. 54AND HAVING COME INTO HIS FATHERLAND, HE WAS TEACHING THEM IN THEIR SYNAGOGUE, SO THAT THEY WERE ASTONISHED AND WERE SAYING: "FROM WHERE HAS HE THIS WISDOM AND THE DEEDS OF POWER? 55IS THIS NOT THE SON OF THE WOODWORKER? IS NOT HIS MOTHER CALLED MARY? AND HIS BROTHERS JACOB AND JOSEPH, AND SIMON AND JUDAS? 56AND HIS SISTERS, ARE THEY NOT ALL WITH US? FROM WHERE HAS HE THEN ALL THIS?" 57AND THEY WERE OFFENDED IN HIM, BUT IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: "A PROPHET IS NOT LESS HONOURED, EXCEPT IN THE FATHERLAND AND IN HIS HOUSE." 58AND HE DID NOT MANY DEEDS OF POWER THERE, BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.

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1AT THAT TIME HEROD THE TETRARCH HEARD THE REPORT OF IESOUS. 2AND HE SAID TO HIS SERVANTS: "THIS IS JOHN THE BAPTIST, HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, AND BECAUSE OF THIS, THE DEEDS OF POWER ARE WORKING THROUGH HIM."

3FOR HEROD HAVING SEIZED JOHN, BOUND AND PUT HIM AWAY INTO A PRISON ON ACCOUNT OF HERODIAS, THE WIFE OF HIS BROTHER PHILIP. 4FOR JOHN WAS EXPLAINING TO HIM: "IT IS NOT LAWFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE HER." 5THOUGH INTENDING TO KILL HIM, HE FEARED THE MULTITUDE, FOR THEY WERE HOLDING HIM AS A PROPHET.

6WHEN A BIRTHDAY OF HEROD WAS BEING CELEBRATED, THE DAUGHTER OF HERODIAS DANCED IN THE MIDST AND PLEASED HEROD, 7WHEREFORE HE PROMISED WITH AN OATH TO GIVE HER WHATEVER SHE MIGHT ASK. 8BUT HAVING BEEN INSTIGATED BY HER MOTHER, SHE RUMINATED: "GIVE ME HERE ON A PLATTER THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST!" 9SO THE KING WAS BEING GRIEVED, YET FOR THE OATHS AND THOSE DINING WITH HE ORDERED TO BE PROCEEDED. 10AND HAVING DELEGATED, HE BEHEADED JOHN IN THE PRISON. 11AND HIS HEAD WAS BROUGHT ON A PLATTER AND WAS GIVEN TO THE GIRL, BUT SHE HANDED IT TO HER MOTHER.

12AND HIS DISCIPLES HAVING APPROACHED, THEY TOOK THE DEAD BODY AND BURIED IT, AND HAVING GONE, THEY REPORTED TO IESOUS.

13AND HAVING IT HEARD, IESOUS WITHDREW FROM THERE IN A BOAT INTO A DESOLATE PLACE, BY HIMSELF, AND THE MULTITUDES HEARING IT, THEY FOLLOWED HIM ON FOOT FROM THE CITIES. 14AND HAVING LEFT, HE NOTICED A GREAT MULTITUDE, AND HE EMPATHIZED WITH THEM, AND CURED THEIR SICK ONES.

15NOW EVENING HAVING COME, THE DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM, SAYING: "THE PLACE IS SECLUDED, AND THE TIME HAS NOW ADVANCED. DISMISS THE MULTITUDES, SO THAT GOING OUT INTO THE VILLAGES, THEY MIGHT BUY THEMSELVES FOOD." 16BUT IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: "THEY HAVE NO NEED TO GO AWAY. GIVE YOU THEM TO EAT!" 17AND THEY TOLD HIM: "WE HAVE NOTHING HERE, EXCEPT FIVE BREADS AND TWO FISHES." 18AND HE SPOKE: "BRING THEM HERE, TO ME."

19THEN ORDERING THE MULTITUDES TO BE SEATED ON THE PASTURES, HAVING RECEIVED THE FIVE BREADS AND THE TWO FISHES, LOOKING UP TO HEAVEN, HE EULOGIZED, AND BREAKING THE BREADS, HE GAVE TO

THE DISCIPLES, AND THE DISCIPLES TO THE MULTITUDES. 20AND THEY DID ALL EAT, AND WERE FILLED. AND THEY TOOK UP THE REMAINING PIECES OF BREAD, TWELVE HAND-BASKETS FULL. 21AND THOSE EATING WERE ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND MEN, BESIDES WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

22AND IMMEDIATELY HE COMPELLED THE DISCIPLES TO ENTER INTO THE BOAT, AND TO GO BEFORE HIM TO THE OTHER SIDE, UNTIL HE SHOULD DISMISS THE MULTITUDES. 23AND HAVING DISMISSED THE MULTITUDES, HE ASCENDED AT THE MOUNTAIN BY HIMSELF TO PRAY. NOW EVENING HAVING COME, HE WAS THERE ALONE. 24BUT THE BOAT, NOW BEING DISTANT MANY STADIA FROM THE LAND, WAS BEING TOSSED BY THE WAVES, FOR THE WIND WAS ADVERSE. 25AND IN THE FOURTH WATCH OF THE NIGHT HE CAME TO THEM, WALKING ON THE LAKE. 26BUT THE DISCIPLES SEEING HIM WALKING ON THE LAKE, WERE TROUBLED, SAYING THAT IT IS A PHANTOM. AND IN FEAR THEY CRIED OUT. 27BUT IESOUS SPOKE AT ONCE TO THEM, SAYING: "BE ENCOURAGED, I AM. DO NOT BE AFRAID."

28WHEN PETER WAS ANSWERING HIM, HE SAID: "MASTER, IF IT IS YOU, ORDER ME TO COME TO YOU UPON THE WATERS." 29AND HE SPOKE: "COME!" AND HAVING STEPPED DOWN FROM THE BOAT, PETER WALKED UPON THE WATERS, AND HE CAME TO IESOUS.

30BUT PERCEIVING THE STRONG WIND, HE WAS AFRAID, AND HAVING BEGUN TO SINK, HE CRIED OUT, SAYING: "MASTER, SAVE ME!" 31AND IESOUS IMMEDIATELY HAVING STRETCHED OUT THE HAND, HELD HIM UP AND SAID TO HIM: "OF LITTLE FAITH, CONCERNING WHAT DID YOU DOUBT?" 32WHEN THEY WERE STEPPING UP INTO THE BOAT, THE WIND ABATED. 33AND THOSE IN THE BOAT DID OBEISANCE TO HIM, SAYING:

"YOU ARE TRULY SON OF THEOS."

34THEN HAVING CROSSED OVER, THEY CAME TO LAND AT GENNESARET. 35AND HAVING RECOGNIZED HIM, THE MEN OF THAT PLACE SENT OUT THROUGHOUT ALL THAT VICINITY, THEN THEY BROUGHT HIM ALL THOSE BEING MISERABLE. 36AND THEY WERE BESEECHING HIM, SO THAT THEY MIGHT ONLY GRAB THE FRINGE OF HIS ROBE, AND AS MANY AS TOUCHED, WERE DELIVERED.

15

1THEN CAME TO IESOUS PHARISEES AND SCRIBES FROM JERUSALEM, SAYING: 2"FOR WHAT REASON DO YOUR DISCIPLES OVERSTEP THE ORAL TRADITION OF THE PRESBYTERS? FOR THEY DO NOT WASH THE HANDS WHENEVER THEY MIGHT EAT BREAD." 3AND ANSWERING, HE SAID TO THEM: "AND FOR WHAT REASON DO YOU OVERSTEP THE COMMAND OF THEOS - FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR ORAL TRADITION? 4FOR THEOS COMMANDED:

ESTEEM FATHER AND MOTHER!
AND THE ONE SPEAKING EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, MUST END IN DEATH.

5BUT YOU SAY, WHOEVER SHOULD SPEAK TO FATHER OR MOTHER, FROM WHAT OFFERING OF MINE WOULD YOU HAVE EVER BENEFITED? 6HE MAY NOT EVEN ESTEEM HIS FATHER, SO YOU REJECTED THE WORD OF THEOS FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR ORAL TRADITION. 7HYPOCRITES! WELL PROPHESED ISAIAH CONCERNING YOU, SAYING:

8"THIS PEOPLE HONOR ME WITH THE MOUTH,
YET HAVE THEIR HEART FAR AWAY FROM ME.
9AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME,
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES COMMANDS OF MEN."

10AND HAVING CALLED THE MULTITUDE, HE SPOKE TO THEM: "HEAR AND UNDERSTAND! 11NOT THAT ENTERING INTO THE MOUTH DEFILES MAN, BUT THAT PROCEEDING FROM THE MOUTH, THIS DEFILES MAN.

12 THEN THE DISCIPLES HAVING APPROACHED, SAID TO HIM: "HAVE YOU PERCEIVED THAT HEARING THE MESSAGE, THE PHARISEES WERE OFFENDED?" 13 AND ANSWERING, HE SPOKE: "EVERY PLANT WHICH MY HEAVENLY FATHER DID NOT PLANT, WILL BE UPROOTED. 14 LEAVE THEM, THEY ARE BLIND GUIDES OF BLIND MEN. AND IF A BLIND MAN SHOULD GUIDE A BLIND, BOTH WILL FALL INTO A PIT."

15 WHEN PETER WAS ANSWERING HIM, HE SAID: "DEFINE TO US THE PARABLE." 16 AND HE SAID: "ARE YOU STILL THAT IMPRUDENT? 17 DO YOU NOT REALIZE THAT ALL THAT ENTERING INTO THE MOUTH PASSES INTO THE STOMACH, AND IS BEING DISCHARGED INTO A LATRINE? 18 BUT THAT PROCEEDING FROM THE MOUTH COMES FROM THE HEART, AND THESE DEFILE MAN. 19 FOR FROM THE HEART COME: EVIL CONTEMPLATIONS, MURDERS, ADULTERIES, FORNICATIONS, THEFTS, FALSE WITNESSINGS, BLASPHEMIES. 20 THESE ARE DEFILEING MAN. BUT TO EAT WITH UNWASHED HANDS, DOES NOT DEFILE MAN."

21 AND HAVING LEFT FROM THERE, IESOUS WITHDREW TO THE REGIONS OF TYRE AND SIDON. 22 AND BEHOLD, A CANAANITE WOMAN, COMING FROM THOSE BOUNDARIES, WAS SCREAMING, SAYING: "BE MERCIFUL TO ME, KYRIOS SON OF DAVID! MY DAUGHTER IS MISERABLY DEMONIZED." 23 BUT HE DID NOT ANSWER HER A WORD. AND HIS DISCIPLES HAVING APPROACHED, WERE BESEECHING HIM, SAYING: "DISMISS HER, FOR SHE SCREAMS AFTER US." 24 AND ANSWERING, HE SAID: "I WAS NOT SENT OUT EXCEPT TO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL."

25 SHE NOW HAVING APPEARED, WAS KNEELING DOWN TO HIM, SAYING: "KYRIOS, HELP ME!" 26 BUT ANSWERING, HE SPOKE: "IT IS NOT GOOD TO TAKE AND THROW THE BREAD OF THE CHILDREN TO THE LITTLE DOGS." 27 AND SHE SAID: "YES KYRIOS, BUT EVEN THE LITTLE DOGS EAT OF THE CRUMBS FALLING FROM THE TABLE OF THEIR MASTERS." 28 THEN ANSWERING, IESOUS SPOKE TO HER: "O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH. LET IT BE ACCOMPLISHED TO YOU AS YOU DESIRE." AND HER DAUGHTER WAS HEALED AT THAT HOUR.

29 AND HAVING DEPARTED FROM THERE, IESOUS CAME NEARBY THE LAKE OF GALILEE. AND HAVING ASCENDED AT THE MOUNTAIN, HE WAS SITTING THERE. 30 AND GREAT MULTITUDES CAME TO HIM, HAVING WITH THEM LAME ONES, BLIND, CRIPPLED, DUMB, AND MANY OTHERS. AND THEY DROPPED THEM AT HIS FEET, AND HE HEALED THEM. 31 THEREFORE THE MULTITUDE MARVELED, BEHOLDING DUMB ONES SPEAKING, CRIPPLED WHOLESOME, AND LAME ONES WALKING, AND BLIND SEEING. AND THEY GLORIFIED THE **THEOS OF ISRAEL**.

32 NOW IESOUS HAVING CALLED HIS DISCIPLES, HE SPOKE: "I EMPATHIZE WITH THE MULTITUDE, FOR NOW THEY REMAIN WITH ME THREE DAYS, AND THEY HAVE NOTHING WHAT THEY MIGHT EAT. AND I DO NOT DESIRE TO DISMISS THEM FAMISHED, LEST THEY MIGHT FAINT ON THE ROAD." 33 BUT THE DISCIPLES SAID TO HIM: "FROM WHERE HAVE WE IN A WILDERNESS SO MANY BREADS, SO AS TO FILL A MULTITUDE SO GREAT?" 34 THEN IESOUS ASKED THEM: "HOW MANY BREADS DO YOU HAVE?" AND THEY ANSWERED: "SEVEN, AND A FEW SMALL FISHES."

35 THEN HAVING INSTRUCTED THE MULTITUDE TO SIT DOWN ON THE GROUND, 36 HAVING RECEIVED THE SEVEN BREADS AND THE FISHES, AND HAVING THANKED, HE BROKE AND WAS GIVING TO THE DISCIPLES, AND THE DISCIPLES TO THE MULTITUDE. 37 AND THEY DID ALL EAT, AND WERE FILLED. AND THEY TOOK UP THE REMAINING PIECES OF BREAD, SEVEN BASKETS FULL. 38 AND THOSE EATING WERE FOUR THOUSAND MEN, BESIDES WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

39 AND HAVING DISMISSED THE MULTITUDES, HE ENTERED INTO THE BOAT, AND CAME TO THE BOUNDARIES OF MAGADAN.

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1 AND THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES HAVING APPROACHED, THEY WERE EXAMINING AND DEMANDED HIM TO SHOW THEM A SIGN FROM HEAVEN. 2 AND ANSWERING, HE SAID TO THEM: 3 4 "AN EVIL AND ADULTEROUS

GENERATION IS SEEKING A SIGN, BUT A SIGN WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO IT, EXCEPT THE SIGN OF JONAH." AND LEAVING THEM, HE WENT AWAY.

5 THEN THE DISCIPLES HAVING GONE TO THE OTHER SIDE, THEY HAD FORGOTTEN TO TAKE BREADS. 6 AND IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: "TAKE HEED, AND BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES." 7 NOW THEY WERE REASONING AMONG THEMSELVES, SAYING: "HOW DID WE NOT TAKE BREADS?"

8 AND HAVING BEEN AWARE, IESOUS SPOKE: "OF LITTLE FAITH, WHY DO YOU REASON AMONG YOURSELVES THAT YOU HAVE NO BREADS? 9 DO YOU NOT YET COMPREHEND NOR REMEMBER THE FIVE BREADS OF THE FIVE THOUSAND, AND HOW MANY HAND-BASKETS YOU HAD RECEIVED? 10 NOR THE SEVEN BREADS OF THE FOUR THOUSAND, AND HOW MANY BASKETS YOU HAD RECEIVED? 11 HOW DO YOU NOT COMPREHEND THAT I DID NOT SPEAK TO YOU CONCERNING BREAD, BUT TO BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES!" 12 THEN THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT HE DID NOT SPEAK TO BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF BREAD, BUT OF THE TEACHING OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES.

13 NOW IESOUS HAVING COME INTO THE REGIONS OF CAESAREA OF PHILIPPI, HE WAS CONSULTING HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING: "WHO DO MEN SAY IS THE **SON OF MAN**?" 14 AND THEY ANSWERED: "ACTUALLY JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND SOME ELIJAH, YET OTHERS JEREMIAH, OR ONE OF THE PROPHETS." 15 HE ASKED THEM: "BUT YOU, WHO DO YOU SAY AM I?" 16 AND ANSWERING, SIMON PETER SAID:

"YOU ARE THE CHRISTOS, THE SON OF THE LIVING THEOS."

17 AND ANSWERING, IESOUS SPOKE TO HIM: "BLESSED ARE YOU, SIMON BARJONA, FOR FLESH AND BLOOD DID NOT REVEAL IT TO YOU, BUT MY FATHER, THE ONE IN THE HEAVENS. 18 BUT I ALSO TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY EKKLESIA, AND GATES OF HADES WILL NOT OVERPOWER HER. 19 I WILL GIVE TO YOU THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS, AND WHATEVER YOU SHOULD BIND ON THE EARTH, WILL HAVE BEEN BOUND IN THE HEAVENS, AND WHATEVER YOU SHOULD LOOSEN ON THE EARTH, WILL HAVE BEEN LOOSENED IN THE HEAVENS." 20 THEN HE CHARGED THE DISCIPLES, SO THAT THEY SHOULD SAY TO NO ONE THAT HE IS THE CHRISTOS.

21 SINCE THEN, IESOUS BEGAN TO SHOW TO HIS DISCIPLES THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR HIM TO GO AWAY TO JERUSALEM, AND TO SUFFER MUCH FROM THE PRESBYTERS AND CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES, AND TO BE KILLED, AND TO BE RAISED THE THIRD DAY. 22 BUT HAVING HIM TAKEN ASIDE, PETER BEGAN TO ADMONISH HIM, SAYING: "MERCY TO YOU MASTER, IN NO WAY WILL THIS OCCUR TO YOU!"

23 NOW HAVING TURNED, HE SAID TO PETER: "GET AWAY, BEHIND ME, SATAN!" "YOU ARE AN OFFENCE TO ME, FOR YOU DO NOT MIND THAT OF THEOS, BUT THAT OF MEN!"

24 THEN IESOUS SPOKE TO HIS DISCIPLES: "IF ANYONE DESIRES TO COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND LET HIM FOLLOW ME. 25 FOR WHOEVER MIGHT DESIRE TO SAVE HIS SOUL, WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOOSED HIS SOUL FOR MY SAKE, WILL FIND IT. 26 FOR WHAT WILL A MAN BE BENEFITED IF HE MIGHT GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT HIS SOUL WOULD BE FORFEITED? OR WHAT WILL GIVE A MAN A SUBSTITUTION OF HIS SOUL?"

27 FOR THE SON OF MAN IS GOING TO COME IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER - WITH HIS ANGELS, AND THEN HE WILL REWARD EACH ONE ACCORDING TO HIS PRACTICE. 28 TRULY I TELL YOU THAT THERE ARE SOME OF THOSE HAVING STOOD HERE, WHO WOULD CERTAINLY NOT TASTE DEATH, UNTIL THEY SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE SON OF MAN COMING IN HIS KINGDOM."

17

1AND AFTER SIX DAYS, IESOUS SUMMONED PETER AND JACOB, AND JOHN HIS BROTHER, AND HE LED THEM UP UNTO A HIGH MOUNTAIN, UTTERLY ISOLATED.

2AND HE WAS METAMORPHOSED BEFORE THEM, AND HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN, NOW HIS VESTURES BECAME **WHITE LIKE THE LIGHT**. 3AND BEHOLD, THERE APPEARED TO THEM MOSES AND ELIJAH, COMMUNING WITH THEM. 4AND ANSWERING, PETER SAID TO IESOUS, "MASTER, IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE. IF YOU DESIRE, I WILL MAKE HERE THREE TENTS, ONE FOR YOU, AND ONE FOR MOSES AND ONE FOR ELIJAH." 5WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, BEHOLD, A CLOUD FULL OF LIGHT OVERSHADOWED THEM, AND BEHOLD, A VOICE WAS SPEAKING OUT OF THE CLOUD:

**"THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED
IN WHOM I DELIGHT. HEAR HIM!"**

6AND HAVING IT HEARD, THE DISCIPLES FELL ON THEIR FACE, AND THEY FEARED EXCEEDINGLY. 7BUT IESOUS HAVING APPROACHED AND TOUCHING THEM, SPOKE: "ARISE, AND DO NOT BE AFRAID!" 8NOW THEY WERE LIFTING UP THEIR EYES, THEY SAW NO ONE EXCEPT HIM, IESOUS ALONE.

9WHEN THEY DESCENDED FROM THE MOUNTAIN, IESOUS CHARGED THEM, SAYING: "YOU SHOULD NOT TELL ANYONE THE VISION, UNTIL THE SON OF MAN MAY RISE FROM THE DEAD." 10AND THE DISCIPLES QUESTIONED HIM, SAYING: "WHY THEN DO THE SCRIBES TELL THAT ELIJAH MUST COME FIRST?" 11AND ANSWERING, HE SPOKE: "ELIJAH COMES INDEED, AND HE WILL RESTORE ALL. 12BUT I TELL YOU THAT ELIJAH HAS NOW COME AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM NOT, THEREFORE THEY DID TO HIM WHAT THEY DESIRED. THUS THE SON OF MAN IS ALSO ABOUT TO SUFFER BY THEM." 13THEN THE DISCIPLES UNDERSTOOD THAT HE SPOKE TO THEM CONCERNING JOHN THE BAPTIST.

14AND HAVING COME TO THE MULTITUDE, A MAN APPROACHED HIM, HE WAS KNEELING DOWN TO HIM 15AND SAYING: "KYRIOS, BE MERCIFUL TO MY SON, FOR HE IS LUNATIC AND SUFFERS MISERABLY. FOR HE OFTEN FALLS INTO THE FIRE, AND OFTEN INTO THE WATER. 16SO I BROUGHT HIM TO YOUR DISCIPLES, BUT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO HEAL HIM." 17AND ANSWERING, IESOUS SAID: "O FAITHLESS GENERATION, HAVING BEEN SO COMPROMISED! HOW LONG WILL I BE WITH YOU? HOW LONG WILL I BEAR WITH YOU? BRING HIM HERE, TO ME." 18AND IESOUS REBUKED HIM, AND THE DEMON WENT OUT FROM HIM, AND THE CHILD WAS HEALED AT THAT HOUR.

19THEN THE DISCIPLES HAVING APPROACHED IESOUS IN PRIVATE, SAID: "FOR WHAT REASON WERE WE NOT ABLE TO CAST HIM OUT?" 20AND HE EXPOUNDED TO THEM: "BECAUSE OF YOUR LITTLE FAITH! FOR TRULY I TELL YOU: IF YOU WOULD HAVE FAITH LIKE A GRAIN OF MUSTARD, YOU WILL SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN: 'MOVE OVER FROM HERE TO THERE!' AND IT WILL MOVE, AND NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO YOU."

22NOW THEY WERE RETURNING TOGETHER TO GALILEE, IESOUS SAID TO THEM:

"THE SON OF MAN IS ABOUT TO BE DELIVERED INTO HANDS OF MEN,
23AND THEY WILL KILL HIM, AND HE WILL BE RAISED THE THIRD DAY."
THEN THEY WERE GRIEVED EXCEEDINGLY.

24NOW THEY HAVING COME TO CAPERNAUM, THOSE TAKING DIDRACHMAS CAME TO PETER AND SAID: "YOUR TEACHER DOES NOT PAY THE DIDRACHMAS?" 25HE CLARIFIED: "YES." AND HAVING ENTERED INTO THE HOUSE, IESOUS ANTICIPATED HIM, SAYING: "WHAT DO YOU THINK, SIMON? THE KINGS OF THE EARTH, FROM WHOM DO THEY TAKE CUSTOMS OR A TRIBUTE? FROM THEIR SONS, OR FROM OTHERS?" 26NOW HAVING SAID 'FROM OTHERS', IESOUS WAS REVEALING TO HIM: "CONSEQUENTLY, THE SONS ARE AT LIBERTY. 27BUT IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT NOT OFFEND THEM, GOING TO A LAKE, CAST A HOOK AND TAKE THE FISH COMING

UP FIRST! AND OPENING ITS MOUTH, YOU WILL FIND A STATER. HAVING TAKEN THIS, GIVE IT TO THEM FOR ME AND YOU!"

18

1IN THAT HOUR THE DISCIPLES APPROACHED IESOUS, ASKING: "WHO THEN IS GREATER IN THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS?" 2AND CALLING A CHILD, HE PLACED IT IN THEIR MIDST 3AND SAID: "TRULY I TELL YOU, IF YOU SHOULD NOT BE CONVERTED, AND SHOULD BECOME LIKE THE CHILDREN, YOU MAY NEVER ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS. 4WHOEVER THEREFORE WILL HUMBLE HIMSELF LIKE THIS CHILD, THIS ONE IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS.

5AND WHOEVER SHOULD RECEIVE ONE SUCH CHILD IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME. 6BUT WHOEVER SHOULD BEGUILE ONE OF THESE SMALL ONES, THE ONES BELIEVING IN ME, IT IS BETTER FOR HIM THAT A DONKEY'S MILLSTONE SHOULD BE HUNG AROUND HIS NECK, AND HE MIGHT BE SUNK IN THE DEPTH OF THE SEA."

7WOE TO THE WORLD BECAUSE OF HINDRANCES! INDEED A NECESSITY OF HINDRANCES COMES, BUT WOE TO THE MAN THROUGH WHOM THE HINDRANCE COMES! 8AND IF YOUR HAND OR YOUR FOOT BEGUILES YOU, CUT IT OFF AND THROW IT FROM YOU. IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO ENTER INTO LIFE CRIPPLED OR LAME, THAN HAVING TWO HANDS OR TWO FEET, TO BE CAST INTO THE ETERNAL FIRE. 9AND IF YOUR EYE BEGUILES YOU, PLUCK IT OUT AND THROW IT FROM YOU. IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO ENTER INTO LIFE ONE-EYED, THAN HAVING TWO EYES, TO BE CAST INTO THE GEHENNA OF FIRE.

10TAKE HEED! YOU SHOULD NOT DESPISE ONE OF THESE SMALL ONES, FOR I TELL TO YOU THAT THEIR ANGELS IN THE HEAVENS CONTINUALLY BEHOLD THE FACE OF MY FATHER, THE ONE IN THE HEAVENS.

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12WHAT DO YOU THINK? IF ANY MAN WOULD HAVE A HUNDRED SHEEP, AND ONE OF THEM SHOULD BE LED ASTRAY, WILL HE NOT LEAVE THE NINETY-NINE ON THE MOUNTAINS, AND HAVING GONE, SEEK THE ONE BEING LED ASTRAY? 13AND IF HE HAPPENS TO FIND IT, TRULY I TELL YOU THAT HE REJOICES OVER IT MORE THAN OVER THE NINETY-NINE, THE ONES NOT HAVING BEEN LED ASTRAY. 14THUS IT IS NOT A DESIRE BEFORE YOUR FATHER IN THE HEAVENS, THAT ONE OF THESE SMALL ONES SHOULD PERISH.

15NOW IF YOUR BROTHER SHOULD SIN AGAINST YOU,
GO, REPROVE HIM BETWEEN YOU AND HIM ALONE.
IF HE SHOULD HEAR YOU, YOU GAINED YOUR BROTHER.

16BUT **IF HE SHOULD NOT HEAR**, SUMMON TO YOU ALSO ONE OR TWO,
SO THAT BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES, EVERY WORD MIGHT BE ATTESTED.

17AND **IF HE SHOULD DISREGARD THEM**, SPEAK TO THE EKKLESIA.

AND **IF HE SHOULD ALSO DISREGARD THE EKKLESIA**,
LET HIM BE TO YOU AS THE NATIONS AND THE TAX COLLECTOR.

18TRULY I TELL YOU: WHATEVER YOU SHOULD BIND ON EARTH, WILL HAVE BEEN BOUND IN HEAVEN. AND WHATEVER YOU SHOULD LOOSEN ON EARTH, WILL HAVE BEEN LOOSENED IN HEAVEN. 19AGAIN I TELL YOU, THAT IF TWO AMONG YOU SHOULD AGREE ON EARTH CONCERNING ANY PRACTICE, WHATEVER THEY MAY ASK WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED TO THEM BY MY FATHER, THE ONE IN THE HEAVENS. 20FOR WHERE ARE TWO OR THREE, HAVING BEEN GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE I AM IN THEIR MIDST."

21THEN PETER HAVING APPROACHED, HE SAID TO HIM: "MASTER, HOW OFTEN WILL MY BROTHER SIN AGAINST ME, AND I FORGIVE HIM? UP TO SEVEN TIMES?" 22IESOUS EXPOUNDED TO HIM: "I DO NOT SAY TO YOU, UP TO SEVEN TIMES, BUT EVEN SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN.

23BECAUSE OF THIS, THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS LIKENED TO A MAN, A KING WHO MEANT TO SETTLE AN ACCOUNT WITH HIS SLAVES. 24AND HE HAVING BEGUN TO SETTLE, ONE DEBTOR OF TEN THOUSAND TALANTS WAS BROUGHT TO HIM. 25BUT HE NOT BEING ABLE TO PAY, THE MASTER ORDERED HIM TO BE SOLD, AND WIFE AND CHILDREN, AND ALL WHAT HE HAD, AND TO BE PAID. 26THEN HAVING FALLEN DOWN, THE SLAVE WAS KNEELING DOWN TO HIM, SAYING: 'BE LENIENT WITH ME, THEN I WILL PAY EVERYTHING TO YOU.' 27AND DEEPLY TOUCHED, THE MASTER OF THAT SLAVE RELEASED HIM, AND FORGAVE HIM THE DEBT.

28AND HAVING LEFT, THAT SLAVE FOUND ONE OF HIS FELLOW SLAVES, WHO WAS OWING HIM A HUNDRED DENARII. AND HAVING SEIZED HIM, HE BEGAN TO CHOKE, SAYING: 'PAY THAT WHICH YOU OWE!' 29THEN HIS FELLOW SLAVE HAVING FALLEN DOWN, HE WAS BESEECHING HIM, SAYING: 'BE LENIENT WITH ME, THEN I WILL PAY YOU.' 30BUT HE WAS NOT WILLING, AND HAVING GONE AWAY, HE CAST HIM INTO A PRISON, UNTIL HE MIGHT HAVE PAID THAT BEING OWED. 31NOW HIS FELLOW SLAVES HAVING SEEN THIS HAPPENING, THEY WERE GRIEVED EXCEEDINGLY. AND HAVING GONE, THEY DISCLOSED TO THEIR MASTER ALL THIS HAVING HAPPENED.

32THEN HAVING CALLED HIM, HIS MASTER SAID TO HIM: 'WICKED SLAVE! I FORGAVE YOU ALL THAT OBLIGATION, SINCE YOU BESEECHED ME. 33WAS IT NOT ALSO IMPERATIVE FOR YOU, TO HAVE MERCY ON YOUR FELLOW SLAVE, AS I ALSO HAD MERCY ON YOU?' 34AND HAVING BEEN ENRAGED, HIS MASTER DELIVERED HIM TO THE TORMENTORS, UNTIL HE MIGHT HAVE PAID ALL THAT BEING OWED. 35THUS ALSO MY HEAVENLY FATHER WILL DO TO YOU, IF YOU SHOULD NOT FORGIVE EACH ONE HIS BROTHER FROM YOUR HEARTS.

19

1AND IT FOLLOWED WHEN IESOUS CONSUMMATED THESE SAYINGS, HE DEPARTED FROM GALILEE. AND HE CAME TO THE BOUNDARIES OF JUDAEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN. 2AND GREAT MULTITUDES FOLLOWED HIM, AND HE HEALED THEM THERE.

3THEN APPROACHED HIM PHARISEES, TRYING HIM AND ASKING WHETHER IT IS LAWFUL TO MAN, TO ABANDON HIS WIFE FOR ANY MOTIVE. 4AND ANSWERING, HE SPOKE: "HAVE YOU NOT READ THAT THE ONE HAVING CREATED,

MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE FROM BEGINNING?"

5MOREOVER, HE SPOKE:

"ON ACCOUNT OF THIS, A MAN WILL LEAVE FATHER AND MOTHER,
AND HE WILL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE,
AND THE TWO WILL BE IN ONE FLESH,

6SO THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO BUT ONE FLESH. WHAT THEREFORE THEOS JOINED TOGETHER, LET MAN NOT PUT ASUNDER."

7THEY ASKED HIM: "WHY THEN CHARGED MOSES TO GIVE A DECLARATION OF DIVORCE AND TO ABANDON?" 8SHE TOLD THEM, THAT "MOSES IN VIEW OF YOUR HARDNESS OF HEART, ALLOWED YOU TO ABANDON YOUR WIVES. FROM BEGINNING HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN SO. 9BUT I TELL TO YOU, THAT WHOEVER SHOULD ABANDON HIS WIFE, NOT AFTER UNCHASTITY, AND SHOULD MARRY ANOTHER, COMMITS ADULTERY."

10THE DISCIPLES SAID TO HIM: "IF THUS IS THE MOTIVE OF MAN WITH THE WOMAN, IT IS NOT EXPEDIENT TO MARRY." 11AND HE SAID TO THEM: "NOT ALL MAKE ROOM FOR THE WORD, BUT TO WHOM IT HAS BEEN GRANTED. 12FOR THERE ARE EUNUCHS, WHO OUT OF A MOTHER'S WOMB WERE PROCREATED THUS. AND THERE ARE EUNUCHS, WHO WERE MADE EUNUCHS BY MEN. AND THERE ARE EUNUCHS, WHO MADE

THEMSELVES EUNUCHS - FOR THE SAKE OF THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS. THE ONE BEING ABLE TO RECEIVE, LET HIM RECEIVE!"

13 THEN CHILDREN WERE BROUGHT TO HIM, SO THAT HE MIGHT HAVE LAID HANDS ON THEM AND MIGHT PRAY. BUT THE DISCIPLES ADMONISHED THEM. 14 NOW IESOUS SPOKE: "LET THE CHILDREN GO, AND DO NOT RESTRAIN THEM TO COME TO ME. FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS." 15 AND HAVING LAID HANDS ON THEM, HE WENT FORTH FROM THERE.

16 AND BEHOLD, ONE HAVING APPROACHED HIM, SAID: "TEACHER, WHAT GOOD MAY I DO, SO THAT I MIGHT HAVE LIFE ETERNAL?" 17 AND HE SPOKE TO HIM: "WHY DO YOU ASK ME CONCERNING THE GOOD? **ONE IS GOOD.**" "IF HOWEVER, YOU DESIRE TO ENTER INTO LIFE, KEEP THE COMMANDS!" 18 HE ASKED HIM: "WHICH?" AND IESOUS SPOKE: "THIS -

YOU SHALL NOT MURDER!
YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY!
YOU SHALL NOT STEAL!
YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS!
19 ESTEEM FATHER AND MOTHER!
AND YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF!"

20 THE YOUNG MAN TOLD HIM: "ALL THESE I OBSERVED, WHAT DO I STILL LACK?" 21 IESOUS WAS REVEALING TO HIM: "IF YOU DESIRE TO BE PERFECT, GO, SELL OF YOU **WHAT** YOU ARE POSSESSING, AND GIVE TO THE POOR, AND YOU WILL HAVE WEALTH IN **THE HEAVENS.** THEN COME, FOLLOW ME!" 22 NOW THE YOUNG MAN HAVING HEARD THE WORD, WENT AWAY BEING GRIEVED, FOR HE WAS HAVING MANY POSSESSIONS.

23 AND IESOUS SPOKE TO HIS DISCIPLES: TRULY I TELL YOU THAT A RICH **MAN** WILL HARDLY ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS. 24 AND AGAIN I TELL YOU: IT IS EASIER **FOR** A CAMEL TO PASS THROUGH AN EYE OF A NEEDLE, THAN A RICH **MAN** TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF THEOS.

25 AND HAVING **IT** HEARD, THE DISCIPLES WERE GREATLY ASTONISHED, SAYING: "WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED?" 26 NOW LOOKING UP, IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: WITH MEN, THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE. BUT WITH THEOS, EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE."

27 THEN ANSWERING, PETER SAID TO HIM: "BEHOLD, WE LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED YOU. WHAT WILL THEREFORE BE TO US?" 28 AND IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: "TRULY I TELL YOU THAT YOU, THE ONES HAVING FOLLOWED ME INTO THE REGENERATION, WHEN THE SON OF MAN MAY SIT ON A THRONE OF HIS GLORY, MOREOVER YOU WILL SIT ON TWELVE THRONES, JUDGING THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL. 29 AND EVERYONE WHO LEFT HOUSES, OR BROTHERS OR SISTERS, OR FATHER OR MOTHER, OR WIFE OR CHILDREN, OR FIELDS ON ACCOUNT OF MY NAME, WILL RECEIVE HUNDREDFOLD AND WILL INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE. 30 BUT MANY FIRST **ONES** WILL BE LAST, AND LAST **ONES** FIRST."

20

1 FOR THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS LIKE A MAN, A MASTER OF THE HOUSE WHO WENT OUT AT DAYBREAK TO HIRE WORKERS FOR HIS VINEYARD. 2 AND HAVING AGREED WITH THE WORKERS FOR A DENARIUS THE DAY, HE SENT THEM INTO HIS VINEYARD. 3 AND HAVING GONE OUT ABOUT **THE THIRD HOUR,** HE NOTICED OTHERS, STANDING IDLE IN THE MARKET. 4 AND TO THOSE HE SAID: YOU ALSO, GO INTO THE VINEYARD, AND WHATEVER SHOULD BE JUST, I WILL GIVE TO YOU!" 5 AND THEY WENT. HAVING GONE OUT AGAIN ABOUT **THE SIXTH AND NINTH HOUR,** HE DID LIKEWISE. 6 AND HAVING GONE OUT ABOUT **THE ELEVENTH,** HE FOUND OTHERS STANDING. AND HE ASKED THEM: "WHY HAVE YOU STOOD HERE ALL THE DAY IDLE?" 7 THEY TOLD HIM THAT "NO ONE HIRED US." HE SAID TO THEM: "YOU ALSO, GO INTO THE VINEYARD!"

8NOW EVENING HAVING COME, SAID THE MASTER OF THE VINEYARD TO HIS STEWARD: CALL THE WORKERS AND PAY THEM THE WAGE, BEGINNING FROM THE LAST ONES TO THE FIRST. 9AND THOSE HAVING COME ABOUT THE ELEVENTH HOUR, RECEIVED EACH A DENARIUS. 10AND THOSE HAVING COME FIRST, DEEMED LAWFUL THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE MORE, BUT THEY RECEIVED ALSO EACH A DENARIUS. 11AND HAVING RECEIVED, THEY WERE GRUMBLING AGAINST THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE, 12SAYING: "THESE LAST ONES WORKED **ONE HOUR**, BUT YOU MADE THEM EQUAL TO US, HAVING BORNE THE BURDEN OF THE DAY AND THE HEAT." 13BUT ANSWERING, HE SAID TO ONE OF THEM: COMRADE, I AM NOT DOING YOU INJUSTICE! DID YOU NOT AGREE WITH ME A DENARIUS? 14TAKE THINE AND GO AWAY! BUT I AM WILLING TO GIVE TO THIS LAST ONE, SO AS TO YOU. 15IS IT NOT LAWFUL TO ME TO DO WITH MINE OWN WHAT I DESIRE? OR IS YOUR EYE WICKED, BECAUSE I AM GOOD? 16THUS THE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THE FIRST LAST."

17AND IESOUS GOING UP TO JERUSALEM, HE SUMMONED THE TWELVE IN PRIVATE, AND ON THE WAY HE SAID TO THEM: 18"BEHOLD, WE ARE GOING UP TO JERUSALEM, AND THE SON OF MAN WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES, AND THEY WILL CONDEMN HIM TO DEATH. 19AND THEY WILL DELIVER HIM TO THE NATIONS, TO MOCK AND TO FLOG, AND TO CRUCIFY, AND HE WILL BE RAISED THE THIRD DAY."

20THEN APPROACHED HIM THE MOTHER OF THE SONS OF ZEBEDEE, KNEELING DOWN WITH HER SONS, AND ASKING SOMETHING FROM HIM. 21AND HE SAID TO HER: "WHAT DO YOU WANT?" SHE SAID TO HIM: "SPEAK THAT THESE TWO SONS OF MINE MAY SIT IN YOUR KINGDOM, ONE ON YOUR RIGHT AND ONE ON YOUR LEFT HAND SIDES." 22AND ANSWERING, IESOUS SAID: "YOU HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU ARE ASKING. ARE YOU ABLE TO DRINK THE CUP WHICH I AM ABOUT TO DRINK?" THEY SAID TO HIM: "WE ARE ABLE." 23HE TOLD THEM: "INDEED YOU WILL DRINK MY CUP, BUT TO SIT ON MY RIGHT AND ON MY LEFT HAND, SUCH IS NOT MINE TO GIVE, BUT TO WHOM IT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY MY FATHER."

24AND HAVING IT HEARD, THE TEN WERE INDIGNANT ABOUT THE TWO BROTHERS. 25AND IESOUS HAVING CALLED THEM, SPOKE: "YOU HAVE SEEN THAT THE RULERS OF THE NATIONS EXERCISE DOMINION OVER THEM, AND THE MIGHTY EXERCISE AUTHORITY OVER THEM. 26THUS IT WILL NOT BE AMONG YOU, BUT WHOEVER MIGHT DESIRE AMONG YOU TO BE GREAT, WILL BE YOUR SERVANT. 27AND WHOEVER MIGHT DESIRE AMONG YOU TO BE FIRST, WILL BE YOUR SLAVE, 28EVEN AS THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE AND TO GIVE HIS SOUL AS RANSOM FOR MANY."

29WHEN THEY WERE GOING OUT FROM JERICHO, A GREAT MULTITUDE FOLLOWED HIM. 30AND BEHOLD, TWO BLIND, SEATED BESIDE THE ROAD, HAVING HEARD THAT IESOUS IS PASSING BY, CRIED OUT, SAYING: "BE MERCIFUL TO US, **SON OF DAVID!**" 31BUT THE MULTITUDE REBUKED THEM, THAT THEY SHOULD BE QUIET. NOW THEY CRIED OUT MORE, SAYING: "BE MERCIFUL TO US, **KYRIOS, SON OF DAVID!**" 32AND HAVING STOOD STILL, IESOUS CALLED THEM AND SPOKE: "WHAT DO YOU WANT I SHOULD DO TO YOU?" 33THEY SAID TO HIM: "KYRIOS, THAT OUR EYES MAY BE OPENED." 34AND EMPATHIZING, IESOUS TOUCHED THEIR EYES, AND IMMEDIATELY THEY RECOVERED SIGHT AND FOLLOWED HIM.

21

1AND WHEN THEY DREW NEAR TO JERUSALEM, AND CAME TO BETHPHAGE ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, THEN IESOUS SENT OUT TWO DISCIPLES, 2SAYING TO THEM: "GO INTO THE VILLAGE, THE ONE BEFORE YOU! AND IMMEDIATELY YOU WILL FIND A DONKEY HAVING BEEN BOUND, AND A COLT WITH HER, HAVING LOOSENED, BRING THEM TO ME! 3AND IF ANYONE SHOULD SAY ANYTHING TO YOU, YOU WILL SPEAK THAT THEIR MASTER HAS NEED, AND IMMEDIATELY HE WILL SEND THEM." 4NOW THIS HAD HAPPENED, SO THAT MIGHT BE FULFILLED WHAT WAS BEING DECLARED THROUGH THE PROPHET, SAYING:

5 SPEAK TO THE DAUGHTER OF SION:
BEHOLD, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU,
MEEK AND HAVING MOUNTED ON A DONKEY AND ON A COLT,
OFFSPRING OF AN ANIMAL UNDER YOKE."

6AND THE DISCIPLES HAVING DEPARTED AND HAVING DONE ACCORDING TO WHAT IESOUS APPOINTED TO THEM, 7BROUGHT THE DONKEY AND THE COLT. AND THEY LAID UPON THEM THE ROBES. AND HE SAT ON THEM. 8AND THE VERY GREAT MULTITUDE SPREAD THEIR ROBES ON THE ROAD, YET OTHERS WERE CUTTING BRANCHES FROM THE TREES AND WERE SPREADING THEM ON THE ROAD. 9AND THE MULTITUDES, THOSE GOING BEFORE HIM AND THOSE FOLLOWING, WERE CRYING OUT, SAYING:

**HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!
PRAISED BE THE ONE COMING IN THE NAME OF KYRIOS!
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!"**

10THEN HE HAVING ENTERED INTO JERUSALEM, ALL THE CITY WAS STIRRED UP, SAYING: "WHO IS THIS?" 11AND THE MULTITUDES WERE SAYING:

**"THIS IS THE PROPHET IESOUS,
THE ONE FROM NAZARETH OF GALILEE."**

12THEN IESOUS ENTERED INTO THE TEMPLE, AND HE CAST OUT ALL THOSE SELLING AND BUYING IN THE TEMPLE. AND HE OVERTURNED THE TABLES OF THE MONEY CHANGERS, AND THE SEATS OF THOSE SELLING THE DOVES. 13AND HE TOLD THEM: "IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN:

MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER,
BUT YOU MAKE IT A CAVE OF ROBBERS."

14THEN CAME TO HIM BLIND AND LAME ONES IN THE TEMPLE, AND HE CURED THEM. 15BUT THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE SCRIBES HAVING SEEN THE WONDERFUL THINGS WHICH HE DID, AND THE CHILDREN CRYING OUT IN THE TEMPLE AND SAYING 'HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID', THEY WERE INDIGNANT. 16AND THEY SAID TO HIM: "DO YOU HEAR WHAT THESE SAY?" AND IESOUS TOLD THEM: "YES. HAVE YOU NEVER READ HOW

FROM A MOUTH OF NON-SPEAKING INFANTS AND SUCKLINGS, YOU PERFORMED PRAISE'?"

17AND HAVING LEFT THEM, HE WENT OUT OF THE CITY TO BETHANY, AND HE LODGED THERE.

18NOW RETURNING AT DAYBREAK INTO THE CITY, HE WAS HUNGRY. 19AND HAVING SEEN A CERTAIN FIG TREE ON THE WAY, HE WENT TO IT AND FOUND NOTHING ON IT, EXCEPT LEAVES ONLY. AND HE SAID TO IT: "NO LONGER MAY THERE BE FRUIT FROM YOU TO THE AGE." AND THE FIG TREE WAS DRIED UP BEYOND USE.

20AND THE DISCIPLES HAVING SEEN IT, THEY MARVELED, SAYING: "HOW WAS THE FIG TREE DRIED UP BEYOND USE?" 21AND ANSWERING, IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: "TRULY I TELL YOU, IF YOU WOULD HAVE FAITH AND SHOULD NOT BE INTIMIDATED, YOU WILL NOT ONLY DO THAT OF THE FIG TREE. INDEED, EVEN IF YOU SHOULD SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN: 'BE REMOVED AND CAST INTO THE SEA', IT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED. 22SO EVERYTHING, WHATEVER YOU MIGHT ASK IN PRAYER, - BELIEVING - YOU WILL RECEIVE."

23THEN HE HAVING COME TO THE TEMPLE FOR TEACHING, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PRESBYTERS OF THE PEOPLE CAME TO HIM, SAYING: "BY WHAT AUTHORITY DO YOU DO THIS? AND WHO GAVE YOU THIS AUTHORITY?" 24BUT ANSWERING, IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: "I ALSO, WILL ASK YOU A CERTAIN MATTER, WHICH IF YOU MIGHT ANSWER ME, I WILL ALSO SAY TO YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I DO THIS. 25THE BAPTISM OF JOHN - FROM WHERE WAS IT? FROM HEAVEN, OR FROM MEN?" AND THEY WERE REASONING AMONG THEMSELVES, SAYING: "IF WE SHOULD ANSWER 'FROM HEAVEN', HE WILL SAY TO US: 'FOR WHAT REASON THEN, DID YOU NOT BELIEVE HIM?' 26BUT IF WE SHOULD ANSWER 'FROM MEN', WE FEAR THE MULTITUDE, FOR ALL ARE HOLDING JOHN AS A PROPHET." 27WHEN ANSWERING TO IESOUS, THEY SAID: "WE HAVE NOT KNOWN." HE WAS THEN REVEALING TO THEM: "NEITHER DO I TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I DO THIS."

28 BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK? A MAN HAD TWO CHILDREN. AND HAVING APPROACHED THE FIRST, HE SAID: 'CHILD, GO, WORK TODAY IN THE VINEYARD.' 29 BUT ANSWERING, HE SAID: 'I DO NOT WANT.' YET EVENTUALLY HAVING REPENTED, HE WENT. 30 NOW HAVING APPROACHED THE OTHER, HE SAID LIKEWISE. AND ANSWERING, HE SAID: 'I WILL, MASTER', BUT HE WENT NOT. 31 WHICH OF THE TWO DID THE WILL OF THE FATHER?' THEY SAID: "THE FIRST." IESOUS SAID TO THEM: "TRULY I TELL YOU, THAT THE TAX COLLECTORS AND THE HARLOTS GO BEFORE YOU INTO THE KINGDOM OF THEOS. 32 FOR JOHN CAME TO YOU IN A WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND YOU DID NOT BELIEVE HIM, BUT THE TAX COLLECTORS AND THE HARLOTS BELIEVED HIM. AND YOU HAVING SEEN, NEITHER DID YOU REPENT EVENTUALLY, SO TO BELIEVE HIM.

33 HEAR ANOTHER PARABLE. A MAN WAS A MASTER OF A HOUSE WHO PLANTED A VINEYARD. AND HE PUT A BOUNDARY AROUND IT, AND DUG IN IT A WINEPRESS BASIN, AND BUILT A TOWER. AND HE HANDED IT OVER TO LAND WORKERS AND WAS ABSENT FROM THE PEOPLE. 34 AND WHEN THE SEASON OF THE FRUITS DREW NEAR, HE SENT HIS SLAVES TO THE LAND WORKERS, TO RECEIVE HIS FRUITS.

35 BUT THE LAND WORKERS HAVING RECEIVED HIS SLAVES, THEY INDEED BEAT ONE, AND ANOTHER THEY KILLED, AND ONE THEY STONED. 36 AGAIN HE SENT OTHER SLAVES, MORE OF THE FIRST. BUT THEY DID TO THEM LIKEWISE. 37 AND AT LAST HE SENT TO THEM HIS SON, SAYING: 'THEY WILL BE CHANGED THROUGH MY SON.' 38 NOW THE LAND WORKERS HAVING SEEN THE SON, THEY SAID AMONG THEMSELVES: 'THIS IS THE HEIR BY LAW. COME, WE SHOULD KILL HIM AND MIGHT WITHHOLD HIS INHERITANCE.' 39 AND HAVING RECEIVED HIM, THEY CAST HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD AND KILLED HIM. 40 THEREFORE, WHENEVER THE MASTER OF THE VINEYARD SHOULD APPEAR, WHAT WILL HE DO TO THOSE LAND WORKERS?' 41 THEY SAID TO HIM: "EVIL ONES! HE WILL DESTROY THEM MISERABLY, AND WILL HAND OVER THE VINEYARD TO OTHER LAND WORKERS, WHO WILL RENDER TO HIM THE FRUITS IN THEIR SEASONS.

42 IESOUS EXPOUNDED TO THEM: HAVE YOU NEVER READ IN THE HOLY WRITINGS:

'A STONE WHICH THE ONES BUILDING DISAPPROVED,
THIS ONE HAS BECOME HEAD CORNERSTONE.
THIS HAS HAPPENED WITH KYRIOS,
AND IT IS WONDERFUL IN OUR EYES.'

43 BECAUSE OF THIS I TELL YOU, THAT THE KINGDOM OF THEOS WILL BE TAKEN FROM YOU, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO A NATION PRODUCING THE FRUITS OF IT "

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45 AND THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PHARISEES HAVING HEARD HIS PARABLES, COMPREHENDED THAT HE IS SPEAKING ABOUT THEM. 46 BUT SEEKING TO SEIZE HIM, THEY WERE AFRAID OF THE MULTITUDES, SINCE THEY WERE HOLDING HIM FOR A PROPHET.

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1 AND ANSWERING, IESOUS SPOKE ONCE AGAIN TO THEM IN PARABLES, SAYING:

2 "THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS LIKENED TO A MAN, A KING WHO HELD NUPTIALS FOR HIS SON. 3 AND HE SENT HIS SLAVES, TO CALL THE ONES HAVING BEEN INVITED TO THE NUPTIALS. BUT THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO COME.

4 AGAIN HE SENT OTHER SLAVES, SAYING: 'SPEAK TO THE ONES HAVING BEEN INVITED, BEHOLD, I PREPARED MY BEST MEAL, MY BULLS AND THE FATLINGS HAVE BEEN KILLED, AND EVERYTHING IS READY. COME TO THE NUPTIALS.' 5 THOSE HOWEVER BEING UNINTERESTED, THEY WENT AWAY - ONE INDEED TO THE OWN FIELD, AND ANOTHER ABOUT HIS BUSINESS. 6 AND THE REST HAVING SEIZED HIS SLAVES, THEY MISTREATED AND KILLED THEM. 7 NOW THE KING WAS ENRAGED AND HAVING DISPATCHED HIS FORCES, HE DESTROYED THOSE MURDERERS AND SET THEIR CITY ON FIRE.

8 THEN HE TOLD TO HIS SLAVES: INDEED, THE WEDDING IS READY, BUT THE ONES HAVING BEEN INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY. 9 GO THEREFORE TO THE PORTALS OF THE ROADS, AND AS MANY AS YOU MAY EVER FIND, CALL TO THE NUPTIALS! 10 AND THOSE SLAVES HAVING GONE OUT INTO THE ROADS, THEY GATHERED ALL WHOM THEY FOUND, BOTH EVIL AND GOOD ONES. AND THE WEDDING WAS FILLED WITH DINERS.

11 NOW THE KING HAVING ENTERED TO SEE THE DINERS, HE NOTICED THERE A MAN NOT HAVING PUT ON WEDDING APPAREL. 12 AND HE ASKED HIM: 'COMRADE, HOW DID YOU ENTER HERE NOT HAVING WEDDING APPAREL?' BUT HE BECAME SILENT. 13 THEN THE KING SAID TO THE SERVANTS: HAVING BOUND HIS FEET AND HANDS, CAST HIM INTO THE OUTER DARKNESS. THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH. 14 **FOR MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW CHOSEN.**

15 THEN HAVING DEPARTED, THE PHARISEES TOOK COUNSEL, HOW THEY MIGHT TRAP HIM THROUGH A WORD. 16 AND THEY SENT HIM THEIR DISCIPLES WITH THE HERODIANS, SAYING: "TEACHER, WE HAVE SEEN THAT YOU ARE TRUE, AND TEACH THE WAY OF THEOS IN TRUTH. AND THERE IS NO PREFERENCE TO YOU ABOUT ANYONE, FOR YOU DO NOT LOOK AT AN APPEARANCE OF MEN. 17 SPEAK THEREFORE TO US, WHAT DO YOU THINK: IS IT LAWFUL TO GIVE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR, OR NOT?" 18 BUT IESOUS HAVING KNOWN THEIR WICKEDNESS HE SAID: "WHY DO YOU SCRUTINIZE ME, HYPOCRITES! 19 SHOW ME THE MONEY OF THE TRIBUTE!" AND THEY BROUGHT HIM A DENARIUS. 20 AND HE ASKED THEM: "WHOSE IS THIS DEPICTION AND THE EPIGRAPH?" 21 THEY SAID TO HIM: "OF CAESAR." THEN HE TOLD THEM: "PAY THEREFORE THAT OF CAESAR TO CAESAR, AND THAT OF THEOS TO THEOS." 22 AND HAVING IT HEARD, THEY MARVELED. THEN HAVING LEFT HIM, THEY WENT AWAY.

23 ON THAT DAY, SADDUCEES CAME TO HIM, SAYING: "THERE IS NO RESURRECTION!" THEN THEY QUESTIONED HIM, 24 SAYING: "TEACHER, MOSES SAID,

IF ANYONE SHOULD HAVE DIED NOT HAVING CHILDREN,
HIS BROTHER WILL MARRY HIS WIFE,
AND HE WILL RAISE OFFSPRING TO HIS BROTHER.'

25 NOW THERE WERE SEVEN BROTHERS WITH US. BUT THE FIRST HAVING MARRIED, DIED. AND NOT HAVING OFFSPRING, HE LEFT HIS WIFE TO HIS BROTHER. 26 LIKEWISE ALSO THE SECOND AND THE THIRD, UNTIL THE SEVEN. 27 AND LAST OF ALL, THE WOMAN DIED. 28 IN THE RESURRECTION THEREFORE, WHOSE WIFE OF THE SEVEN WILL SHE BE? FOR ALL HAD HER."

29 BUT ANSWERING, IESOUS SAID TO THEM: "YOU ARE BEING LED ASTRAY - NOT HAVING KNOWN THE WRITINGS, NOR THE POWER OF THEOS. 30 FOR IN THE RESURRECTION THEY NEITHER MARRY, NOR ARE THEY MARRIED. BUT THEY ARE LIKE ANGELS IN THE HEAVEN. 31 AND CONCERNING THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT WAS BEING DECLARED TO YOU BY THEOS, SAYING:

32 I AM THE THEOS OF ABRAHAM, AND THE THEOS OF ISAAC, AND THE THEOS OF JACOB'

HE IS NOT THEOS OF DEAD, BUT OF LIVING ONES." 33 AND HAVING IT HEARD, THE MULTITUDES WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS TEACHING.

34 AND THE PHARISEES HAVING HEARD THAT HE SILENCED THE SADDUCEES, WERE UNITED ABOUT THIS. 35 THEN QUESTIONED ONE OF THEM, AN EXPERT IN LAW, TRYING HIM: 36 "TEACHER, WHICH COMMAND IS GREATEST IN THE LAW?" 37 AND HE WAS REVEALING TO HIM

**"YOU SHALL LOVE KYRIOS YOUR THEOS, WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR UNDERSTANDING.'**
38 THIS IS THE GREATEST AND FIRST COMMAND.

39 AND A SECOND IS LIKENED TO IT:

'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF!'

40ON THESE TWO COMMANDS ARE APPENDED THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS."

41NOW THE PHARISEES HAVING BEEN CONVENED, IESOUS QUESTIONED THEM, 42SAYING: "WHAT DO YOU THINK CONCERNING THE CHRISTOS? WHOSE SON IS HE?" THEY SAID TO HIM: "OF DAVID." 43HE ASKED THEM: "HOW THEN, - IN SPIRIT - DOES DAVID CALL HIM KYRIOS, SAYING

44KYRIOS HAS SPOKEN TO MY KYRIOS,
'SIT ON MY RIGHT,

UNTIL I SHOULD HAVE PUT YOUR ENEMIES UNDER YOUR FEET'?

45IF DAVID THEN CALLED HIM KYRIOS, HOW IS HE HIS SON?" 46AND NO ONE WAS ABLE TO ANSWER HIM A WORD, NOR DARED ANYONE AFTER THAT DAY, TO QUESTION HIM ANY LONGER.

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1THEN IESOUS SPOKE TO THE MULTITUDES AND TO HIS DISCIPLES, 2SAYING: "ON THE SEAT OF MOSES SAT THE SCRIBES AND THE PHARISEES. 3ALL THEN, WHATEVER THEY SHOULD HAVE COMMANDED TO YOU, DO AND OBSERVE. BUT ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS, YOU MUST NOT DO! FOR THEY TELL AND DO NOT DO. 4NOW THEY BIND HEAVY BURDENS EVEN DIFFICULT TO BEAR, AND LAY THEM UPON THE SHOULDERS OF MEN. YET THEY THEMSELVES THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO MOVE THEIR FINGER. 5AND ALL THEIR WORKS THEY DO TO BE SEEN BY MEN. FOR THEY BROADEN THEIR PHYLACTERIES AND ENLARGE THE FRINGES. 6AND THEY ARE FOND OF THE BEST COMPANY AT THE FEASTS AND THE BEST SEATS IN THE SYNAGOGUES, 7AND THE SALUTATIONS IN THE MARKETS, AND TO BE CALLED RABBI BY MEN.

8BUT YOU MAY NOT BE CALLED RABBI, FOR ONE IS YOUR TEACHER, AND YOU ARE ALL BROTHERS. 9AND 'FATHER' YOU SHOULD NOT CALL YOURSELVES ON EARTH, FOR ONE IS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER. 10NOR MAY YOU BE CALLED 'EMINENCE', BECAUSE ONE OF YOU IS EMINENCE, THE CHRISTOS. 11AND THE GREATER OF YOU WILL BE YOUR SERVANT. 12BUT WHO WILL EXALT HIMSELF, WILL BE HUMBLD, AND WHO WILL HUMBLE HIMSELF, WILL BE EXALTED.

13BUT **WOE** TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES! HYPOCRITES! BECAUSE YOU SHUT THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS BEFORE MEN. FOR YOU DO NOT ENTER, NOR THE ONES ENTERING DO YOU ALLOW TO ENTER.

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15**WOE** TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! BECAUSE YOU ITINERATE THE SEA AND THE DRY LAND, TO MAKE ONE PROSELYTE. AND WHENEVER IT SHOULD HAVE COME TO PASS, YOU MAKE HIM A SON OF GEHENNA, TWICE AS MUCH AS YOU.

16**WOE** TO YOU, BLIND GUIDES, THE ONES SAYING: WHOEVER MIGHT SWEAR BY THE INNER TEMPLE - IT IS NOTHING BUT WHOEVER MIGHT SWEAR BY THE GOLD OF THE INNER TEMPLE - IT IS BINDING.' 17FOOLISH AND BLIND ONES! FOR WHAT IS GREATER, THE GOLD OR THE INNER TEMPLE, THE ONE HAVING SANCTIFIED THE GOLD? 18AND WHOEVER MIGHT SWEAR BY THE ALTAR - IT IS NOTHING. BUT WHOEVER MIGHT SWEAR BY THE GIFT ON IT - IT IS BINDING.' 19BLIND ONES! FOR WHAT IS GREATER, THE GIFT OR THE ALTAR, THE ONE SANCTIFYING THE GIFT? 20THEREFORE, THE ONE SWEARING BY THE ALTAR, SWEARS BY IT ALL THINGS ON IT. 21AND THE ONE SWEARING BY THE INNER TEMPLE, SWEARS AND BY BY IT AND BY THE ONE INHABITING IT. 22AND THE ONE SWEARING BY HEAVEN, SWEARS BY THE THRONE OF THEOS AND BY THE ONE SITTING ON IT.

23**WOE** TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! BECAUSE YOU TITHE THE MINT AND ANISE AND CUMMIN, BUT YOU FORSOOK THE WEIGHTINESS OF THE LAW, THE JUDGMENT AND MERCY, AND THE FAITH. SUCH WAS IMPERATIVE TO DO, AND THOSE NOT TO FORSAKE. 24BLIND GUIDES, THE ONES STRAINING OUT THE GNAT, BUT SWALLOWING THE CAMEL.

25**WOE** TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES, BECAUSE YOU PURIFY THE OUTSIDE OF THE DRINKING VESSEL AND OF THE PLATTER, YET INSIDE THEY ARE REPLETE OF PLUNDER AND EXCESS. 26**BLIND** PHARISEE! FIRST CLEANSE THE INSIDE OF THE DRINKING VESSEL AND OF THE PLATTER, SO THAT THE OUTSIDE OF THEM MAY ALSO BECOME PURE.

27**WOE** TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! BECAUSE YOU RESEMBLE TOMBS HAVING BEEN WHITEWASHED, WHICH FROM OUTSIDE EVEN APPEAR BEAUTIFUL, YET INSIDE THEY ARE REPLETE OF DEAD BONES AND OF EVERY UNCLEANNESS. 28**AND** THUS, FROM OUTSIDE YOU EVEN APPEAR JUST TO MEN, YET INSIDE YOU ARE REPLETE OF HYPOCRISY AND OF LAWLESSNESS.

29**WOE** TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! BECAUSE YOU BUILD THE TOMBS OF THE PROPHETS AND EMBELLISH THE MEMORIALS OF THE JUST, 30**AND** YOU STATE, 'IF WE WERE IN THE DAYS OF OUR FATHERS, WE WERE NEVER THEIR SHARERS IN THE BLOOD OF THE PROPHETS.' 31**THEREFORE** YOU WITNESS TO YOURSELVES, THAT YOU ARE SONS OF THOSE HAVING MURDERED THE PROPHETS. 32**SO** YOU, FILL UP THE MEASURE OF YOUR FATHERS! 33**SERPENTS, BROODS OF VIPERS!** HOW SHOULD YOU FLEE FROM THE JUDGMENT OF GEHENNA?

34**BECAUSE** OF THIS, BEHOLD, I AM SENDING TO YOU PROPHETS AND WISE ONES AND SCRIBES. OF THEM YOU WILL KILL AND WILL CRUCIFY, AND OF THEM YOU WILL FLOG IN THE SYNAGOGUES, AND YOU WILL PERSECUTE FROM CITY TO CITY, 35**SO** THAT ON YOU MAY COME ALL RIGHTEOUS BLOOD BEING SPILLED ON THE EARTH, FROM THE BLOOD OF ABEL THE JUST UNTIL THE BLOOD OF ZACHARIAH SON OF BARACHIAH, WHOM YOU MURDERED BETWEEN THE INNER TEMPLE AND THE ALTAR. 36**TRULY** I TELL YOU, ALL THIS WILL COME UPON THIS GENERATION.

37**JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM!** THE ONE KILLING THE PROPHETS AND STONING THOSE HAVING BEEN SENT TO HER! HOW OFTEN I MEANT TO GATHER YOUR CHILDREN, **IN** WHAT MANNER A BIRD GATHERS HER YOUNGEST UNDER THE WINGS, BUT YOU DID NOT WANT. 38**BEHOLD,** YOUR HOUSE IS LEFT DESOLATE TO YOU. 39**FOR** I TELL YOU, YOU MAY CERTAINLY NOT SEE ME FROM NOW ON, UNTIL YOU MAY SPEAK:

PRAISED BE THE ONE COMING IN THE NAME OF KYRIOS!"

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1**THEN** HAVING STEPPED OUT FROM THE TEMPLE, IESOUS WAS GOING FORTH, AND THE DISCIPLES APPROACHED HIM, TO SHOW HIM THE BUILDINGS OF THE TEMPLE. 2**AND** ANSWERING, HE SPOKE TO THEM: "DO YOU NOT SEE ALL THESE? **TRULY** I TELL YOU, HERE MAY CERTAINLY NOT BE LEFT A STONE UPON STONE, WHICH WILL NOT BE ABLATED."

3**NOW** HE WAS SITTING ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES. THE DISCIPLES APPROACHED HIM IN PRIVATE, SAYING: "SPEAK TO US, WHEN WILL THIS BE, AND WHAT **IS** THE SIGN OF YOUR COMING AND **OF** THE CONSUMMATION OF THE AGE?"

4**AND** ANSWERING, IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: "TAKE HEED, LEST ANYONE MIGHT LEAD YOU ASTRAY. 5**FOR** MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, SAYING: 'I AM THE CHRISTOS,' AND THEY WILL LEAD MANY ASTRAY. 6**BUT** YOU WILL BE ABOUT TO HEAR WARS AND REPORTS OF WARS. TAKE HEED! DO NOT BE TROUBLED! FOR IT MUST HAPPEN, BUT IT IS NOT YET THE END. 7**FOR** NATION WILL BE RAISED AGAINST NATION, AND KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM, AND FAMINES AND EARTHQUAKES WILL BE IN SEVERAL PLACES. 8**ALL** THESE **ARE** BUT A BEGINNING OF BIRTH-PANGS.

9**THEN** THEY WILL SUBJECT YOU TO AFFLICTION, AND THEY WILL KILL YOU, AND YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL THE NATIONS ON ACCOUNT OF MY NAME. 10**AND** THEN MANY WILL BE BEGUILED, AND THEY WILL DELIVER ONE ANOTHER, AND WILL HATE ONE ANOTHER. 11**AND** MANY PSEUDO-PROPHETS WILL BE RAISED, AND THEY

WILL LEAD MANY ASTRAY. 12AND BECAUSE THE LAWLESSNESS IS TO BE INCREASED, THE LOVE OF MANY WILL BE WAXED COLD. 13BUT THE ONE ENDURING UNTIL THE END, THIS ONE WILL BE SAVED. 14AND THIS EVANGELIUM OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE PROCLAIMED IN ALL THE INHABITED EARTH, FOR A TESTIMONY TO ALL THE NATIONS. AND THEN WILL COME THE END.

15THEREFORE, WHEN YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE HORROR OF THE DEVASTATION, THAT HAVING BEEN DECLARED THROUGH THE PROPHET DANIEL, HAVING STOOD IN A HOLY PLACE, - THE ONE READING LET HIM COMPREHEND - 16THEN THOSE IN JUDAEA MUST FLEE TO THE MOUNTAINS! 17THE ONE ON THE HOUSETOP, MUST NOT COME DOWN TO TAKE AWAY FROM HIS HOUSE! 18AND THE ONE IN THE FIELD, MUST NOT TURN BACK TO TAKE HIS COAT! 19BUT WOE TO THE ONES HAVING A GESTATION, AND TO THE ONES NURSING IN THOSE DAYS!

20NOW PRAY, THAT YOUR FLIGHT MAY NOT BE OF A WINTER NOR A SABBATH! 21FOR THEN WILL BE A GREAT AFFLICTION, SUCH AS HAS NOT HAPPENED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE COSMOS UNTIL THE PRESENT, NOR MAY EVER BE. 22AND IF THOSE DAYS ARE NOT SHORTENED, THERE WOULD NOT BE SAVED ANY FLESH BUT ON ACCOUNT OF THE CHOSEN ONES, THOSE DAYS WILL BE SHORTENED.

23THEN IF ANYONE SHOULD SAY TO YOU: 'BEHOLD, HERE IS THE CHRISTOS, OR 'THERE, YOU SHOULD NOT BELIEVE. 24FOR PSEUDO-CHRISTOS AND PSEUDO-PROPHETS WILL BE RAISED, AND THEY WILL SHOW GREAT SIGNS AND MIRACLES SO AS TO LEAD ASTRAY, IF POSSIBLE EVEN THE CHOSEN ONES. 25BEHOLD, I HAVE FORETOLD YOU! 26THEREFORE, IF THEY SHOULD SAY TO YOU, 'BEHOLD, HE IS IN THE WILDERNESS', YOU SHOULD NOT GO OUT. 'BEHOLD, IN THE CHAMBERS', YOU SHOULD NOT BELIEVE. 27FOR AS THE LIGHTNING COMES FROM EAST AND IS SEEN FAR WEST, SO WILL BE THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN. 28WHEREVER MIGHT BE THE DEAD BODY, THERE WILL BE GATHERED THE EAGLES.

29AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AFFLICTION OF THOSE DAYS, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT AND THE STARS WILL FALL FROM HEAVEN, AND THE POWERS OF THE HEAVENS WILL BE SHAKEN.

30AND THEN THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEEN IN HEAVEN, AND THEN ALL THE TRIBES OF THE EARTH WILL WAIL, AND THEY WILL SEE THE **SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN, WITH POWER, AND OF GREAT GLORY.** 31AND HE WILL SEND HIS ANGELS WITH A GREAT TRUMPET, AND THEY WILL GATHER HIS CHOSEN ONES THROUGH THE FOUR WINDS FROM THE ENDS OF THE HEAVENS TO THEIR ENDS.

32BUT FROM THE FIG TREE LEARN THE PARABLE! WHEN ITS BRANCH MAY ALREADY HAVE BECOME TENDER AND THE LEAVES MAY SPROUT, YOU COMPREHEND THAT THE SUMMER IS NEAR. 33SO ALSO YOU, WHEN YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN ALL THESE, YOU COMPREHEND THAT IT IS NEAR - BEFORE THE GATES. 34TRULY I TELL YOU, THAT THIS GENERATION MAY CERTAINLY NOT PASS AWAY, UNTIL ALL THIS SHOULD COME TO PASS. 35THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS MAY CERTAINLY NOT PASS AWAY.

36BUT CONCERNING THAT DAY AND HOUR, NO ONE HAS KNOWN,
NEITHER THE ANGELS OF THE HEAVENS, NOR THE SON, IF NOT THE FATHER ALONE.

37FOR AS THE DAYS OF NOAH, SO WILL BE THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN. 38FOR AS THEY WERE IN THE DAYS, THOSE BEFORE THE FLOOD, EATING AND DRINKING, MARRYING AND BEING MARRIED, UNTIL SOME DAY NOAH ENTERED INTO THE ARK, 39YET THEY DID NOT COMPREHEND UNTIL THE FLOOD HAD COME, AND TOOK EVERYTHING AWAY. THUS WILL BE THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN. 40THEN TWO WILL BE IN THE FIELD, ONE IS TAKEN, AND ONE IS FORSAKEN. 41TWO WILL BE GRINDING ON THE MILLSTONE, ONE IS TAKEN, AND ONE IS FORSAKEN.

42;THEREFORE BE VIGILANT, FOR YOU HAVE NOT KNOWN WHAT DAY YOUR KYRIOS COMES! 43BUT THIS YOU COMPREHEND, THAT IF THE MASTER OF A HOUSE HAD KNOWN WHAT WATCH THE THIEF COMES, HE WOULD

HAVE BEEN VIGILANT, AND NEVER ENDURED HIS HOUSE TO BE BROKEN INTO. 44 BECAUSE OF THIS, YOU ALSO MUST BE READY, FOR YOU DO NOT SUPPOSE WHAT HOUR THE SON OF MAN COMES!

45 WHO IS THEREFORE THE FAITHFUL AND BETHOUGHT SLAVE, WHOM THE MASTER SET OVER HIS HOUSEHOLD, TO GIVE THEM NOURISHMENT IN TIME? 46 BLESSED IS THAT SLAVE WHOM, WHEN HIS MASTER IS COMING, WILL FIND DOING SO. 47 TRULY I TELL YOU, THAT HE WILL SET HIM OVER ALL HIS POSSESSIONS. 48 BUT IF THAT EVIL SLAVE SHOULD SAY IN HIS HEART: 'MY MASTER DELAYS,' 49 AND HE SHOULD BEGIN TO FLAGELLATE HIS FELLOW SLAVES, YET WOULD EAT AND DRINK WITH THE ONES BEING DRUNK, 50 THE MASTER OF THAT SLAVE WILL COME IN A DAY WHICH HE DOES NOT EXPECT, AND IN AN HOUR WHICH HE DOES NOT KNOW. 51 AND HE WILL PUNISH HIM, AND WILL SETTLE HIS PORTION WITH THE HYPOCRITES. THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.

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1 THEN WILL THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS BE LIKENED TO TEN VIRGINS, WHO HAVING TAKEN THEIR LAMPS, WENT OUT TO AN ENCOUNTER OF THE BRIDEGROOM. 2 BUT FIVE OF THEM WERE FOOLISH, AND FIVE BETHOUGHT. 3 FOR THE FOOLISH ONES HAVING TAKEN THEIR LAMPS, THEY DID NOT TAKE WITH THEMSELVES OIL. 4 BUT THE BETHOUGHT ONES TOOK WITH THEIR LAMPS OIL IN VESSELS. 5 YET DELAYING THE BRIDEGROOM, THEY ALL NODDED AND WERE SLEEPING. 6 YET AT MIDNIGHT, A CLAMOR HAD EMERGED: 'BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM, GO OUT TO AN ENCOUNTER.' 7 THEN ALL THOSE VIRGINS WERE WOKEN UP, AND THEY ARRANGED THEIR LAMPS. 8 AND THE FOOLISH SAID TO THE BETHOUGHT ONES: 'GIVE US OF YOUR OIL, BECAUSE OUR LAMPS ARE GOING OUT!' 9 BUT THE BETHOUGHT ONES ANSWERED, SAYING: 'NO, LEST IT MIGHT NOT SUFFICE FOR US AND YOU, GO RATHER TO THE ONES SELLING, AND BUY FOR YOURSELVES.' 10 AS THEY WERE GOING AWAY TO BUY, CAME THE BRIDEGROOM. THEN THE PREPARED ONES ENTERED WITH HIM TO THE NUPTIALS, AND THE GATE WAS CLOSED. 11 AND EVENTUALLY APPEARED ALSO THE OTHER VIRGINS, CALLING: 'MASTER! MASTER! OPEN TO US!' 12 BUT ANSWERING, HE SAID:

'TRULY I TELL YOU, I HAVE NOT KNOWN YOU.'

13 THEREFORE BE VIGILANT, FOR YOU HAVE NOT KNOWN THE DAY NOR THE HOUR!

14 FOR AS A MAN WAS BEING ABSENT FROM THE PEOPLE, HE CALLED HIS OWN SLAVES, AND HE ENTRUSTED TO THEM HIS POSSESSIONS. 15 AND TO ONE HE GAVE INDEED FIVE TALANTS, BUT TO ANOTHER TWO, AND TO ANOTHER ONE, EACH ACCORDING TO HIS OWN CAPACITY. AND HE IMMEDIATELY LEFT THE PEOPLE. 16 HAVING GONE, THE ONE HAVING RECEIVED THE FIVE TALANTS, WORKED WITH THEM AND GAINED FIVE OTHERS. 17 LIKEWISE, THE ONE OF THE TWO GAINED TWO OTHERS. 18 BUT THE ONE HAVING RECEIVED ONE, WENT AWAY, DUG THE EARTH AND HID THE SILVER OF HIS MASTER. 19 NOW AFTER A LONG TIME CAME THE MASTER OF THOSE SLAVES, AND HE SETTLED ACCOUNT WITH THEM.

20 AND APPROACHING THE ONE HAVING RECEIVED THE **FIVE TALANTS**, HE PRESENTED FIVE OTHER TALANTS, SAYING: 'MASTER, YOU ENTRUSTED FIVE TALANTS TO ME. SEE, I GAINED FIVE OTHER TALANTS!' 21 HIS MASTER WAS AFFIRMING HIM: 'WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SLAVE. YOU WERE FAITHFUL OVER LITTLE - OVER MUCH I WILL SET YOU. ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR MASTER!'

22 AND ALSO HAVING APPROACHED THE ONE OF THE **TWO TALANTS**, HE SAID: 'MASTER, YOU ENTRUSTED TWO TALANTS TO ME. SEE, I GAINED TWO OTHER TALANTS!' 23 HIS MASTER WAS AFFIRMING HIM: 'WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SLAVE. YOU WERE FAITHFUL OVER LITTLE - OVER MUCH I WILL SET YOU. ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR MASTER!'

24 AND ALSO APPROACHING THE ONE HAVING RECEIVED **ONE TALANT**, HE SAID: 'MASTER, I KNEW THAT YOU ARE A HARD MAN, REAPING WHERE YOU DID NOT SOW, AND GATHERING FROM WHERE YOU DID NOT WINNOW. 25 HAVING GONE AWAY AND BEING AFRAID, I HID YOUR TALANT IN THE EARTH. SEE, YOU KEEP

YOURS.' 26AND ANSWERING, HIS MASTER SAID TO HIM: 'EVIL AND SLOTHFUL SLAVE! YOU HAD KNOWN THAT I REAP WHERE I DID NOT SOW, AND GATHER FROM WHERE I DID NOT WINNOWER. 27THEREFORE IT WAS IMPERATIVE FOR YOU, TO BRING MY SILVER TO THE BANKERS, AND HAVING COME, I WOULD HAVE RECEIVED MY OWN WITH INTEREST. 28TAKE THEN FROM HIM THE TALANT, AND GIVE IT TO THE ONE HAVING THE TEN TALANTS!'

29FOR TO EVERYONE HAVING IT WILL BE GIVEN, AND IT WILL BE INCREASED. BUT OF THE ONE NOT HAVING, ALSO WHAT HE HAS WILL BE TAKEN FROM HIM. 30AND CAST THE WORTHLESS SLAVE INTO THE OUTER DARKNESS. THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.

31NOW WHENEVER THE SON OF MAN MAY COME IN HIS GLORY, AND ALL THE ANGELS WITH HIM, THEN HE WILL SIT ON A THRONE OF HIS GLORY. 32AND BEFORE HIM WILL BE GATHERED ALL THE NATIONS, AND HE WILL SEPARATE THEM FROM ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS THE SHEPHERD SEPARATES THE SHEEP FROM THE YOUNG GOATS. 33AND HE WILL INDEED PLACE THE **SHEEP ON HIS RIGHT**, BUT THE **LITTLE GOATS BY THE LEFT**.

34THEN THE KING WILL SPEAK TO **THOSE ON HIS RIGHT**: 'COME, THE ONES HAVING BEEN BLESSED OF MY FATHER! INHERIT THE KINGDOM HAVING BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE COSMOS. 35FOR I HUNGERED, AND YOU GAVE ME TO EAT. I THIRSTED, AND YOU GAVE ME TO DRINK. I WAS A STRANGER, AND YOU TOOK ME IN. 36NAKED, AND YOU CLOTHED ME. I WAS SICK, AND YOU VISITED ME. I WAS IN A PRISON, AND YOU CAME TO ME.'

37THEN THE JUST ONES WILL ANSWER HIM, SAYING: 'KYRIOS, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGERING, SO WE NOURISHED? OR THIRSTING, SO WE GAVE TO DRINK? 38AND WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER, SO WE TOOK YOU IN? OR NAKED, SO WE CLOTHED YOU? 39AND WHEN DID WE SEE YOU BEING SICK? OR IN A PRISON, SO WE CAME TO YOU?' 40AND ANSWERING, THE KING WILL SPEAK TO THEM: 'TRULY I TELL YOU, AS MUCH AS YOU DID TO ONE OF THESE, THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS, YOU DID TO ME.'

41THEN HE WILL ALSO SPEAK TO **THOSE BY THE LEFT**: 'DEPART FROM ME, THE ONES HAVING BEEN CURSED, INTO THE ETERNAL FIRE, THAT HAVING BEEN PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS MESSENGERS. 42FOR I HUNGERED, AND YOU DID NOT GIVE ME TO EAT. I THIRSTED, AND YOU DID NOT GIVE ME TO DRINK. 43I WAS A STRANGER, AND YOU DID NOT TAKE ME IN. NAKED, AND YOU DID NOT CLOTHE ME. SICK AND IN A PRISON, AND YOU DID NOT VISIT ME.'

44THEN THEY WILL ALSO ANSWER, SAYING: 'KYRIOS, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGERING, OR THIRSTING, OR A STRANGER, OR NAKED, OR SICK, OR IN A PRISON, AND DID NOT SERVE YOU?' 45THEN HE WILL ANSWER TO THEM, SAYING: 'TRULY I TELL YOU, AS MUCH AS YOU DID NOT TO ONE OF THESE, THE LEAST, NEITHER YOU DID TO ME.'

46AND **THESE WILL GO AWAY INTO ETERNAL CHASTISEMENT,**
BUT THE **JUST ONES INTO ETERNAL LIFE.**

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1AND IT FOLLOWED WHEN IESOUS CONSUMMATED ALL THESE SAYINGS, HE SPOKE TO HIS DISCIPLES: '2YOU HAVE KNOWN THAT AFTER TWO DAYS THE PASCHA IS COMING, AND THE SON OF MAN IS DELIVERED UP, SO TO BE CRUCIFIED.'

3THEN WERE GATHERED THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PRESBYTERS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE CHIEF PRIEST, OF THE ONE BEING CALLED CALAPHAS. 4AND THEY RESOLVED TOGETHER IN ORDER THAT THEY MIGHT SEIZE IESOUS IN DECEIT, AND MIGHT KILL HIM. 5BUT THEY WERE SAYING: 'NOT DURING THE FEAST, SO THAT THERE MAY NOT BE A TURMOIL AMONG THE PEOPLE.'

6NOW IESOUS HAVING BEEN IN A HOUSE IN BETHANY, OF SIMON THE LEPER, 7A WOMAN APPROACHED HIM HAVING A VERY PRECIOUS ALABASTER PERFUME AND SHE Poured IT OUT UPON HIS HEAD AS HE WAS DINING. 8BUT THE DISCIPLES HAVING SEEN IT, WERE INDIGNANT, SAYING: "SO WHY THIS WASTE? 9BECAUSE THIS WAS POSSIBLE TO BE SOLD FOR MUCH, AND TO BE GIVEN TO POOR ONES." 10AND IESOUS HAVING BEEN AWARE, SAID TO THEM: "WHAT TROUBLES DO YOU BRING AGAINST THE WOMAN? FOR SHE COMMITTED A BETTER WORK FOR ME 11FOR YOU HAVE ALWAYS THE POOR WITH YOURSELVES, BUT ME YOU HAVE NOT ALWAYS. 12FOR HER HAVING APPLIED THIS PERFUME UPON MY BODY, SHE COMMITTED TOWARD MY BURIAL. 13TRULY I TELL YOU, WHEREVER THIS EVANGELIUM MAY BE PROCLAIMED IN ALL THE WORLD, WILL ALSO BE TOLD WHAT SHE DID, FOR A MEMORIAL OF HER."

14THEN ONE OF THE TWELVE, THE ONE BEING CALLED JUDAS ISCARIOT, WAS WALKING TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS. 15HE SAID: "WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE TO ME, AND I WILL DELIVER HIM TO YOU?" NOW THEY SET FORTH TO HIM THIRTY SILVERLINGS. 16AND FROM THEN ON HE WAS SEEKING A GOOD MOMENT SO THAT HE MIGHT DELIVER HIM.

17NOW ON THE FIRST OF THE UNLEAVENED, THE DISCIPLES APPROACHED IESOUS, SAYING: "WHERE DO YOU DESIRE, SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR YOU TO EAT THE PASCHA?" 18AND HE SPOKE: "GO INTO THE CITY TO SUCH A MAN, AND SPEAK TO HIM: 'THE TEACHER TELLS, MY TIME IS NEAR - WITH YOU I AM PRACTICING THE PASCHA WITH MY DISCIPLES.' 19AND THE DISCIPLES DID AS IESOUS APPOINTED TO THEM, AND PREPARED THE PASCHA.

20NOW EVENING HAVING COME, HE WAS DINING WITH THE TWELVE. 21AS THEY WERE EATING, HE SPOKE: "TRULY I TELL YOU, THAT ONE OF YOU WILL DELIVER ME." 22AND BEING GRIEVED EXCEEDINGLY, THEY BEGAN EACH ONE TO SAY TO HIM: "PERCHANCE I AM HE, MASTER?" 23BUT ANSWERING, HE SPOKE: "THE ONE HAVING SOAKED WITH ME THE HAND IN THE BOWL, THIS ONE WILL DELIVER ME. 24INDEED DOES THE SON OF MAN GO AWAY, ACCORDING TO WHAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN CONCERNING HIM, BUT WOE TO THAT MAN, THROUGH WHOM THE SON OF MAN IS BEING DELIVERED: IT WAS BETTER FOR HIM, IF THAT MAN WAS NOT BORN." 25AND ANSWERING JUDAS, THE ONE DELIVERING HIM, HE SAID: "PERCHANCE I AM HE, RABBI?" HE TOLD HIM: "YOU HAVE SAID SO."

26AS THEY WERE EATING, IESOUS WAS TAKING BREAD, AND HAVING EULOGIZED, HE BROKE IT, AND HAVING GIVEN TO THE DISCIPLES, HE SPOKE:

"TAKE EAT, THIS IS MY BODY!"

27AND HAVING TAKEN A CUP AND THANKED, HE GAVE IT TO THEM, EXPOUNDING:

"TRINK EVERYONE FROM IT!"

28FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT,
THAT BEING SPILLED OVER MANY FOR A REMISSION OF SINS.

29AND I TELL YOU: I MAY CERTAINLY NOT DRINK FROM NOW ON OUT OF THIS FRUIT OF THE VINE, UNTIL THAT DAY WHEN I WOULD DRINK IT WITH YOU ANEW IN THE KINGDOM OF MY FATHER."

30AND HAVING HYMNED, THEY WENT OUT AT THE MOUNT OF OLIVES. 31THEN IESOUS TOLD THEM: "ALL YOU WILL BE SHAKEN IN ME WITHIN THIS NIGHT, FOR IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN:

I WILL SMITE THE SHEPHERD,
AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK WILL BE DISPERSED.'

32AND AFTER I AM RAISED, I WILL GO BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE. 33BUT ANSWERING, PETER SAID TO HIM: "IF THEY WILL ALL BE SHAKEN IN YOU, I WILL NEVER BE SHAKEN." 34IESOUS WAS AFFIRMING TO HIM: "TRULY I TELL YOU, THAT IN THIS NIGHT, BEFORE A ROOSTER CROWS, YOU WILL DENY ME THREE TIMES." 35PETER TOLD HIM:

"EVEN IF I MUST DIE TOGETHER WITH YOU, I WILL CERTAINLY NOT DENY YOU." AND ALL THE DISCIPLES SAID THE SAME.

36 THEN IESOUS WENT WITH THEM TO A PLACE CALLED GETHSEMANE. AND HE SAID TO THE DISCIPLES: "SIT HERE, UNTIL HAVING GONE, I MIGHT HAVE PRAYED THERE!" 37 AND HAVING SUMMONED PETER AND THE TWO SONS OF ZEBEDEE, HE BEGAN TO BE GRIEVED AND TO BE DEEPLY DISTRESSED. 38 THEN HE TOLD THEM: "DEEPLY GRIEVED IS MY SOUL, EVEN TO DEATH. REMAIN HERE, AND BE VIGILANT WITH ME!" 39 AND HAVING GONE AHEAD A LITTLE, HE FELL ON HIS FACE, PRAYING AND SAYING: "MY FATHER, IF IT IS POSSIBLE, PASS THIS CUP FROM ME! NEVERTHELESS NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS YOU."

40 THEN HE CAME TO THE DISCIPLES AND FOUND THEM SLEEPING. AND HE SAID TO PETER: "SO COULD YOU NOT BE VIGILANT WITH ME ONE HOUR? 41 BE VIGILANT AND PRAY, SO THAT YOU MAY NOT ENTER INTO TEMPTATION! INDEED THE SPIRIT IS READY, BUT THE FLESH WEAK."

42 HAVING GONE AWAY AGAIN **A SECOND TIME**, HE PRAYED, SAYING: "MY FATHER, IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PASS, UNLESS I MIGHT DRINK IT, LET YOUR WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED." 43 AND HAVING COME, HE FOUND THEM ONCE AGAIN SLEEPING, FOR THEIR EYES WERE MADE HEAVY.

44 AND HAVING LEFT THEM AGAIN AND HAVING GONE AWAY, HE PRAYED **A THIRD TIME** - SPEAKING THE SAME WORD AGAIN. 45 THEN HE CAME TO THE DISCIPLES AND SAID TO THEM: "SO YOU ARE SLEEPING AND RESTING. BEHOLD, THE HOUR HAS DRAWN NEAR, AND THE SON OF MAN IS BEING DELIVERED INTO HANDS OF SINNERS. 46 ARISE, WE SHOULD GO! BEHOLD, THE ONE DELIVERING ME HAS DRAWN NEAR."

47 AND WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, BEHOLD, JUDAS, ONE OF THE TWELVE, CAME AND WITH HIM A GREAT MULTITUDE, WITH SWORDS AND STICKS, FROM THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND PRESBYTERS OF THE PEOPLE. 48 NOW THE ONE DELIVERING HIM GAVE THEM A SIGN, SAYING: "WHOMEVER I SHOULD KISS, IT IS HE. SEIZE HIM!" 49 AND HAVING IMMEDIATELY APPROACHED IESOUS, HE SAID: "JOY TO YOU, RABBI." THEN HE KISSED HIM. 50 BUT IESOUS SAID TO HIM: "COMRADE, FOR WHAT ARE YOU HERE?" THEN HAVING APPROACHED, THEY LAID HANDS ON IESOUS AND SEIZED HIM.

51 AND BEHOLD, ONE OF THOSE WITH IESOUS STRETCHING OUT THE HAND, HE PULLED OUT HIS SWORD, AND SMITING THE SLAVE OF THE CHIEF PRIEST, HE CUT OFF HIS EAR. 52 THEN IESOUS TOLD HIM: "TURN BACK YOUR SWORD TO ITS PLACE! FOR ALL THOSE HAVING TAKEN A SWORD, WILL PERISH BY A SWORD. 53 OR DO YOU THINK THAT I CANNOT CALL NEAR MY FATHER, AND HE WILL NOW PLACE BESIDE ME TWELVE LARGE LEGIONS OF ANGELS? 54 HOW THEN MAY BE FULFILLED THE WRITINGS, THAT SO IT MUST HAPPEN?"

55 IN THAT HOUR SPOKE IESOUS TO THE MULTITUDES: "HAVE YOU COME OUT AS AGAINST A ROBBER, TO ARREST ME WITH SWORDS AND STICKS? EVERY DAY I WAS SITTING IN THE TEMPLE TEACHING, AND YOU DID NOT SEIZE ME." 56 BUT ALL THIS HAPPENED, SO THAT THE WRITINGS OF THE PROPHETS MIGHT BE FULFILLED, THEN ALL THE DISCIPLES HAVING LEFT HIM, THEY FLED.

57 NOW THE ONES HAVING SEIZED IESOUS, LED HIM AWAY TO CAIAPHAS THE CHIEF PRIEST, WHERE THE SCRIBES AND THE PRESBYTERS WERE BEING GATHERED. 58 AND PETER WAS FOLLOWING HIM FROM AFAR, UNTIL THE AUDITORIUM OF THE CHIEF PRIEST. THEN HAVING ENTERED INSIDE, HE WAS SITTING WITH THE SERVANTS, TO SEE THE OUTCOME.

59 NOW THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE WHOLE SANHEDRIN WERE SEEKING FALSE WITNESSING AGAINST IESOUS, SO THAT THEY MIGHT PUT HIM TO DEATH. 60 AND OF MANY FALSE WITNESSES HAVING APPROACHED, THEY FOUND NOTHING. BUT TWO EVENTUALLY APPROACHING, 61 THEY SAID: "THIS ONE WAS RUMINATING: I AM ABLE TO DESTROY THE INNER TEMPLE OF THEOS, AND TO BUILD IT DURING THREE DAYS." 62 AND THE CHIEF PRIEST HAVING STOOD UP, SAID TO HIM: "YOU ANSWER NOTHING? WHAT DO THESE WITNESS AGAINST YOU?" 63 BUT IESOUS KEPT SILENT, AND THE CHIEF PRIEST SAID TO HIM:

'I ADJURE YOU BY THE LIVING THEOS, THAT YOU MAY SAY TO US
IF YOU ARE **THE CHRISTOS, THE SON OF THEOS.**'

⁶⁴IESOUS DEMONSTRATED TO HIM: "**YOU HAVE SAID.**
MOREOVER I TELL YOU, FROM NOW ON YOU WILL SEE THE
SON OF MAN SITTING ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE POWER,
AND **COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.**"

⁶⁵THEN THE CHIEF PRIEST TORE HIS VESTURES, UTTERING: 'HE BLASPHEMED! WHAT OTHER NEED DO WE
HAVE OF WITNESSES? SEE, NOW YOU HEARD THE BLASPHEMY. ⁶⁶WHAT DO YOU THINK?' AND THEY
ANSWERING, SAID: 'HE IS GUILTY OF DEATH!' ⁶⁷THEN THEY SPAT IN HIS FACE, AND FISTED HIM, AND THEY
SLAPT HIM, ⁶⁸SAYING: "PROPHECY TO US, CHRISTOS!" WHO IS THE ONE HAVING STRUCK YOU?"

⁶⁹NOW PETER WAS SITTING OUTSIDE IN THE AUDITORIUM, AND A CERTAIN MAID APPROACHED HIM, SAYING:
"YOU ALSO WERE WITH IESOUS OF GALILEE," ⁷⁰BUT HE DENIED BEFORE ALL, STATING: "**I DID NOT KNOW WHAT
YOU ARE SAYING**."

⁷¹YET HAVING GONE OUT THROUGH THE GATEWAY, ANOTHER ONE SAW HIM AND SAID TO THOSE THERE:
"THIS ONE WAS WITH IESOUS OF NAZARETH." ⁷²AND AGAIN HE DENIED WITH AN OATH, THAT **I HAVE NOT
KNOWN THE MAN.**'

⁷³AND AFTER A WHILE, HAVING APPROACHED THOSE HAVING STOOD BY, THEY SAID TO PETER: "TRULY, YOU
ARE ALSO OF THEM. FOR EVEN YOUR SPEECH MAKES YOU EVIDENT." ⁷⁴THEN HE BEGAN TO CURSE
VEHEMENTLY AND TO SWEAR, THAT **I HAVE NOT KNOWN THE MAN.**'

AND IMMEDIATELY A ROOSTER CROWED. ⁷⁵SO PETER WAS REMINDED OF THE WORD OF IESOUS, HAVING
SPOKEN THAT "BEFORE A ROOSTER CROWS, YOU WILL DENY ME THREE TIMES." AND HAVING STEPPED
OUTSIDE, HE WEPT BITTERLY.

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¹NOW MORNING HAVING COME, ALL THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PRESBYTERS OF THE PEOPLE TOOK
COUNSEL AGAINST IESOUS, SO AS TO PUT HIM TO DEATH. ²AND HAVING BOUND HIM, THEY LED AWAY AND
DELIVERED HIM TO PILATE THE GOVERNOR.

³THEN JUDAS, THE ONE DELIVERING HIM, SAW THAT HE WAS CONDEMNED. HAVING REGRETTED, HE
RETURNED THE THIRTY SILVERLINGS TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND PRESBYTERS, ⁴UTTERING: "I HAVE SINNED,
HAVING SUBJECTED INNOCENT BLOOD." BUT THEY ANSWERED: "WHAT IS IT TO US; YOU WILL SEE TO IT." ⁵AND
HAVING CAST THE SILVERLINGS INTO THE INNER TEMPLE, HE DEPARTED. AND HAVING GONE AWAY, HE
STRANGLERD HIMSELF OFF.

⁶AND THE CHIEF PRIESTS HAVING TAKEN THE SILVERLINGS, THEY SAID: "IT IS NOT LAWFUL TO PUT THEM
INTO THE CORBAN, SINCE IT IS BLOOD MONEY." ⁷YET HAVING TAKEN COUNSEL, THEY BOUGHT WITH THEM
THE FIELD OF THE POTTER, AS BURIAL TO STRANGERS. ⁸THEREFORE, THIS FIELD WAS CALLED 'FIELD OF
BLOOD' - UNTIL TODAY. ⁹THEN WAS FULFILLED WHAT WAS BEING DECLARED THROUGH THE PROPHET
JEREMIAH, SAYING:

'AND THEY RECEIVED THE THIRTY SILVERLINGS,
THE MONEY OF THE ONE HAVING BEEN VALUED, WHOM THEY VALUED FROM ISRAEL'S SONS,
¹⁰AND GAVE THEM FOR THE FIELD OF THE POTTER,
AS KYRIOS APPOINTED TO ME.'

11 NOW IESOUS WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE GOVERNOR. AND THE GOVERNOR QUESTIONED HIM, SAYING:

"ARE YOU **THE KING OF THE JEWS?**"

NOW IESOUS WAS AFFIRMING: "**YOU SAY IT.**"

12 YET AFTER HIM BEING ACCUSED BY THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND PRESBYTERS, HE ANSWERED NOTHING. 13