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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 BY 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 BY RAHAB,
AND **BOAZ** BEGAT OBED BY RUTH,
AND **OBED** BEGAT JESSE,
6 AND **JESSE** BEGAT **DAVID** THE KING,

AND **DAVID** THE KING BEGAT SOLOMON BY 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 BY WHOM WAS BORN
IESOUS, THE ONE BEING CALLED **CHRISTOS**.

17THEN 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.

18NOW 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**. 19AND JOSEPH HER HUSBAND, BEING JUST AND NOT WILLING TO EXPOSE HER, WAS MINDED TO DISMISS HER IN PRIVATE. 20WHILE 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.
21AND SHE WILL BRING FORTH A SON, AND YOU WILL CALL HIS NAME IESOUS.
FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."

22BUT ALL THIS HAD 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."

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

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1AND IESOUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDAEA IN THE DAYS OF KING HEROD. BEHOLD, WISE MEN FROM THE EAST CAME TO JERUSALEM, 2ASKING: "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." 3AND HAVING HEARD IT, KING HEROD WAS TROUBLED AND ALL JERUSALEM WITH HIM. 4AND HAVING ASSEMBLED ALL THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES OF THE PEOPLE, HE WAS INQUIRING OF THEM WHERE THE CHRISTOS IS BEING BORN. 5AND 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."

7THEN HEROD, HAVING CALLED THE WISE MEN PRIVATELY, REQUESTED FROM THEM THE TIME THE STAR WAS APPEARING. 8AND 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."

9NOW 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. 10AND HAVING SEEN THE STAR, THEY HAILED EXCEEDINGLY GREAT JOY. 11AND HAVING COME INTO THE HOUSE, THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY, HIS MOTHER. AND HAVING FALLEN DOWN, THEY DID OBEISANCE TO HIM. AND OPENING THEIR TREASURES, THEY PRESENTED GIFTS TO HIM: GOLD AND FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH. 12AND HAVING BEEN ADMONISHED THROUGH A DREAM NOT TO 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."

19WHEN HEROD HAD 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 LEATHERN GIRDLE 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 TO 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?" 15AND ANSWERING IESOUS, 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 SHOULD HAVE BECOME 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." 10THEN IESOUS CALLED HIM: "SATAN, GO AWAY! FOR **IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN**:

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

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

12NOW HAVING HEARD THAT JOHN HAD BEEN ARRESTED, HE DEPARTED TO GALILEE. 13HAVING LEFT NAZARETH AND ENTERING, HE DWELT IN CAPERNAUM BESIDE THE LAKE, WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ZEBULUN AND NEPHTALI, 14SO 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.
16THE 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."

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

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

23AND 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. 24AND 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. 25AND THEY FOLLOWED HIM IN GREAT MULTITUDES, FROM GALILEE AND DECAPOLIS, AND JERUSALEM AND JUDAEA, AND BEYOND THE JORDAN.

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1NOW HAVING NOTICED THE MULTITUDES, HE ASCENDED AT THE MOUNTAIN. AND HAVING SEATED HIMSELF, HIS DISCIPLES APPROACHED HIM. 2AND OPENING 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 THEY PERSECUTED 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 NO ONE, 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 BEGUILES 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 WOULD 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 WOULD DEPART INTO GEHENNA.

31**IT WAS ALSO DECLARED**:

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

32**BUT 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.

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

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

34**BUT I TELL YOU**: DO NOT SWEAR AT ALL - NEITHER BY HEAVEN, FOR IT IS THE THRONE OF THEOS - 35NOR BY THE 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. 37BUT LET YOUR WORD BE: YES, YES - NO, NO! BUT BEYOND THAT, IT IS OUT OF WICKEDNESS.

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

EYE FOR EYE, AND TOOTH FOR TOOTH.

39**BUT I TELL YOU**: DO NOT WITHSTAND EVIL. BUT ANYONE WHO WILL SLAP 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.

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

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND HATE YOUR ENEMY.

44**BUT 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 BEYOND MEASURE? 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 HAVE ENOUGH OF THEIR RECOMPENSE. 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 TO PRAY IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND STANDING IN THE CORNERS OF THE SQUARES, SO THAT THEY MIGHT BE SEEN BY MEN. TRULY I TELL YOU: THEY HAVE ENOUGH OF THEIR RECOMPENSE. 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.

10**LET YOUR KINGDOM COME.**
LET YOUR WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED, AS IN HEAVEN, SO ON EARTH.

11**GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.**

12**AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,**
AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS.

13**AND 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 DISGUISING THEIR FACES, SO THAT THEY MIGHT APPEAR AS FASTING TO MEN. TRULY I TELL YOU: THEY HAVE ENOUGH OF THEIR RECOMPENSE. 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 HE WILL HATE ONE, AND WILL LOVE THE OTHER. 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 REAP, 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? 31THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD NOT BE ANXIOUS, ASKING: 'WHAT MIGHT WE EAT, OR WHAT MIGHT WE DRINK, OR WHAT MIGHT WE WEAR?' 32FOR THE NATIONS ARE SEEKING ALL THOSE THINGS. YET YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS KNOWN THAT YOU NEED ALL THOSE. 33BUT BE SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF THEOS AND HIS JUSTIFICATION, AND ALL THOSE WILL BE ADDED TO YOU.

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

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

6YOU 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.

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

12ALL 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.

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

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

21NOT 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. 22MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY: 'KYRIOS KYRIOS, DID WE NOT PROPHESY IN YOUR NAME? AND IN YOUR NAME WE HAVE CAST OUT DEMONS, AND IN YOUR NAME WE DID MANY DEEDS OF POWER.' 23BUT THEN I WILL AVOW TO THEM THAT I NEVER KNEW YOU. DEPART FROM ME, THOSE COMMITTING LAWLESSNESS.

24ANYONE THEREFORE, WHO HEARS THESE SAYINGS OF MINE AND PRACTISES THEM, WILL BE LIKENED TO A PRUDENT MAN, WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK. 25AND 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, 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 THE 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 URGED 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: "THE 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 LET THE DEAD 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. 25AND 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 ONES, 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 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 THAT HOUSE. AND BEHOLD, MANY TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS HAVING COME, 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 ITS 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." THEN 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 **THE KYRIOS OF THE HARVEST**, THAT HE MIGHT BRING WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST."

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1THEN 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.

5THESE TWELVE IESOUS 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. 6BUT RATHER GO TO THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. 7GOING NOW, PREACH BY EXPOUNDING THAT THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS HAS DRAWN NEAR. 8HEAL SICK ONES, RAISE DEAD ONES, CLEANSE LEPERS, CAST OUT DEMONS! FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE! 9YOU SHOULD POSSESS NEITHER GOLD, NOR SILVER, NOR COPPER IN YOUR POCKETS, 10NOR A BAG FOR THE ROAD, NOR TWO TUNICS, NOR SANDALS, NOR A STAFF. FOR THE WORKER DESERVES HIS NOURISHMENT. 11AND INTO WHATEVER CITY OR VILLAGE YOU MAY ENTER, INQUIRE WHO IN IT IS FITTING. AND THERE REMAIN UNTIL YOU SHOULD DEPART. 12THEN ENTERING INTO THE HOUSE, GREET IT. 13AND 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. 14AND 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. 15TRULY I TELL YOU: IT WILL BE MORE BEARABLE FOR A LAND OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH ON A DAY OF JUDGMENT, THAN FOR THAT CITY.

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

17BUT BEWARE OF MEN. FOR THEY WILL DELIVER YOU TO SANHEDRINS, AND THEY WILL FLOG YOU IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES. 18AND YOU WILL ALSO BE BROUGHT BEFORE GOVERNORS AND KINGS FOR MY SAKE, FOR A WITNESS TO THEM AND TO THE NATIONS. 19BUT 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. 20FOR YOU ARE NOT THE ONES SPEAKING, BUT THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FATHER SPEAKING THROUGH YOU.

21AND BROTHER WILL DELIVER BROTHER TO DEATH, AND A FATHER A CHILD, AND CHILDREN WILL RISE UP AGAINST PARENTS AND WILL PUT THEM TO DEATH. 22AND YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL ON ACCOUNT OF MY NAME. BUT THE ONE ENDURING UNTIL THE END, THIS ONE WILL BE SAVED. 23AND 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.

24A DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE THE TEACHER, NOR A SLAVE ABOVE HIS MASTER. 25ENOUGH 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?

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

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

34YOU SHOULD NOT THINK THAT I CAME TO BRING PEACE UPON THE EARTH. I CAME NOT TO BRING PEACE, BUT A SWORD. 35FOR 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.
36THEN MAN IS HATED BY HIS HOUSEHOLD.

37THE 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. 38AND WHOEVER IS NOT ATTAINING HIS CROSS AND IS FOLLOWING AFTER ME, IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. 39THE ONE HAVING FOUND HIS SOUL, WILL LOSE IT. BUT THE ONE HAVING LOST HIS SOUL FOR MY SAKE, WILL FIND IT.

40THE ONE RECEIVING YOU, RECEIVES ME. AND THE ONE RECEIVING ME, RECEIVES THE ONE HAVING SENT ME. 41THE 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. 42AND WHOEVER, MERELY IN THE 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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1AND IT FOLLOWED, WHEN IESOUS FINISHED INSTRUCTING HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES, HE DEPARTED FROM THERE TO TEACH AND TO PROCLAIM IN THEIR CITIES.

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

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

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

11TRULY 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. 12BUT FROM THE DAYS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST UNTIL NOW, THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS IS BEING ATTACKED, AND AGGRESSORS ARE CLAIMING IT. 13FOR ALL THE PROPHETS AND THE LAW PROPHESIED UNTIL JOHN. 14AND IF YOU ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT IT - HE IS ELIJAH, THE ONE BEING REQUIRED TO COME. 15THE ONE HAVING EARS, LET HIM HEAR!

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

18FOR JOHN CAME NEITHER EATING NOR DRINKING, AND THEY SAY: 'HE HAS A DEMON.' 19THE 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.

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

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

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

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1IN 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. 2BUT THE PHARISEES HAVING SEEN IT, SAID TO HIM: "BEHOLD, YOUR DISCIPLES ARE DOING WHAT IS NOT LAWFUL TO DO ON A SABBATH." 3AND HE SPOKE TO THEM: "HAVE YOU NOT READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE WAS HUNGRY, AND THE ONES BESIDE HIM? 4HOW 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. 5OR HAVE YOU NOT READ IN THE LAW CONCERNING THE SABBATHS: THE PRIESTS IN THE TEMPLE ARE TRANSGRESSING THE SABBATH AND ARE GUILTLESS! 6BUT I TELL YOU THAT **THE GREATER TEMPLE** IS HERE.

7NOW IF YOU HAD COMPREHENDED WHAT IS MERCY I DESIRE AND NOT SACRIFICE, YOU HAD NEVER CONDEMNED THE GUILTLESS! 8FOR THE SON OF MAN IS KYRIOS OF THE SABBATH."

9AND HAVING DEPARTED FROM THERE, HE ENTERED INTO THEIR SYNAGOGUE. 10AND 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. 11AND 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? 12HOW GREATLY NOW, SURPASSES A MAN A SHEEP? THEREFORE IT IS LAWFUL TO DO GOOD ON THE SABBATHS."

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

15AND IESOUS, HAVING BEEN AWARE, WITHDREW FROM THERE AND MANY FOLLOWED HIM. AND HE HEALED THEM ALL, 16BUT ADMONISHED THEM THAT THEY SHOULD NOT MAKE HIM KNOWN, 17SO 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 RESPONDED 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. BECAUSE 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 SWEPT AND EMBELLISHED. 45THEN 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."

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

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

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

10AND THE DISCIPLES HAVING APPROACHED, SAID TO HIM: "FOR WHAT REASON ARE YOU SPEAKING TO THEM IN PARABLES?" 11AND 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. 12FOR 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. 13BECAUSE OF THIS, I SPEAK TO THEM IN PARABLES. FOR SEEING THEY SEE NOT, AND HEARING THEY HEAR NOT, NOR DO THEY UNDERSTAND. 14THEN 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.
15FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DENSE,
SO THE EARS BARELY HEARED,
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.'

16BUT BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES AS THEY SEE, AND YOUR EARS AS THEY HEAR. 17FOR 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.

18HEAR YOU NOW THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER: 19ANYONE 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. 20AND THAT HAVING BEEN SOWN ON ROCKY SPOTS, THIS IS THE ONE HEARING THE MESSAGE AND IMMEDIATELY RECEIVING IT WITH JOY, 21YET 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. 22AND 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 MAN, 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, AS MUCH AS 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, AS MUCH AS 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 WILL IT 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, AND SHE HANDED IT TO HER MOTHER.

12THEN HAVING APPROACHED HIS DISCIPLES, 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 TO A DESOLATE PLACE, BY HIMSELF. AND THE MULTITUDES HEARING IT, 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. YOU GIVE 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, AND 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, TO PRAY BY HIMSELF. 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 FROM 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 THE 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 IT, 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 THE 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 SAY TO FATHER OR MOTHER: FROM WHAT GIFT OF MINE WOULD YOU HAVE EVER BENEFITED? 6NOT EVEN SHOULD HE ESTEEM HIS FATHER.' SO YOU REJECTED THE WORD OF THEOS FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR ORAL TRADITION. 7HYPOCRITES! WELL PROPHESIED 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. 12THEN THE DISCIPLES HAVING APPROACHED, THEY SAID TO HIM: "HAVE YOU PERCEIVED THAT HEARING THE MESSAGE, THE PHARISEES WERE OFFENDED?" 13AND ANSWERING, HE SPOKE: "EVERY PLANT WHICH MY HEAVENLY FATHER DID NOT PLANT, WILL BE UPROOTED. 14LEAVE THEM, THEY ARE BLIND GUIDES, OF BLIND MEN. AND IF A BLIND MAN SHOULD GUIDE A BLIND, BOTH WILL FALL INTO A PIT."

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

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

25SHE NOW HAVING APPEARED, WAS KNEELING DOWN TO HIM, SAYING: "KYRIOS, HELP ME!" 26BUT ANSWERING, HE SPOKE: "IT IS NOT GOOD TO TAKE AND THROW THE BREAD OF THE CHILDREN TO THE LITTLE DOGS." 27AND SHE SAID: "YES KYRIOS, BUT EVEN THE LITTLE DOGS EAT OF THE CRUMBS FALLING FROM THE TABLE OF THEIR MASTERS." 28THEN 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.

29AND HAVING DEPARTED FROM THERE, IESOUS CAME NEARBY THE LAKE OF GALILEE. AND HAVING ASCENDED AT THE MOUNTAIN, HE WAS SITTING THERE. 30AND 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. 31THEREFORE THE MULTITUDE MARVELED, BEHOLDING DUMB ONES SPEAKING,

CRIPPLED WHOLESOME, AND LAME ONES WALKING, AND BLIND SEEING. AND THEY GLORIFIED THE **THEOS OF ISRAEL**.

32NOW 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." 33BUT THE DISCIPLES SAID TO HIM: "FROM WHERE HAVE WE IN A WILDERNESS SO MANY BREADS, SO AS TO FILL A MULTITUDE SO GREAT?" 34THEN IESOUS ASKED THEM: "HOW MANY BREADS DO YOU HAVE?" AND THEY ANSWERED: "SEVEN, AND A FEW SMALL FISHES."

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

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

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1AND THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES HAVING APPROACHED, WERE EXAMINING AND DEMANDED HIM TO SHOW THEM A SIGN FROM HEAVEN. 2AND RESPONDING, 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.

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

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

13NOW 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**?" 14AND THEY ANSWERED: "ACTUALLY JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND SOME ELIJAH, YET OTHERS JEREMIAH, OR ONE OF THE PROPHETS." 15HE ASKED THEM: "BUT YOU, WHO DO YOU SAY AM I? 16AND ANSWERING, SIMON PETER SAID:

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

17AND 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. 18BUT 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. 19I 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." 20THEN HE CHARGED THE DISCIPLES, SO THAT THEY SHOULD SAY TO NO ONE THAT HE IS THE CHRISTOS.

21SINCE 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. 22BUT HAVING TAKEN HIM ASIDE, PETER BEGAN TO ADMONISH HIM, SAYING: "MERCY TO YOU MASTER, IN NO WAY WILL THIS OCCUR TO YOU!"

23NOW 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!"

24THEN 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! 25FOR WHOEVER MIGHT DESIRE TO SAVE HIS SOUL, WILL LOSE IT. BUT WHOEVER LOOSED HIS SOUL FOR MY SAKE, WILL FIND IT. 26FOR 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?

27FOR 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. 28TRULY 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 INTO HIS KINGDOM."

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

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 RESPONDING, 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 INTO 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 YOU THAT THEIR ANGELS IN THE HEAVENS CONTINUALLY BEHOLD THE FACE OF MY FATHER, THE ONE IN THE HEAVENS.
11
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 HIM, SAYING: 'PAY THAT WHICH YOU OWE!' 29THEN HIS FELLOW SLAVE HAVING FALLEN DOWN, 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 BECOME 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?" 8HE 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!"

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

16AND BEHOLD, ONE HAVING APPROACHED HIM, SAID: "TEACHER, WHAT GOOD MAY I DO, SO THAT I MIGHT HAVE LIFE ETERNAL?" 17AND 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!" 18HE ASKED HIM: "WHICH ONES?" 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**!"

20THE YOUNG MAN TOLD HIM: "ALL THESE I OBSERVED, WHAT DO I STILL LACK?" 21IESOUS 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!" 22NOW THE YOUNG MAN HAVING HEARD THE WORD, WENT AWAY BEING GRIEVED, FOR HE WAS HAVING MANY POSSESSIONS.

23AND IESOUS SPOKE TO HIS DISCIPLES: TRULY I TELL YOU THAT A RICH MAN WILL HARDLY ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS. 24AND 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.

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

27THEN ANSWERING, PETER SAID TO HIM: "BEHOLD, WE LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED YOU. WHAT WILL THEREFORE BE TO US?" 28AND 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. 29AND 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. 30BUT MANY FIRST ONES WILL BE LAST, AND LAST ONES FIRST.

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

8NOW EVENING HAVING COME, THE MASTER OF THE VINEYARD SAID 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 MY 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, 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 FOR A RELEASE OF 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.

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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 BEEN AWARE." THEN HE SPOKE 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!' 29BUT ANSWERING, HE SAID: 'I DO NOT WANT.' YET EVENTUALLY HAVING REPENTED, HE WENT. 30NOW HAVING APPROACHED THE OTHER, HE SAID LIKEWISE. AND ANSWERING, HE SAID: 'I WILL, MASTER', BUT HE WENT NOT. 31WHICH 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. 32FOR 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, TO BELIEVE HIM.

33HEAR 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. 34AND WHEN THE SEASON OF THE FRUITS DREW NEAR, HE SENT HIS SLAVES TO THE LAND WORKERS, TO RECEIVE HIS FRUITS.

35BUT THE LAND WORKERS HAVING RECEIVED HIS SLAVES, THEY INDEED BEAT ONE, AND ANOTHER THEY KILLED, AND ONE THEY STONED. 36AGAIN HE SENT OTHER SLAVES, MORE OF THE FIRST. BUT THEY DID TO THEM LIKEWISE. 37AND AT LAST HE SENT TO THEM HIS SON, SAYING: 'THEY WILL BE CHANGED THROUGH MY SON.' 38NOW 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.' 39AND HAVING RECEIVED HIM, THEY CAST HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD AND KILLED HIM. 40THEREFORE, WHENEVER THE MASTER OF THE VINEYARD SHOULD APPEAR, WHAT WILL HE DO TO THOSE LAND WORKERS?" 41THEY 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.

42IESOUS 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.'

43BECAUSE 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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45AND THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PHARISEES HAVING HEARD HIS PARABLES, COMPREHENDED THAT HE IS SPEAKING ABOUT THEM. 46BUT SEEKING TO SEIZE HIM, THEY WERE AFRAID OF THE MULTITUDES, SINCE THEY WERE HOLDING HIM FOR A PROPHET.

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1AND RESPONDING, 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. 3AND HE SENT HIS SLAVES, TO CALL THE ONES HAVING BEEN INVITED TO THE NUPTIALS, BUT THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO COME.

4AGAIN 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!' 5THOSE HOWEVER BEING UNINTERESTED, THEY WENT AWAY - ONE INDEED TO THE OWN FIELD, AND ANOTHER ABOUT HIS BUSINESS. 6AND THE REST HAVING SEIZED HIS SLAVES, THEY MISTREATED AND KILLED THEM. 7NOW THE KING WAS ENRAGED AND HAVING DISPATCHED HIS FORCES, HE DESTROYED THOSE MURDERERS AND SET THEIR CITY ON FIRE.

8THEN HE TOLD TO HIS SLAVES: 'INDEED, THE WEDDING IS READY, BUT THE ONES HAVING BEEN INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY. 9GO THEREFORE TO THE PORTALS OF THE ROADS, AND AS MANY AS YOU MAY EVER FIND, CALL TO THE NUPTIALS!' 10AND 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.

11NOW THE KING HAVING ENTERED TO SEE THE DINERS, HE NOTICED THERE A MAN NOT HAVING PUT ON WEDDING APPAREL. 12AND HE ASKED HIM: 'COMRADE, HOW DID YOU ENTER HERE NOT HAVING WEDDING APPAREL?' BUT HE BECAME SILENT. 13THEN 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**."

15THEN HAVING DEPARTED, THE PHARISEES TOOK COUNSEL, HOW THEY MIGHT TRAP HIM THROUGH A WORD. 16AND 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. 17SPEAK THEREFORE TO US, WHAT DO YOU THINK: IS IT LAWFUL TO GIVE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR, OR NOT?" 18BUT IESOUS HAVING KNOWN THEIR WICKEDNESS, HE SAID: "WHY DO YOU SCRUTINIZE ME, HYPOCRITES! 19SHOW ME THE MONEY OF THE TRIBUTE!" AND THEY BROUGHT HIM A DENARIUS. 20AND HE ASKED THEM: "WHOSE IS THIS DEPICTION AND THE EPIGRAPH?" 21THEY SAID TO HIM: "OF CAESAR." THEN HE TOLD THEM: "PAY THEREFORE THAT OF CAESAR TO CAESAR, AND THAT OF THEOS TO THEOS!" 22AND HAVING IT HEARD, THEY MARVELED. THEN HAVING LEFT HIM, THEY WENT AWAY.

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

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

29BUT ANSWERING, IESOUS SAID TO THEM: "YOU ARE BEING LED ASTRAY - NOT HAVING KNOWN THE WRITINGS, NOR THE POWER OF THEOS! 30FOR IN THE RESURRECTION THEY NEITHER MARRY, NOR ARE THEY MARRIED. BUT THEY ARE LIKE ANGELS IN THE HEAVEN. 31AND 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." 33AND HAVING IT HEARD, THE MULTITUDES WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS TEACHING.

34AND THE PHARISEES HAVING HEARD THAT HE SILENCED THE SADDUCEES, WERE UNITED ABOUT THIS. 35THEN QUESTIONED ONE OF THEM, AN EXPERT IN LAW, TRYING HIM: 36"TEACHER, WHICH COMMAND IS GREAT IN THE LAW?" 37AND 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.'
38THIS IS THE GREAT AND FIRST COMMAND.

39AND 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 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 HUMBLED, 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 AND BY ALL THINGS ON IT. 21AND THE ONE SWEARING BY THE INNER TEMPLE, SWEARS 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 MINT AND ANISE AND CUMMIN, BUT YOU FORSOOK THE WEIGHTINESS OF THE LAW, THE JUDGMENT AND THE 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. 26BLIND 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. 28AND 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, 30AND YOU STATE: 'IF WE WERE IN THE DAYS OF OUR FATHERS, WE WERE NEVER THEIR SHARERS IN THE BLOOD OF THE PROPHETS.' 31THEREFORE YOU WITNESS TO YOURSELVES, THAT YOU ARE SONS OF THOSE HAVING MURDERED THE PROPHETS. 32SO YOU, FILL UP THE MEASURE OF YOUR FATHERS! 33SERPENTS, BROODS OF VIPERS! HOW SHOULD YOU FLEE FROM THE JUDGMENT OF GEHENNA?

34BECAUSE 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, 35SO 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. 36TRULY I TELL YOU: ALL THIS WILL COME UPON THIS GENERATION.

37JERUSALEM, 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. 38BEHOLD, YOUR HOUSE IS LEFT DESOLATE TO YOU. 39FOR 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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1THEN HAVING STEPPED OUT FROM THE TEMPLE, IESOUS WAS GOING FORTH. AND THE DISCIPLES APPROACHED HIM, TO SHOW HIM THE BUILDINGS OF THE TEMPLE. 2AND RESPONDING, 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."

3NOW 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?"

4AND ANSWERING, IESOUS SPOKE TO THEM: "TAKE HEED, LEST ANYONE MIGHT LEAD YOU ASTRAY. 5FOR MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME, SAYING: 'I AM THE CHRISTOS.' AND THEY WILL LEAD MANY ASTRAY. 6BUT 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. 7FOR NATION WILL BE RAISED AGAINST NATION, AND KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM. AND FAMINES AND EARTHQUAKES WILL BE IN SEVERAL PLACES. 8ALL THESE ARE BUT A BEGINNING OF 'BIRTH-PANGS'.

9THEN 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. 10AND THEN MANY WILL BE BEGUILED, AND THEY WILL DELIVER ONE ANOTHER, AND WILL HATE ONE ANOTHER. 11AND 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 CATACLYSM, EATING AND DRINKING, MARRYING AND BEING MARRIED, UNTIL SOME DAY NOAH ENTERED INTO THE ARK, 39YET THEY DID NOT COMPREHEND UNTIL THE CATACLYSM CAME, 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.

42THEREFORE 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. 44BECAUSE OF THIS, YOU ALSO MUST BE READY, FOR YOU DO NOT SUPPOSE WHAT HOUR THE SON OF MAN COMES!

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

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1THEN WILL THE KINGDOM OF THE HEAVENS BE LIKENED TO TEN VIRGINS, WHO HAVING TAKEN THEIR LAMPS, WENT OUT TO AN ENCOUNTER OF THE BRIDEGROOM. 2BUT FIVE OF THEM WERE FOOLISH, AND FIVE BETHOUGHT. 3FOR THE FOOLISH ONES HAVING TAKEN THEIR LAMPS, THEY DID NOT TAKE WITH THEMSELVES OIL. 4BUT THE BETHOUGHT ONES TOOK WITH THEIR LAMPS OIL IN VESSELS. 5YET DELAYING THE BRIDEGROOM, THEY ALL NODDED, AND WERE SLEEPING. 6YET AT MIDNIGHT, A CLAMOR HAD EMERGED: 'BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM, GO OUT TO AN ENCOUNTER!' 7THEN ALL THOSE VIRGINS WERE WOKEN UP, AND THEY ARRANGED THEIR LAMPS. 8AND THE FOOLISH SAID TO THE BETHOUGHT ONES: 'GIVE US OF YOUR OIL, BECAUSE OUR LAMPS ARE GOING OUT!' 9BUT 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.' 10AS THEY WERE GOING AWAY TO BUY, THE BRIDEGROOM CAME. THEN THE PREPARED ONES ENTERED WITH HIM TO THE NUPTIALS, AND THE GATE WAS CLOSED. 11AND EVENTUALLY APPEARED ALSO THE OTHER VIRGINS, CALLING: 'MASTER! MASTER! OPEN TO US!' 12BUT ANSWERING, HE SAID:

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

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

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

20AND 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!' 21HIS 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!'

22AND ALSO APPROACHING THE ONE OF THE **TWO TALANTS**, HE SAID: 'MASTER, YOU ENTRUSTED TWO TALANTS TO ME. SEE, I GAINED TWO OTHER TALANTS!' 23HIS 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!'

24AND 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. 25HAVING 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 WINNOW. 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 POSSESSES 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 RESPOND, 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: 2"YOU 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 CAIAPHAS. 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? 9FOR THIS WAS POSSIBLE TO BE SOLD FOR MUCH, AND TO BE GIVEN TO THE POOR." 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**:
28**FOR 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 FROM 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.

36THEN 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!" 37AND HAVING SUMMONED PETER AND THE TWO SONS OF ZEBEDEE, HE BEGAN TO BE GRIEVED AND TO BE DEEPLY DISTRESSED. 38THEN HE TOLD THEM: "DEEPLY GRIEVED IS MY SOUL, EVEN TO DEATH. REMAIN HERE, AND BE VIGILANT WITH ME!" 39AND 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."

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

42HAVING 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." 43AND HAVING COME, HE FOUND THEM ONCE AGAIN SLEEPING, FOR THEIR EYES WERE MADE HEAVY.

44AND HAVING LEFT THEM AGAIN AND HAVING GONE AWAY, HE PRAYED **A THIRD TIME** - SPEAKING THE SAME WORD AGAIN. 45THEN 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. 46ARISE, WE SHOULD GO! BEHOLD, THE ONE DELIVERING ME HAS DRAWN NEAR."

47AND 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. 48NOW THE ONE DELIVERING HIM GAVE THEM A SIGN, SAYING: "WHOMEVER I SHOULD KISS, IT IS HE. SEIZE HIM!"

49AND HAVING IMMEDIATELY APPROACHED IESOUS, HE SAID: "GREETINGS, RABBI." THEN HE KISSED HIM. 50BUT IESOUS SAID TO HIM: "COMRADE, FOR WHAT ARE YOU HERE?" THEN HAVING APPROACHED, THEY LAID HANDS ON IESOUS AND SEIZED HIM.

51AND 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. 52THEN IESOUS TOLD HIM: "TURN BACK YOUR SWORD TO ITS PLACE! FOR ALL THOSE HAVING TAKEN A SWORD, WILL PERISH BY A SWORD. 53OR DO YOU THINK THAT I CANNOT CALL NEAR MY FATHER, AND HE WILL PLACE BESIDE ME EVEN NOW TWELVE LARGE LEGIONS OF ANGELS? 54HOW THEN MIGHT BE FULFILLED THE WRITINGS, THAT SO IT MUST HAPPEN?"

55IN 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." 56BUT ALL THIS HAPPENED, SO THAT THE WRITINGS OF THE PROPHETS MIGHT BE FULFILLED. THEN ALL THE DISCIPLES HAVING LEFT HIM, THEY FLED.

57NOW THE ONES HAVING SEIZED IESOUS, LED HIM AWAY TO CAIAPHAS THE CHIEF PRIEST, WHERE THE SCRIBES AND THE PRESBYTERS WERE BEING GATHERED. 58AND 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.

59NOW THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE WHOLE SANHEDRIN WERE SEEKING FALSE WITNESSING AGAINST IESOUS, SO THAT THEY MIGHT PUT HIM TO DEATH. 60AND OF MANY FALSE WITNESSES HAVING APPROACHED, THEY FOUND NOTHING. BUT TWO HAVING EVENTUALLY APPROACHED, 61THEY SAID: "THIS ONE WAS RUMINATING: 'I AM ABLE TO DESTROY THE INNER TEMPLE OF THEOS, AND TO BUILD IT DURING THREE DAYS.'" 62AND THE CHIEF PRIEST HAVING STOOD UP, SAID TO HIM: "YOU RESPOND NOTHING? WHAT DO THESE WITNESS AGAINST YOU?" 63BUT 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 SO**.
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: "PROPHESY 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 WERE ALSO WITH IESOUS OF GALILEE." 70BUT HE DENIED BEFORE ALL, STATING: "**I DO 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 HIM 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 STRANGLED 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.'

11NOW 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."

12YET AFTER HIM BEING ACCUSED BY THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND PRESBYTERS, HE RESPONDED NOTHING. 13THEN PILATE SAID TO HIM: "DO YOU NOT HEAR HOW MUCH THEY WITNESS AGAINST YOU?" 14AND HE DID NOT ANSWER HIM, NOT EVEN WITH ONE WORD, SO THAT THE GOVERNOR MARVELED GREATLY.

15NOW AT A FEAST, THE GOVERNOR HAD BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO RELEASE TO THE MULTITUDE ONE PRISONER, WHOM THEY WERE WILLING. 16BUT THEY WERE HOLDING AT THAT TIME A FAMED PRISONER, CALLED IESOUS 'SON OF THE FATHER'. 17THEY THEREFORE HAVING BEEN CONVENED, PILATE SAID TO THEM: "WHOM DO YOU WISH I MAY RELEASE TO YOU,

IESOUS THE 'SON OF THE FATHER',
OR IESOUS THE ONE BEING CALLED 'CHRISTOS'?"

18FOR HE HAD KNOWN THAT THEY DELIVERED HIM BECAUSE OF ENVY. 19NOW SITTING ON HIS TRIBUNE, HIS WIFE SENT TO HIM, SAYING: "HAVE NO PART YOU AND THIS RIGHTEOUS ONE. FOR MUCH I HAVE SUFFERED AT PRESENT, THROUGH A DREAM BECAUSE OF HIM."

20BUT THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PRESBYTERS PERSUADED THE MULTITUDES, THAT THEY MIGHT CALL FOR THE 'SON OF THE FATHER', YET THEY SHOULD DESTROY IESOUS. 21AND RESPONDING, THE GOVERNOR SAID TO THEM: "WHOM OF THE TWO DO YOU WISH I MAY RELEASE TO YOU?" BUT THEY SAID: "THE 'SON OF THE FATHER'." 22PILATE CALLED TO THEM: "WHAT THEN WILL I DO TO IESOUS, THE ONE BEING CALLED CHRISTOS?"

EVERYONE CALLED: "TO BE CRUCIFIED!" 23THEN HE WAS REFLECTING: "FOR WHAT EVIL DID HE COMMIT?" BUT THEY WERE CRYING OUT ALL THE MORE, CALLING: "TO BE CRUCIFIED!"

24NOW PILATE HAVING SEEN THAT IT BENEFITS NOTHING, BUT RATHER GENERATES A TURMOIL, HAVING TAKEN WATER, HE WASHED THE HANDS IN FRONT OF THE MULTITUDE, CALLING: "I AM INNOCENT OF THE BLOOD OF THIS ONE. YOU WILL SEE TO IT." 25AND ANSWERING ALL THE PEOPLE, THEY SAID: "HIS BLOOD UPON US, AND UPON OUR CHILDREN." 26THEN HE RELEASED TO THEM THE 'SON OF THE FATHER'. BUT HAVING FLOGGED IESOUS, HE DELIVERED HIM SO THAT HE MIGHT BE CRUCIFIED.

27THEN THE SOLDIERS OF THE GOVERNOR HAVING TAKEN IESOUS TO THE PRAETORIUM, THEY GATHERED THE ENTIRE UNIT UNTO HIM. 28AND HAVING UNCLOTHED HIM, THEY PLACED A CRIMSON CLOAK AROUND HIM. 29AND HAVING TWINED A WREATH OUT OF THORNS, THEY PUT IT UPON HIS HEAD, AND A REED IN HIS RIGHT HAND. AND KNEELING DOWN BEFORE HIM, THEY MOCKED HIM, CALLING: "JOY TO YOU, KING OF THE JEWS!" 30AND SPITTING ON HIM, THEY TOOK THE REED, AND WERE BEATING ON HIS HEAD. 31AND WHEN THEY HAD MOCKED HIM, THEY STRIPPED OFF HIM THE CLOAK, AND PUT ON HIM HIS CLOTHING. AND THEY LED HIM AWAY IN ORDER TO CRUCIFY.

32AND GOING OUT, THEY FOUND A MAN OF CYRENE, SIMON BY NAME. THIS ONE THEY CHARGED, THAT HE MIGHT TAKE UP THE CROSS OF HIM. 33AND HAVING COME TO A PLACE CALLED GOLGOTHA, WHICH IS BEING CALLED 'PLACE OF SKULL', 34THEY GAVE HIM WINE TO DRINK, HAVING BEEN MIXED WITH GALL. AND HAVING TASTED, HE WAS NOT WILLING TO DRINK. 35NOW HAVING CRUCIFIED HIM, THEY DIVIDED HIS CLOTHING, CASTING A LOT. 36AND SITTING DOWN, THEY WERE WATCHING HIM THERE. 37AND THEY PLACED ABOVE HIS HEAD THE ACCUSATION, THAT HAVING BEEN WRITTEN:

'THIS IS **IESOUS**, **THE KING OF THE JEWS**!'

38THEN WERE CRUCIFIED TOGETHER WITH HIM TWO ROBBERS, ONE ON THE RIGHT, AND ONE ON THE LEFT. 39BUT THE ONES PASSING BEFORE WERE BLASPHEMING HIM, SHAKING THEIR HEADS. 40AND THEY CALLED: "THE ONE DESTROYING THE INNER TEMPLE AND BUILDING IT IN THREE DAYS, SAVE YOURSELF! IF YOU ARE THE SON OF THEOS, SO COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS!" 41LIKEWISE ALSO THE CHIEF PRIESTS, MOCKING WITH THE SCRIBES AND PRESBYTERS, WERE SAYING: 42"OTHERS HE SAVED, HIMSELF HE CANNOT SAVE. KING OF ISRAEL HE IS. LET HIM NOW COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS, AND WE WILL BELIEVE IN HIM! 43HE HAD RELIED UPON THEOS, LET HIM NOW RESCUE, IF HE WANTS HIM! FOR HE SAID THAT 'I AM THE SON OF THEOS.'" 44AND THE SAME ALSO THE ROBBERS, THE ONES HAVING BEEN CRUCIFIED TOGETHER WITH HIM - THEY WERE REVILING HIM.

45NOW FROM THE SIXTH HOUR, THERE CAME DARKNESS UPON ALL THE LAND, UNTIL THE NINTH HOUR. 46AND CLOSE TO THE NINTH HOUR, IESOUS SHOUTED IN A GREAT VOICE, SAYING:

"ELI, ELI, LEMA SABACHTHANI?"
- THAT IS:
'MY THEOS, MY THEOS, WHY DID YOU FORSAKE ME?'

47BUT SOME OF THOSE HAVING STOOD THERE HEARING IT, THEY WERE SAYING THAT "THIS ONE IS CALLING ELIJAH." 48AND ONE OF THEM RAN AT ONCE AND HAVING TAKEN A SPONGE, FILLED IT ALSO WITH VINEGAR. AND HAVING PLACED IT UPON A REED, HE WAS GIVING HIM TO DRINK. 49AND THE REST WERE SAYING: "LET GO, WE MAY SEE IF ELIJAH COMES, SAVING HIM!" 50BUT IESOUS HAVING CRIED OUT AGAIN IN A GREAT VOICE, LET GO THE SPIRIT.

51AND BEHOLD, THE CURTAIN OF THE INNER TEMPLE WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. AND THE EARTH WAS SHAKEN, AND THE ROCKS WERE SPLIT. 52AND TOMBS WERE OPENED, AND MANY BODIES OF

THE HOLY ONES HAVING BEEN LAID TO REST, WERE RAISED. 53THEN HAVING COME OUT OF THE TOMBS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, THEY ENTERED INTO THE HOLY CITY AND WERE MANIFESTED TO MANY.

54NOW THE CENTURION AND THOSE WATCHING IESOUS WITH HIM, HAVING SEEN THE EARTHQUAKE AND WHAT HAD HAPPENED, THEY FEARED EXCEEDINGLY, SAYING:

"**TRULY, THIS ONE WAS SON OF THEOS**."

55AND THERE WERE MANY WOMEN OBSERVING FROM AFAR, WHO FOLLOWED IESOUS FROM GALILEE, SERVING TO HIM, 56AMONG WHOM WERE MARY THE MAGDALENE, AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JACOB AND JOSEPH, AND THE MOTHER OF THE SONS OF ZEBEDEE.

57NOW EVENING HAVING COME, CAME A RICH MAN FROM ARIMATHEA OF THE NAME OF JOSEPH, HE HIMSELF WHO ALSO BECAME DISCIPLE TO IESOUS. 58THIS ONE HAVING APPROACHED PILATE, REQUESTED THE BODY OF IESOUS. THEN PILATE ORDERED IT TO BE RENDERED. 59AND HAVING TAKEN THE BODY, JOSEPH WRAPPED IT IN CLEAN LINEN. 60AND HE PLACED IT IN HIS NEW MEMORIAL, WHICH HE QUARRIED INTO THE ROCK. AND HAVING ROLLED A LARGE STONE TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE MEMORIAL, HE WENT AWAY. 61NOW THERE WERE MARY THE MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY, SITTING IN FRONT OF THE TOMB.

62BUT ON THE NEXT DAY, WHICH IS AFTER THE PREPARATION, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE PHARISEES WERE GATHERED BEFORE PILATE, 63TELLING: "MASTER, WE WERE REMINDED THAT THIS ONE, THE LIAR, SAID WHILE STILL LIVING: 'AFTER THREE DAYS I WILL BE RAISED'. 64ORDER THEREFORE THE TOMB TO BE SECURED UNTIL THE THIRD DAY, LEST COMING HIS DISCIPLES, THEY MIGHT STEAL HIM! THEN THEY WOULD SAY TO THE PEOPLE: 'HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD', AND THE LAST DECEIT WILL BE WORSE THAN THE FIRST." 65PILATE WAS AFFIRMING THEM: "YOU HAVE A WATCH. GO, SECURE IT SO YOU ARE CERTAIN."

66AND THEY HAVING DEPARTED, SECURED THE TOMB, SEALING THE STONE TOGETHER WITH THE WATCH.

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1NOW AT THE CLOSE OF SABBATHS, UNTO THE DAWNING INTO THE FIRST OF SABBATHS, CAME MARY THE MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY, TO BEHOLD THE TOMB. 2AND BEHOLD, A GREAT SHAKING HAPPENED,

FOR AN ANGEL OF KYRIOS
HAVING DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN
AND HAVING APPROACHED,
ROLLED AWAY THE STONE
AND WAS SITTING ON IT.

3**AND HIS ASPECT WAS LIKE LIGHTNING**,
AND HIS APPAREL WHITE AS SNOW.

4AND OUT OF FEAR OF HIM, THOSE WATCHING WERE SHAKEN, AND BECAME AS DEAD. 5AND RESPONDING, THE ANGEL SPOKE TO THE WOMEN:

"YOU, DO NOT BE AFRAID!
FOR I HAVE KNOWN THAT YOU SEEK IESOUS, THE ONE HAVING BEEN CRUCIFIED.
6**HE IS NOT HERE. FOR HE WAS RAISED, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE SPOKE**.
COME, BEHOLD THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS LYING!

7AND GOING FORTH QUICKLY, SPEAK TO HIS DISCIPLES
THAT **HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD**.

AND BEHOLD, HE GOES BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE - THERE YOU WILL SEE HIM.
BEHOLD, I SPOKE TO YOU."

8AND HAVING QUICKLY GONE AWAY FROM THE MEMORIAL WITH FEAR AND GREAT JOY, THEY RAN TO DECLARE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES. 9AND BEHOLD, IESOUS ENCOUNTERED THEM, SAYING:

"**GREETINGS**!"

AND HAVING APPROACHED, THEY CLUTCHED HIS FEET AND DID OBEISANCE TO HIM. 10THEN IESOUS SAID TO THEM:

"DO NOT BE AFRAID!
GO, DECLARE IT TO MY BROTHERS,
SO THAT THEY SHOULD GO AWAY TO GALILEE - AND THERE THEY WILL SEE ME!"

11AS THEY WERE GOING, BEHOLD, SOME OF THE WATCH HAVING GONE INTO THE CITY, REPORTED TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS EVERYTHING WHAT HAD HAPPENED. 12AND HAVING BEEN GATHERED WITH THE PRESBYTERS, AND ALSO HAVING TAKEN COUNSEL, THEY GAVE SUFFICIENT SILVERLINGS TO THE SOLDIERS, 13SAYING: "SAY THAT HIS DISCIPLES HAVING COME BY NIGHT, HAVE STOLEN HIM - WE BEING ASLEEP! 14AND IF THIS SHOULD BE HEARD BY THE GOVERNOR, WE WILL PERSUADE HIM, AND WILL MAKE YOU INSOUCIANT." 15AND THEY HAVING RECEIVED THE SILVERLINGS, DID AS THEY WERE INSTRUCTED. SO THIS WORD WAS DIVULGATED AMONG JEWS UNTIL TODAY.

16NOW THE ELEVEN DISCIPLES WENT TO GALILEE, TO THE MOUNT WHICH IESOUS APPOINTED TO THEM. 17AND HAVING SEEN HIM, THEY DID OBEISANCE, BUT HESITATED. 18AND IESOUS HAVING APPROACHED, HE SPOKE TO THEM, SAYING:

"ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME.

19**HAVING THEN GONE FORTH, DISCIPLE ALL THE NATIONS,**
BAPTIZING THEM INTO THE NAME OF THE FATHER,
AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
20**INSTRUCTING THEM TO KEEP EVERYTHING**
WHAT I COMMANDED TO YOU!

AND BEHOLD,
I AM WITH YOU ALL THE DAYS,
UNTIL THE CONSUMMATION OF THE AGE."