

The Mini-Hymnal 2.0

Comfort Book

Daily Prayer
Psalms
The Gospel of John
Hymns
Prayers

for use in the hospital, when traveling, and in other circumstances.

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BRIEF ORDER OF DEVOTION

BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

MORNING. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

EVENING. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

PSALMS

PSALM 1

BLESSING OF GOD'S WORD

¹ Blessed *is* the man
That walketh not in the counsel of the
ungodly,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
² But his delight *is* in the law of the
LORD;
And in his law doth he meditate day
and night.
³ And he shall be like a tree planted by
the rivers of water,
That bringeth forth his fruit in his
season;
His leaf also shall not wither;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
⁴ The ungodly *are* not so:
But *are* like the chaff which the wind
driveth away.
⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand
in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the
righteous.
⁶ For the LORD knoweth the way of the
righteous:
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

THE LORD LAUGHS

¹ Why do the heathen rage,
And the people imagine a vain thing?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD, and against his
anointed, *saying*,
³ Let us break their bands asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.
⁴ He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:
The Lord shall have them in derision.

⁵ Then shall he speak unto them in his
wrath,
And vex them in his sore displeasure.
⁶ Yet have I set my king
Upon my holy hill of Zion.
⁷ I will declare the decree:
The LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art*
my Son;
This day have I begotten thee.
⁸ Ask of me,
And I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine
inheritance,
And the uttermost parts of the earth *for*
thy possession.
⁹ Thou shalt break them with a rod of
iron;
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a
potter's vessel.
¹⁰ Be wise now therefore, O ye kings:
Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry,
And ye perish *from* the way,
When his wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in
him.

PSALM 8

THE LORD'S EXCELLENT NAME

*To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A
Psalm of David.*

¹ O LORD our Lord,
How excellent *is* thy name in all the
earth!
Who hast set thy glory above the
heavens.
² Out of the mouth of babes and
sucklings hast thou ordained
strength
Because of thine enemies,
That thou mightest still the enemy and
the avenger.

³ When I consider thy heavens, the
 work of thy fingers,
 The moon and the stars, which thou
 hast ordained;
⁴ What is man, that thou art mindful of
 him?
 And the son of man, that thou visitest
 him?
⁵ For thou hast made him a little lower
 than the angels,
 And hast crowned him with glory and
 honour.
⁶ Thou madest him to have dominion
 over the works of thy hands;
 Thou hast put all *things* under his feet:
⁷ All sheep and oxen,
 Yea, and the beasts of the field;
⁸ The fowl of the air, and the fish of the
 sea,
 And *whatsoever* passeth through the
 paths of the seas.
⁹ O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy
 name in all the earth!

PSALM 16 **IN THY PRESENCE IS FULLNESS OF JOY**

Michtam of David.

¹ Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I
 put my trust.
² *O my soul*, thou hast said unto the
 LORD, Thou *art* my Lord:
 My goodness *extendeth* not to thee;
³ *But* to the saints that *are* in the earth,
 And *to* the excellent, in whom *is* all my
 delight.
⁴ Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that*
 hasten *after* another *god*:
 Their drink offerings of blood will I not
 offer,
 Nor take up their names into my lips.
⁵ The LORD *is* the portion of mine
 inheritance and of my cup:
 Thou maintainest my lot.
⁶ The lines are fallen unto me in
 pleasant *places*;
 Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
⁷ I will bless the LORD, who hath given
 me counsel:
 My reins also instruct me in the night
 seasons.
⁸ I have set the LORD always before me:
 Because *he is* at my right hand, I shall
 not be moved.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my
 glory rejoiceth:
 My flesh also shall rest in hope.
¹⁰ For thou wilt not leave my soul in
 hell;
 Neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One
 to see corruption.
¹¹ Thou wilt shew me the path of life:
 In thy presence *is* fulness of joy;
 At thy right hand *there are* pleasures
 for evermore.

PSALM 20

GOD WILL SAVE US

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble;
The name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
² Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen thee out of Zion;
³ Remember all thy offerings,
And accept thy burnt sacrifice; *Selah.*
⁴ Grant thee according to thine own heart,
And fulfil all thy counsel.
⁵ We will rejoice in thy salvation,
And in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners:
The LORD fulfil all thy petitions.
⁶ Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed;
He will hear him from his holy heaven
With the saving strength of his right hand.
⁷ Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses:
But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.
⁸ They are brought down and fallen:
But we are risen, and stand upright.
⁹ Save, LORD:
Let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM 23

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
³ He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

- ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

PSALM 27

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND SALVATION

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
² When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh,
They stumbled and fell.
³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear:
Though war should rise against me, in this *will* I be confident.
⁴ One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after;
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.
⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion:
In the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me;
He shall set me up upon a rock.
⁶ And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me:
Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.
⁷ Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice:

Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

⁸ *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face;
my heart said unto thee,
Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

⁹ Hide not thy face *far* from me;
Put not thy servant away in anger:
Thou hast been my help; leave me not,
Neither forsake me, O God of my
salvation.

¹⁰ When my father and my mother
forsake me,
Then the LORD will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD,
And lead me in a plain path, because of
mine enemies.

¹² Deliver me not over unto the will of
mine enemies:
For false witnesses are risen up against
me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

¹³ *I had fainted*, unless I had believed
To see the goodness of the LORD in the
land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait on the LORD:
Be of good courage, and he shall
strengthen thine heart:
Wait, I say, on the LORD.

And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

⁶ For this shall every one that is godly
pray unto thee in a time when thou
mayest be found:

Surely in the floods of great waters they
shall not come nigh unto him.

⁷ Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt
preserve me from trouble;
Thou shalt compass me about with songs
of deliverance.

⁸ I will instruct thee and teach thee in the
way which thou shalt go:
I will guide thee with mine eye.

⁹ Be ye not as the horse,
Or as the mule, *which* have no
understanding:

Whose mouth must be held in with bit
and bridle,
Lest they come near unto thee.

¹⁰ Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked:
But he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy
shall compass him about.

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye
righteous:
And shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright
in heart.

PSALM 32

BLESSED ARE THE FORGIVEN

A Psalm of David, Maschil.

¹ Blessed *is he* whose transgression is
forgiven, *whose sin is* covered.

² Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD
imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit *there is* no guile.

³ When I kept silence, my bones waxed
old
Through my roaring all the day long.

⁴ For day and night thy hand was heavy
upon me:

My moisture is turned into the drought of
summer.

⁵ I acknowledged my sin unto thee,
And mine iniquity have I not hid.
I said, I will confess my transgressions
unto the LORD;

PSALM 38

MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

¹ O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath:
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

² For thine arrows stick fast in me,
And thy hand presseth me sore.

³ *There is* no soundness in my flesh
because of thine anger;
Neither *is there any* rest in my bones
because of my sin.

⁴ For mine iniquities are gone over mine head:
As an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

⁵ My wounds stink *and* are corrupt
Because of my foolishness.

⁶ I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly;

I go mourning all the day long.

⁷ For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease*:

And *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

⁸ I am feeble and sore broken:

I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

⁹ Lord, all my desire *is* before thee;
And my groaning is not hid from thee.

¹⁰ My heart panteth, my strength faileth me:

As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

¹¹ My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore;

And my kinsmen stand afar off.

¹² They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me*:

And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things,

And imagine deceits all the day long.

¹³ But I, as a deaf *man*, heard not;

And *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.

¹⁴ Thus I was as a man that heareth not,
And in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.

¹⁵ For in thee, O LORD, do I hope:
Thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

¹⁶ For I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me:

When my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me.

¹⁷ For *I am* ready to halt,
And my sorrow *is* continually before me.

¹⁸ For I will declare mine iniquity;
I will be sorry for my sin.

¹⁹ But mine enemies *are* lively, *and* they are strong:
And they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

²⁰ They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries;

Because I follow *the thing that* good *is*.

²¹ Forsake me not, O LORD:

O my God, be not far from me.

²² Make haste to help me,
O Lord my salvation.

PSALM 46

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

*To the chief Musician for the sons of
Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.*

- ¹ God *is* our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
² Therefore will not we fear, though the
earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried
into the midst of the sea;
³ *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be
troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the
swelling thereof. *Selah.*
⁴ *There is* a river, the streams whereof
shall make glad the city of God,
The holy *place* of the tabernacles of the
most High.
⁵ God *is* in the midst of her; she shall
not be moved:
God shall help her, *and that* right early.
⁶ The heathen raged, the kingdoms were
moved:
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.
⁷ The LORD of hosts *is* with us;
The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. *Selah.*
⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD,
What desolations he hath made in the
earth.
⁹ He maketh wars to cease unto the end
of the earth;
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the
spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariot in the fire.
¹⁰ Be still, and know that I *am* God:
I will be exalted among the heathen, I
will be exalted in the earth.
¹¹ The LORD of hosts *is* with us;
The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. *Selah.*

PSALM 51

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

*To the chief Musician, A Psalm of
David, when Nathan the prophet came
unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-
sheba.*

- ¹ Have mercy upon me, O God,
according to thy lovingkindness:
According unto the multitude of thy
tender mercies blot out my
transgressions.
² Wash me thoroughly from mine
iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
³ For I acknowledge my transgressions:
And my sin *is* ever before me.
⁴ Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,
And done *this* evil in thy sight:
That thou mightest be justified when
thou speakest,
And be clear when thou judgest.
⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;
And in sin did my mother conceive me.
⁶ Behold, thou desirest truth in the
inward parts:
And in the hidden *part* thou shalt make
me to know wisdom.
⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be
clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than
snow.
⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness;
That the bones *which* thou hast broken
may rejoice.
⁹ Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.
¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy spirit from me.
¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy
salvation;
And uphold me *with thy* free spirit.
¹³ *Then* will I teach transgressors thy
ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto
thee.

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O
God, thou God of my salvation:
And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy
righteousness.

¹⁵ O Lord, open thou my lips;
And my mouth shall shew forth thy
praise.

¹⁶ For thou desirest not sacrifice; else
would I give *it*:

Thou delightest not in burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God *are* a broken
spirit:

A broken and a contrite heart, O God,
thou wilt not despise.

¹⁸ Do good in thy good pleasure unto
Zion:

Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹ Then shalt thou be pleased with the
sacrifices of righteousness, with
burnt offering and whole burnt
offering:

Then shall they offer bullocks upon
thine altar.

PSALM 55

PROTECT US FROM OUR ENEMIES

*To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil,
A Psalm of David.*

¹ Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not thyself from my
supplication.

² Attend unto me, and hear me:
I mourn in my complaint, and make a
noise;

³ Because of the voice of the enemy,
because of the oppression of the
wicked:

For they cast iniquity upon me, and in
wrath they hate me.

⁴ My heart is sore pained within me:
And the terrors of death are fallen upon
me.

⁵ Fearfulness and trembling are come
upon me,
And horror hath overwhelmed me.

⁶ And I said, Oh that I had wings like a
dove!

For then would I fly away, and be at
rest.

⁷ Lo, *then* would I wander far off,
And remain in the wilderness. *Selah.*

⁸ I would hasten my escape
From the windy storm *and* tempest.

⁹ Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their
tongues:

For I have seen violence and strife in
the city.

¹⁰ Day and night they go about it upon
the walls thereof:

Mischief also and sorrow *are* in the
midst of it.

¹¹ Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof:
Deceit and guile depart not from her
streets.

¹² For *it was* not an enemy *that*
reproached me; then I could have
borne *it*:

Neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did
magnify *himself* against me; then I
would have hid myself from him:

¹³ But *it was* thou, a man mine equal,
My guide, and mine acquaintance.

¹⁴ We took sweet counsel together,
And walked unto the house of God in
company.

¹⁵ Let death seize upon them,
And let them go down quick into hell:
For wickedness *is* in their dwellings,
and among them.

¹⁶ As for me, I will call upon God;
And the LORD shall save me.

¹⁷ Evening, and morning, and at noon,
will I pray, and cry aloud:
And he shall hear my voice.

¹⁸ He hath delivered my soul in peace
from the battle *that was* against me:
For there were many with me.

¹⁹ God shall hear, and afflict them,
Even he that abideth of old. *Selah.*
Because they have no changes,
Therefore they fear not God.

²⁰ He hath put forth his hands against
such as be at peace with him:
He hath broken his covenant.

²¹ *The words* of his mouth were
smoother than butter, but war *was* in
his heart:

His words were softer than oil, yet *were*
they drawn swords.

²² Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and
he shall sustain thee:
He shall never suffer the righteous to be
moved.

²³ But thou, O God, shalt bring them
down into the pit of destruction:
Bloody and deceitful men shall not live
out half their days;
But I will trust in thee.

⁸ Thou tellest my wanderings:
Put thou my tears into thy bottle:
Are they not in thy book?

⁹ When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine
enemies turn back:
This I know; for God *is* for me.

¹⁰ In God will I praise *his* word:
In the LORD will I praise *his* word.

¹¹ In God have I put my trust: I will not
be afraid
What man can do unto me.

¹² Thy vows *are* upon me, O God:
I will render praises unto thee.

¹³ For thou hast delivered my soul from
death: *wilt not thou deliver* my feet
from falling,
That I may walk before God in the light
of the living?

PSALM 56

THOU HAST DELIVERED ME

*To the chief Musician upon Jonath-elem-
recho-kim, Michtam of David, when the
Philistines took him in Gath.*

¹ Be merciful unto me, O God: for man
would swallow me up;
He fighting daily oppresses me.

² Mine enemies would daily swallow
me up:

For *they be* many that fight against me,
O thou most High.

³ What time I am afraid,
I will trust in thee.

⁴ In God I will praise his word,
In God I have put my trust; I will not
fear

What flesh can do unto me.

⁵ Every day they wrest my words:
All their thoughts *are* against me for
evil.

⁶ They gather themselves together, they
hide themselves,

They mark my steps,
When they wait for my soul.

⁷ Shall they escape by iniquity?
In *thine* anger cast down the people, O
God.

PSALM 62

GOD IS A REFUGE FOR US

To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

¹ Truly my soul waiteth upon God:
From him *cometh* my salvation.

² He only *is* my rock and my salvation;
He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

³ How long will ye imagine mischief
against a man?

Ye shall be slain all of you:
As a bowing wall *shall ye be, and as a*
tottering fence.

⁴ They only consult to cast *him* down from
his excellency:

They delight in lies:
They bless with their mouth, but they
curse inwardly. *Selah.*

⁵ My soul, wait thou only upon God;
For my expectation *is* from him.

⁶ He only *is* my rock and my salvation:
He is my defence; I shall not be moved.

⁷ In God *is* my salvation and my glory:
The rock of my strength, *and* my refuge,
is in God.

⁸ Trust in him at all times; ye people,
Pour out your heart before him:
God *is* a refuge for us. *Selah.*

⁹ Surely men of low degree *are* vanity,
and men of high degree *are* a lie:
To be laid in the balance, they *are*
altogether *lighter* than vanity.

¹⁰ Trust not in oppression,
And become not vain in robbery:
If riches increase, set not your heart *upon*
them.

¹¹ God hath spoken once;
Twice have I heard this;
That power *belongeth* unto God.

¹² Also unto thee, O Lord, *belongeth*
mercy:
For thou renderest to every man
according to his work.

PSALM 95

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF HIS PASTURE

¹ O come, let us sing unto the LORD:
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation.

² Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise unto him with
psalms.

³ For the LORD *is* a great God,
And a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand *are* the deep places of the
earth:

The strength of the hills *is* his also.

⁵ The sea *is* his, and he made it:
And his hands formed the dry *land.*

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow
down:

Let us kneel before the LORD our
maker.

⁷ For he *is* our God;
And we *are* the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

To day if ye will hear his voice,

⁸ Harden not your heart, as in the
provocation,
And as in the day of temptation in the
wilderness:

⁹ When your fathers tempted me,
Proved me, and saw my work.

¹⁰ Forty years long was I grieved with
this generation,
And said, It *is* a people that do err in
their heart,

And they have not known my ways:

¹¹ Unto whom I swear in my wrath
That they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 102

A PRAYER OF THE AFFLICTED

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD,
And let my cry come unto thee.
² Hide not thy face from me
In the day *when* I am in trouble; incline
thine ear unto me:
In the day *when* I call answer me
speedily.
³ For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are burned as an hearth.
⁴ My heart is smitten, and withered like
grass;
So that I forget to eat my bread.
⁵ By reason of the voice of my groaning
my bones cleave to my skin.
⁶ I am like a pelican of the wilderness:
I am like an owl of the desert.
⁷ I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon
the house top.
⁸ Mine enemies reproach me all the day;
And they that are mad against me are
sworn against me.
⁹ For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping,
¹⁰ Because of thine indignation and thy
wrath:
For thou hast lifted me up, and cast me
down.
¹¹ My days *are* like a shadow that
declineth;
And I am withered like grass.
¹² But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for
ever;
And thy remembrance unto all
generations.
¹³ Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon
Zion:
For the time to favour her, yea, the set
time, is come.
¹⁴ For thy servants take pleasure in her
stones,
And favour the dust thereof.
¹⁵ So the heathen shall fear the name of
the LORD,
And all the kings of the earth thy glory.

¹⁶ When the LORD shall build up Zion,
He shall appear in his glory.
¹⁷ He will regard the prayer of the
destitute,
And not despise their prayer.
¹⁸ This shall be written for the generation
to come:
And the people which shall be created
shall praise the LORD.
¹⁹ For he hath looked down from the
height of his sanctuary;
From heaven did the LORD behold the
earth;
²⁰ To hear the groaning of the prisoner;
To loose those that are appointed to
death;
²¹ To declare the name of the LORD in
Zion,
And his praise in Jerusalem;
²² When the people are gathered together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
²³ He weakened my strength in the way;
He shortened my days.
²⁴ I said, O my God, take me not away in
the midst of my days:
Thy years *are* throughout all generations.
²⁵ Of old hast thou laid the foundation of
the earth:
And the heavens *are* the work of thy
hands.
²⁶ They shall perish, but thou shalt endure:
Yea, all of them shall wax old like a
garment;
As a vesture shalt thou change them, and
they shall be changed:
²⁷ But thou *art* the same,
And thy years shall have no end.
²⁸ The children of thy servants shall
continue,
And their seed shall be established before
thee.

PSALM 118

O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

¹ O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good:
Because his mercy *endureth* for ever.
² Let Israel now say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
³ Let the house of Aaron now say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
⁴ Let them now that fear the LORD say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
⁵ I called upon the LORD in distress:
The LORD answered me, *and set me* in a large place.
⁶ The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear:
What can man do unto me?
⁷ The LORD taketh my part with them that help me:
Therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.
⁸ *It is* better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in man.
⁹ *It is* better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in princes.
¹⁰ All nations compassed me about:
But in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.
¹¹ They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about:
But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
¹² They compassed me about like bees;
They are quenched as the fire of thorns:
For in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
¹³ Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall:
But the LORD helped me.
¹⁴ The LORD *is* my strength and song,
And is become my salvation.
¹⁵ The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous:
The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted:
The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD hath chastened me sore:
But he hath not given me over unto death.
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness:
I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD:
²⁰ This gate of the LORD,
Into which the righteous shall enter.
²¹ I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me,
And art become my salvation.
²² The stone *which* the builders refused
Is become the head *stone* of the corner.
²³ This is the LORD's doing;
It *is* marvellous in our eyes.
²⁴ This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD:
O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.
²⁶ Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD:
We have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.
²⁷ God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us light:
Bind the sacrifice with cords,
Even unto the horns of the altar.
²⁸ Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee:
Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
²⁹ O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSALM 121

I LIFT UP MY EYES

A Song of degrees.

- ¹ I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
- ² My help cometh from the LORD, which
made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
- ⁴ Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall
neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is
thy shade upon thy right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor
the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD shall preserve thee from all
evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
- ⁸ The LORD shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time
forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 130

OUT OF THE DEPTHS...

A Song of degrees.

- ¹ Out of the depths have I cried unto
thee, O LORD.
- ² Lord, hear my voice:
Let thine ears be attentive to the voice
of my supplications.
- ³ If thou, LORD, shouldest mark
iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?
- ⁴ But *there is* forgiveness with thee,
That thou mayest be feared.
- ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul doth
wait,
And in his word do I hope.
- ⁶ My soul *waiteth* for the Lord
More than they that watch for the
morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the
morning.
- ⁷ Let Israel hope in the LORD:
For with the LORD *there is* mercy,
And with him *is* plenteous redemption.

- ⁸ And he shall redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

PSALM 143

MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR GOD

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD,
Give ear to my supplications:
In thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in
thy righteousness.
- ² And enter not into judgment with thy
servant:
For in thy sight shall no man living be
justified.
- ³ For the enemy hath persecuted my
soul;
He hath smitten my life down to the
ground;
He hath made me to dwell in darkness,
as those that have been long dead.
- ⁴ Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed
within me;
My heart within me is desolate.
- ⁵ I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all thy works;
I muse on the work of thy hands.
- ⁶ I stretch forth my hands unto thee:
My soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty
land. *Selah.*
- ⁷ Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit
faileth:
Hide not thy face from me,
Lest I be like unto them that go down
into the pit.
- ⁸ Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness
in the morning;
For in thee do I trust:
Cause me to know the way wherein I
should walk;
- For I lift up my soul unto thee.
- ⁹ Deliver me, O LORD, from mine
enemies:
I flee unto thee to hide me.

¹⁰ Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art*
my God:

Thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land
of uprightness.

¹¹ Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's
sake:

For thy righteousness' sake bring my
soul out of trouble.

¹² And of thy mercy cut off mine
enemies,

And destroy all them that afflict my
soul:

For I *am* thy servant.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

1

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him. Without him, nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome ¹ it. ⁶There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷The same came as a witness, that he might testify about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but was sent that he might testify about the light. ⁹The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹He came to his own, and those who were his own didn't receive him. ¹²But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God's children, to those who believe in his name: ¹³who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh, and lived among us. We saw his glory, such glory as of the one and only Son of the Father, full of grace

and truth. ¹⁵John testified about him. He cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me, for he was before me.'" ¹⁶From his fullness we all received grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has seen God at any time. The one and only Son,² who is in the bosom of the Father, has declared him.

¹⁹This is John's testimony, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰He declared, and didn't deny, but he declared, "I am not the Christ."

²¹They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the prophet?"

He answered, "No."

²²They said therefore to him, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'[#] as Isaiah the prophet said."

²⁴The ones who had been sent were from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then do you

^{1:5} The word translated "overcome" (κατέλαβεν) can also be translated "comprehended." It refers to getting a grip on an enemy to defeat him.

^{2:18} NU reads "God"

^{#1:23} Isaiah 40:3

baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?”

²⁶John answered them, “I baptize in water, but among you stands one whom you don’t know. ²⁷He is the one who comes after me, who is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I’m not worthy to loosen.”

²⁸These things were done in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹The next day, he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, “Behold,³ the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who is preferred before me, for he was before me.’ ³¹I didn’t know him, but for this reason I came baptizing in water: that he would be revealed to Israel.” ³²John testified, saying, “I have seen the Spirit descending like a dove out of heaven, and it remained on him. ³³I didn’t recognize him, but he who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘On whomever you will see the Spirit descending and remaining on him is he who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵Again, the next day, John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them

following, and said to them, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, being interpreted, Teacher), “where are you staying?”

³⁹He said to them, “Come, and see.”

They came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.⁴

⁴⁰One of the two who heard John and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother, Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which is, being interpreted, Christ⁵). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas” (which is by interpretation, Peter).⁶

⁴³On the next day, he was determined to go out into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, “We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?”

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

^{31:29} “Behold”, from “ἰδοὺ”, means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

^{41:39} 4:00 p.m.

^{51:41} “Messiah” (Hebrew) and “Christ” (Greek) both mean “Anointed One”.

^{61:42} “Cephas” (Aramaic) and “Peter” (Greek) both mean “Rock”.

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said about him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”

⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are King of Israel!”

⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I told you, ‘I saw you underneath the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these!” ⁵¹ He said to him, “Most certainly, I tell you all, hereafter you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

2

¹ The third day, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there. ² Jesus also was invited, with his disciples, to the marriage. ³ When the wine ran out, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no wine.”

⁴ Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My hour has not yet come.”

⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Whatever he says to you, do it.”

⁶ Now there were six water pots of stone set there after the Jews’ way of purifying, containing two or three metretes⁷ apiece. ⁷ Jesus said to

them, “Fill the water pots with water.” So they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the ruler of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the ruler of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and didn’t know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have drunk freely, then that which is worse. You have kept the good wine until now!” ¹¹ This beginning of his signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this, he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they stayed there a few days. ¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ He found in the temple those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, and the changers of money sitting. ¹⁵ He made a whip of cords, and threw all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the changers’ money and overthrew their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold the doves, he said, “Take these things out of here! Don’t make my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will eat me up.”[#]

^{72:6} 2 to 3 metretes is about 20 to 30 U. S. Gallons, or 75 to 115 liters.

¹⁸The Jews therefore answered him, “What sign do you show us, seeing that you do these things?”

¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

²⁰The Jews therefore said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple! Will you raise it up in three days?”

²¹But he spoke of the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he said this, and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in his name, observing his signs which he did.

²⁴But Jesus didn’t entrust himself to them, because he knew everyone, ²⁵and because he didn’t need for anyone to testify concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man.

3

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²The same came to him by night, and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him.”

³Jesus answered him, “Most certainly, I tell you, unless one is born anew, ⁸ he can’t see God’s Kingdom.”

⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?”

⁵Jesus answered, “Most certainly I tell you, unless one is born of water and spirit, he can’t enter into God’s Kingdom. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Don’t marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ ⁸ The wind⁹ blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but don’t know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus answered him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and don’t understand these things? ¹¹ Most certainly I tell you, we speak that which we know, and testify of that which we have seen, and you don’t receive our witness. ¹² If I told you earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended out of heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. ¹⁴ As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For

^{2:17} Psalm 69:9

^{3:3} The word translated “anew” here and in John 3:7 (ἀνωθεν)

also means “again” and “from above”.

^{9:8} The same Greek word (πνεῦμα) means wind, breath, and spirit.

God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him. ¹⁸ He who believes in him is not judged. He who doesn't believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God. ¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the light, and doesn't come to the light, lest his works would be exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be revealed, that they have been done in God."

²² After these things, Jesus came with his disciples into the land of Judea. He stayed there with them and baptized. ²³ John also was baptizing in Enon near Salim, because there was much water there. They came, and were baptized; ²⁴ for John was not yet thrown into prison. ²⁵ Therefore a dispute arose on the part of John's disciples with some Jews about purification. ²⁶ They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, he baptizes, and everyone is coming to him."

²⁷ John answered, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before him.' ²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. This, my joy, therefore is made full. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease. ³¹ He who comes from above is above all. He who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³² What he has seen and heard, of that he testifies; and no one receives his witness. ³³ He who has received his witness has set his seal to this, that God is true. ³⁴ For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for God gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶ One who believes in the Son has eternal life, but one who disobeys ¹⁰ the Son won't see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

4

¹ Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself didn't baptize, but his disciples), ³ he left Judea and

¹⁰3:36 The same word can be translated "disobeys" or "disbelieves" in this context.

departed into Galilee. ⁴He needed to pass through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son, Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being tired from his journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ¹¹ ⁷A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

⁹The Samaritan woman therefore said to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. So where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father, Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his children and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst again; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well

of water springing up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I don't get thirsty, neither come all the way here to draw."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

¹⁷The woman answered, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You said well, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truly."

¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."

²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, will you worship the Father. ²² You worship that which you don't know. We worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshipers. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah comes, he who is called Christ. When he has come, he will declare to us all things."

²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who speaks to you.” ²⁷ At this, his disciples came. They marveled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no one said, “What are you looking for?” or, “Why do you speak with her?” ²⁸ So the woman left her water pot, went away into the city, and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything that I did. Can this be the Christ?”

³⁰ They went out of the city, and were coming to him. ³¹ In the meanwhile, the disciples urged him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you don’t know about.”

³³ The disciples therefore said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you say, ‘There are yet four months until the harvest?’ Behold, I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, that they are white for harvest already. ³⁶ He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit to eternal life; that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this the saying is true, ‘One sows, and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you haven’t labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ From that city many of the Samaritans believed in him because of the word of the woman, who testified, “He told me everything that I did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed there two days. ⁴¹ Many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of your speaking; for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

⁴³ After the two days he went out from there and went into Galilee.

⁴⁴ For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. ⁴⁵ So when he came into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast, for they also went to the feast. ⁴⁶ Jesus came therefore again to Cana of Galilee, where he made the water into wine. There was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him, and begged him that he would come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Jesus therefore said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders, you will in no way believe.”

⁴⁹ The nobleman said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Go your way. Your son lives.” The man believed

the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. ⁴¹As he was now going down, his servants met him and reported, saying “Your child lives!” ⁴²So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. They said therefore to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour, ¹²the fever left him.” ⁴³So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” He believed, as did his whole house. ⁴⁴This is again the second sign that Jesus did, having come out of Judea into Galilee.

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¹After these things, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the sheep gate, there is a pool, which is called in Hebrew, “Bethesda”, having five porches. ³In these lay a great multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; ⁴for an angel went down at certain times into the pool and stirred up the water. Whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. ¹³ ⁵A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been sick for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to be made well?”

⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I’m coming, another steps down before me.”

⁸Jesus said to him, “Arise, take up your mat, and walk.”

⁹Immediately, the man was made well, and took up his mat and walked.

Now it was the Sabbath on that day. ¹⁰So the Jews said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath. It is not lawful for you to carry the mat.”

¹¹He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’”

¹²Then they asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your mat and walk’?”

¹³But he who was healed didn’t know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a crowd being in the place.

¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “Behold, you are made well. Sin no more, so that nothing worse happens to you.”

¹⁵The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶For this cause the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill him, because he did these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, so I am working, too.”

¹⁸For this cause therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the

^{124:52} 1:00 p.m.

^{135:4} NU omits from “waiting” in verse 3 to the end of verse 4.

Sabbath, but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God. ¹⁹ Jesus therefore answered them, “Most certainly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father doing. For whatever things he does, these the Son also does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father has affection for the Son, and shows him all things that he himself does. He will show him greater works than these, that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom he desires. ²² For the Father judges no one, but he has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who doesn’t honor the Son doesn’t honor the Father who sent him.

²⁴ “Most certainly I tell you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and doesn’t come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. ²⁵ Most certainly I tell you, the hour comes, and now is, when the dead will hear the Son of God’s voice; and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, even so he gave to the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ He also gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is a son of man. ²⁸ Don’t marvel at this, for the hour comes in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice, ²⁹ and will come out; those who have done good, to the

resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment. ³⁰ I can of myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is righteous; because I don’t seek my own will, but the will of my Father who sent me.

³¹ “If I testify about myself, my witness is not valid. ³² It is another who testifies about me. I know that the testimony which he testifies about me is true. ³³ You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ But the testimony which I receive is not from man. However, I say these things that you may be saved. ³⁵ He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶ But the testimony which I have is greater than that of John, for the works which the Father gave me to accomplish, the very works that I do, testify about me, that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ The Father himself, who sent me, has testified about me. You have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his form. ³⁸ You don’t have his word living in you; because you don’t believe him whom he sent.

³⁹ “You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and these are they which testify about me. ⁴⁰ Yet you will not come to me, that you may have life. ⁴¹ I don’t receive glory from men. ⁴² But I know you, that you don’t have God’s love in yourselves. ⁴³ I have come in my

Father's name, and you don't receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe, who receive glory from one another, and you don't seek the glory that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵ "Don't think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you, even Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But if you don't believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

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¹ After these things, Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee, which is also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A great multitude followed him, because they saw his signs which he did on those who were sick. ³ Jesus went up into the mountain, and he sat there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Jesus therefore lifting up his eyes, and seeing that a great multitude was coming to him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, that these may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.

⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii¹⁴ worth of bread is

not sufficient for them, that every one of them may receive a little."

⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these among so many?"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in that place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

¹¹ Jesus took the loaves; and having given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to those who were sitting down; likewise also of the fish as much as they desired. ¹² When they were filled, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the broken pieces which are left over, that nothing be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ When therefore the people saw the sign which Jesus did, they said, "This is truly the prophet who comes into the world." ¹⁵ Jesus therefore, perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea.

¹⁷ They entered into the boat, and were going over the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not come to them. ¹⁸ The sea was tossed by a great wind blowing. ¹⁹ When therefore they had

^{146:7} A denarius was a silver coin worth about a day's wages for an agricultural laborer, so 200 denarii would be between 6 and 7 month's pay.

rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia, ¹⁵ they saw Jesus walking on the sea,[#] and drawing near to the boat; and they were afraid. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I. ¹⁶ Don’t be afraid.” ²¹ They were willing therefore to receive him into the boat. Immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

²² On the next day, the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except the one in which his disciples had embarked, and that Jesus hadn’t entered with his disciples into the boat, but his disciples had gone away alone.

²³ However boats from Tiberias came near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ When the multitude therefore saw that Jesus wasn’t there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Most certainly I tell you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled. ²⁷ Don’t work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For God the Father has sealed him.”

²⁸ They said therefore to him, “What must we do, that we may work the works of God?”

²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

³⁰ They said therefore to him, “What then do you do for a sign, that we may see and believe you? What work do you do? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness. As it is written, ‘He gave them bread out of heaven’¹⁷ to eat.”[#]

³² Jesus therefore said to them, “Most certainly, I tell you, it wasn’t Moses who gave you the bread out of heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread out of heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ They said therefore to him, “Lord, always give us this bread.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will not be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I told you that you have seen me, and yet you don’t believe. ³⁷ All those whom the Father gives me will come to me. He who comes to me I will in no way throw out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ This is the will of my Father who sent me, that of all he has given to me I should

¹⁵**6:19** 25 to 30 stadia is about 5 to 6 kilometers or about 3 to 4 miles

[#]**6:19** see Job 9:8

¹⁶**6:20** or, I AM

¹⁷**6:31** Greek and Hebrew use the same word for “heaven”, “the heavens”, “the sky”, and “the air”.

[#]**6:31** Exodus 16:4; Nehemiah 9:15; Psalm 78:24-25

lose nothing, but should raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁰ This is the will of the one who sent me, that everyone who sees the Son, and believes in him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

⁴¹ The Jews therefore murmured concerning him, because he said, “I am the bread which came down out of heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Isn’t this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he say, ‘I have come down out of heaven?’”

⁴³ Therefore Jesus answered them, “Don’t murmur among yourselves.

⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up in the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ #

Therefore everyone who hears from the Father and has learned, comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God. He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Most certainly, I tell you, he who believes in me has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵² The Jews therefore contended with one another, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus therefore said to them, “Most certainly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you don’t have life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so he who feeds on me, he will also live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down out of heaven—not as our fathers ate the manna, and died. He who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ Therefore many of his disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying! Who can listen to it?”

⁶¹ But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble? ⁶² Then what if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who don’t believe.” For Jesus knew

*6:45 Isaiah 54:13

from the beginning who they were who didn't believe, and who it was who would betray him. ⁴⁵He said, "For this cause I have said to you that no one can come to me, unless it is given to him by my Father."

⁴⁶At this, many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. ⁴⁷Jesus said therefore to the twelve, "You don't also want to go away, do you?"

⁴⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁴⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

⁵⁰Jesus answered them, "Didn't I choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" ⁵¹Now he spoke of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he who would betray him, being one of the twelve.

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¹After these things, Jesus was walking in Galilee, for he wouldn't walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill him. ²Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was at hand. ³His brothers therefore said to him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that your disciples also may see your works which you do. ⁴For no one does anything in secret while he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, reveal yourself to the world." ⁵For even his brothers didn't believe in him.

⁶Jesus therefore said to them, "My time has not yet come, but

your time is always ready. ⁷ The world can't hate you, but it hates me, because I testify about it, that its works are evil. ⁸ You go up to the feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, because my time is not yet fulfilled."

⁹Having said these things to them, he stayed in Galilee. ¹⁰But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly, but as it were in secret. ¹¹The Jews therefore sought him at the feast, and said, "Where is he?" ¹²There was much murmuring among the multitudes concerning him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others said, "Not so, but he leads the multitude astray." ¹³Yet no one spoke openly of him for fear of the Jews. ¹⁴But when it was now the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught. ¹⁵The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How does this man know letters, having never been educated?"

¹⁶Jesus therefore answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone desires to do his will, he will know about the teaching, whether it is from God, or if I am speaking from myself. ¹⁸ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. ¹⁹ Didn't Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill me?"

²⁰ The multitude answered, “You have a demon! Who seeks to kill you?”

²¹ Jesus answered them, “I did one work and you all marvel because of it. ²² Moses has given you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a boy.

²³ If a boy receives circumcision on the Sabbath, that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me, because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath? ²⁴ Don’t judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

²⁵ Therefore some of them of Jerusalem said, “Isn’t this he whom they seek to kill? ²⁶ Behold, he speaks openly, and they say nothing to him. Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is truly the Christ? ²⁷ However we know where this man comes from, but when the Christ comes, no one will know where he comes from.”

²⁸ Jesus therefore cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, “You both know me, and know where I am from. I have not come of myself, but he who sent me is true, whom you don’t know. ²⁹ I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.”

³⁰ They sought therefore to take him; but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

³¹ But of the multitude, many believed in him. They said, “When

the Christ comes, he won’t do more signs than those which this man has done, will he?” ³² The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things concerning him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

³³ Then Jesus said, “I will be with you a little while longer, then I go to him who sent me. ³⁴ You will seek me, and won’t find me; and where I am, you can’t come.”

³⁵ The Jews therefore said among themselves, “Where will this man go that we won’t find him? Will he go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks?

³⁶ What is this word that he said, ‘You will seek me, and won’t find me;’ and ‘Where I am, you can’t come’?”

³⁷ Now on the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! ³⁸ He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of living water.” ³⁹ But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus wasn’t yet glorified.

⁴⁰ Many of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, said, “This is truly the prophet.” ⁴¹ Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “What, does the Christ come out of Galilee? ⁴² Hasn’t the Scripture said that the Christ comes

of the offspring¹⁸ of David, [#] and from Bethlehem, [#] the village where David was?" ⁴³So a division arose in the multitude because of him.

⁴⁴Some of them would have arrested him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why didn't you bring him?"

⁴⁶The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!"

⁴⁷The Pharisees therefore answered them, "You aren't also led astray, are you? ⁴⁸Have any of the rulers believed in him, or of the Pharisees? ⁴⁹But this multitude that doesn't know the law is cursed."

⁵⁰Nicodemus (he who came to him by night, being one of them) said to them, ⁵¹"Does our law judge a man, unless it first hears from him personally and knows what he does?"

⁵²They answered him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search, and see that no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."[#]

⁵³Everyone went to his own house,

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¹but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Now very early in the morning, he came again into the temple, and all the people came to him. He sat down and taught them.

³The scribes and the Pharisees

brought a woman taken in adultery. Having set her in the middle, ⁴they told him, "Teacher, we found this woman in adultery, in the very act.

⁵Now in our law, Moses commanded us to stone such women.[#] What then do you say about her?" ⁶They said this testing him, that they might have something to accuse him of.

But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

⁷But when they continued asking him, he looked up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw the first stone at her."

⁸Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

⁹They, when they heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the oldest, even to the last. Jesus was left alone with the woman where she was, in the middle. ¹⁰Jesus, standing up, saw her and said, "Woman, where are your accusers? Did no one condemn you?"

¹¹She said, "No one, Lord."

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way. From now on, sin no more."¹⁹

¹²Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world.[#] He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

^{18:42} or, seed

^{7:42} 2 Samuel 7:12

^{7:42} Micah 5:2

^{7:52} See Isaiah 9:1 and Matthew 4:13-16.

^{8:5} Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22

^{19:11} NU includes John 7:53–John 8:11, but puts brackets around it to indicate that the textual critics had less confidence that this was original.

^{8:12} Isaiah 60:1

¹³The Pharisees therefore said to him, “You testify about yourself. Your testimony is not valid.”

¹⁴Jesus answered them, “Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from, and where I am going; but you don’t know where I came from, or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one. ¹⁶ Even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ It’s also written in your law that the testimony of two people is valid.[#] ¹⁸ I am one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me testifies about me.”

¹⁹They said therefore to him, “Where is your Father?”

Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” ²⁰ Jesus spoke these words in the treasury, as he taught in the temple. Yet no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. ²¹ Jesus said therefore again to them, “I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sins. Where I go, you can’t come.”

²²The Jews therefore said, “Will he kill himself, because he says, ‘Where I am going, you can’t come’?”

²³He said to them, “You are from beneath. I am from above. You are

of this world. I am not of this world.

²⁴ I said therefore to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am²⁰ he, you will die in your sins.”

²⁵They said therefore to him, “Who are you?”

Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you. However he who sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these I say to the world.”

²⁷They didn’t understand that he spoke to them about the Father.

²⁸Jesus therefore said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and I do nothing of myself, but as my Father taught me, I say these things. ²⁹ He who sent me is with me. The Father hasn’t left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

³⁰As he spoke these things, many believed in him. ³¹ Jesus therefore said to those Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples. ³² You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”[#]

³³They answered him, “We are Abraham’s offspring, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How do you say, ‘You will be made free’?”

^{#8:17} Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15

^{208:24} or, I AM

^{#8:32} Psalm 119:45

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Most certainly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is the bondservant of sin. ³⁵ A bondservant doesn’t live in the house forever. A son remains forever. ³⁶ If therefore the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham’s offspring, yet you seek to kill me, because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸ I say the things which I have seen with my Father; and you also do the things which you have seen with your father.”

³⁹ They answered him, “Our father is Abraham.”

Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰ But now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham didn’t do this. ⁴¹ You do the works of your father.”

They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father, God.”

⁴² Therefore Jesus said to them, “If God were your father, you would love me, for I came out and have come from God. For I haven’t come of myself, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why don’t you understand my speech? Because you can’t hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father, the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn’t stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a

liar, and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you don’t believe me. ⁴⁶ Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ He who is of God hears the words of God. For this cause you don’t hear, because you are not of God.”

⁴⁸ Then the Jews answered him, “Don’t we say well that you are a Samaritan, and have a demon?”

⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I don’t have a demon, but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ But I don’t seek my own glory. There is one who seeks and judges. ⁵¹ Most certainly, I tell you, if a person keeps my word, he will never see death.”

⁵² Then the Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, as did the prophets; and you say, ‘If a man keeps my word, he will never taste of death.’ ⁵³ Are you greater than our father, Abraham, who died? The prophets died. Who do you make yourself out to be?”

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is our God. ⁵⁵ You have not known him, but I know him. If I said, ‘I don’t know him,’ I would be like you, a liar. But I know him and keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He saw it, and was glad.”

⁵⁷ The Jews therefore said to him,

“You are not yet fifty years old!
Have you seen Abraham?”

⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Most certainly, I tell you, before Abraham came into existence, I AM.⁵⁹”

⁵⁹Therefore they took up stones to throw at him, but Jesus was hidden, and went out of the temple, having gone through the middle of them, and so passed by.

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¹As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³Jesus answered, “This man didn’t sin, nor did his parents; but, that the works of God might be revealed in him. ⁴I must work the works of him who sent me while it is day. The night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva, anointed the blind man’s eyes with the mud, ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he went away, washed, and came back seeing. ⁸The neighbors therefore, and those who saw that he was blind before, said, “Isn’t this he who sat and begged?” ⁹Others were saying, “It is he.” Still others were saying, “He looks like him.”

He said, “I am he.” ¹⁰They therefore were asking him, “How were your eyes opened?”

¹¹He answered, “A man called Jesus made mud, anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went away and washed, and I received sight.”

¹²Then they asked him, “Where is he?”

He said, “I don’t know.”

¹³They brought him who had been blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴It was a Sabbath when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Again therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and I see.”

¹⁶Some therefore of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he doesn’t keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was division among them.

¹⁷Therefore they asked the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?”

He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews therefore didn’t believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight, ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, whom you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

²⁰His parents answered them, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but how he

now sees, we don't know; or who opened his eyes, we don't know. He is of age. Ask him. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said these things because they feared the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if any man would confess him as Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age. Ask him."

²⁴So they called the man who was blind a second time, and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."

²⁵He therefore answered, "I don't know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see."

²⁶They said to him again, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

²⁷He answered them, "I told you already, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You don't also want to become his disciples, do you?"

²⁸They insulted him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses. But as for this man, we don't know where he comes from."

³⁰The man answered them, "How amazing! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.

³¹We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God, and does his will, he listens to him.[#] ³²Since the world

began it has never been heard of that anyone opened the eyes of someone born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

³⁴They answered him, "You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us?" Then they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and finding him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

³⁶He answered, "Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?"

³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have both seen him, and it is he who speaks with you."

³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe!" and he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, that those who don't see may see; and that those who see may become blind."

⁴⁰Those of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"

⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

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¹ "Most certainly, I tell you, one who doesn't enter by the door into the sheep fold, but climbs up some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² But one who enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him,

*9:31 Psalm 66:18; Proverbs 15:29; 28:9

and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. ⁻⁴ Whenever he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁻⁵ They will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him; for they don't know the voice of strangers." ⁻⁶ Jesus spoke this parable to them, but they didn't understand what he was telling them.

⁻⁷ Jesus therefore said to them again, "Most certainly, I tell you, I am the sheep's door. ⁻⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them. ⁻⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters in by me, he will be saved, and will go in and go out, and will find pasture. ⁻¹⁰ The thief only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. ⁻¹¹ I am the good shepherd. [#] The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ⁻¹² He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who doesn't own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and flees. The wolf snatches the sheep, and scatters them. ⁻¹³ The hired hand flees because he is a hired hand, and doesn't care for the sheep. ⁻¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and I'm known by my own; ⁻¹⁵ even as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I lay down my life for

the sheep. ⁻¹⁶ I have other sheep, which are not of this fold. [#] I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice. They will become one flock with one shepherd. ⁻¹⁷ Therefore the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, [#] that I may take it again. ⁻¹⁸ No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down by myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. I received this commandment from my Father."

⁻¹⁹ Therefore a division arose again among the Jews because of these words. ⁻²⁰ Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane! Why do you listen to him?" ⁻²¹ Others said, "These are not the sayings of one possessed by a demon. It isn't possible for a demon to open the eyes of the blind, is it?"[#]

⁻²² It was the Feast of the Dedication²¹ at Jerusalem. ⁻²³ It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon's porch. ⁻²⁴ The Jews therefore came around him and said to him, "How long will you hold us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

⁻²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you don't believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, these testify about me. ⁻²⁶ But you don't believe, because you are not of my sheep, as I told you. ⁻²⁷

^{*10:11} Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:11-12,15,22

^{*10:16} Isaiah 56:8

^{*10:17} Isaiah 53:7-8

^{*10:21} Exodus 4:11

²¹^{10:22} The "Feast of the Dedication" is the Greek name for "Hanukkah", a celebration of the rededication of the Temple.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ⁻²⁸ I give eternal life to them. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ⁻²⁹ My Father who has given them to me is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of my Father's hand. ⁻³⁰ I and the Father are one."

⁻³¹ Therefore Jews took up stones again to stone him. ⁻³² Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of those works do you stone me?"

⁻³³ The Jews answered him, "We don't stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy: because you, being a man, make yourself God."

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

⁻³⁹ They sought again to seize him, and he went out of their hand. ⁻⁴⁰ He went away again beyond the Jordan into the place where John was

baptizing at first, and he stayed there. ⁻⁴¹ Many came to him. They said, "John indeed did no sign, but everything that John said about this man is true." ⁻⁴² Many believed in him there. -

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⁻¹ Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus from Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister, Martha. ⁻² It was that Mary who had anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother, Lazarus, was sick. ⁻³ The sisters therefore sent to him, saying, "Lord, behold, he for whom you have great affection is sick." ⁻⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This sickness is not to death, but for the glory of God, that God's Son may be glorified by it." ⁻⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. ⁻⁶ When therefore he heard that he was sick, he stayed two days in the place where he was. ⁻⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let's go into Judea again."

⁻⁸ The disciples asked him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you. Are you going there again?"

⁻⁹ Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours of daylight? If a man walks in the day, he doesn't stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ⁻¹⁰ But if a man walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light isn't in him." ⁻¹¹ He said these things, and after that, he said to them, "Our friend, Lazarus, has

fallen asleep, but I am going so that I may awake him out of sleep.”

⁻¹²The disciples therefore said, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”

⁻¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he spoke of taking rest in sleep. ⁻¹⁴So Jesus said to them plainly then, “Lazarus is dead. ⁻¹⁵I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. Nevertheless, let’s go to him.”

⁻¹⁶Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus,²² said to his fellow disciples, “Let’s go also, that we may die with him.”

⁻¹⁷So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already. ⁻¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia²³ away. ⁻¹⁹Many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. ⁻²⁰Then when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary stayed in the house.

⁻²¹Therefore Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you would have been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.

⁻²²Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.”

⁻²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

⁻²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

⁻²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies. ⁻²⁶Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

⁻²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, God’s Son, he who comes into the world.”

⁻²⁸When she had said this, she went away and called Mary, her sister, secretly, saying, “The Teacher is here and is calling you.”

⁻²⁹When she heard this, she arose quickly and went to him. ⁻³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was in the place where Martha met him. ⁻³¹Then the Jews who were with her in the house and were consoling her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.”

⁻³²Therefore when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you would have been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”

⁻³³When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews weeping who came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, ⁻³⁴and said, “Where have you laid him?”

They told him, “Lord, come and see.”

⁻³⁵Jesus wept.

⁻³⁶The Jews therefore said, “See how much affection he had for him!” ⁻³⁷Some of them said,

²²11:16 “Didymus” means “Twin”.

²³11:18 15 stadia is about 2.8 kilometers or 1.7 miles

“Couldn’t this man, who opened the eyes of him who was blind, have also kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Jesus therefore, again groaning in himself, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed, you would see God’s glory?”

⁴¹So they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. ²⁴Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, “Father, I thank you that you listened to me. ⁴²I know that you always listen to me, but because of the multitude standing around I said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

⁴⁴He who was dead came out, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth.

Jesus said to them, “Free him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done. ⁴⁷The chief priests

therefore and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, “What are we doing? For this man does many signs. ⁴⁸If we leave him alone like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

⁴⁹But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, ⁵⁰nor do you consider that it is advantageous for us that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.” ⁵¹Now he didn’t say this of himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day forward they took counsel that they might put him to death. ⁵⁴Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but departed from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim. He stayed there with his disciples.

⁵⁵Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand. Many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves.

⁵⁶Then they sought for Jesus and spoke one with another, as they stood in the temple, “What do you think—that he isn’t coming to the feast at all?” ⁵⁷Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had commanded

²⁴11:41 NU omits “from the place where the dead man was lying.”

that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it, that they might seize him. -

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⁻¹Then six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. ⁻²So they made him a supper there. Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with him. ⁻³Therefore Mary took a pound²⁵ of ointment of pure nard, very precious, and anointed Jesus's feet and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. ⁻⁴Then Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples, who would betray him, said, ⁻⁵"Why wasn't this ointment sold for three hundred denarii,²⁶ and given to the poor?" ⁻⁶Now he said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the money box, used to steal what was put into it. ⁻⁷But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She has kept this for the day of my burial. ⁻⁸ For you always have the poor with you, but you don't always have me."

⁻⁹A large crowd therefore of the Jews learned that he was there, and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. ⁻¹⁰But the chief priests conspired to

put Lazarus to death also, ⁻¹¹because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

⁻¹²On the next day a great multitude had come to the feast. When they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ⁻¹³they took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him, and cried out, "Hosanna!²⁷ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,[#] the King of Israel!"

⁻¹⁴Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it. As it is written, ⁻¹⁵"Don't be afraid, daughter of Zion. Behold, your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt."[#] ⁻¹⁶His disciples didn't understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him, and that they had done these things to him. ⁻¹⁷The multitude therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead was testifying about it. ⁻¹⁸For this cause also the multitude went and met him, because they heard that he had done this sign. ⁻¹⁹The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "See how you accomplish nothing. Behold, the world has gone after him."

⁻²⁰Now there were certain Greeks among those that went up to worship at the feast. ⁻²¹These, therefore, came to Philip, who was

²⁵12:3 a Roman pound of 12 ounces, or about 340 grams

²⁶12:5 300 denarii was about a year's wages for an agricultural laborer.

²⁷12:13 "Hosanna" means "save us" or "help us, we pray".

[#]12:13 Psalm 118:25-26

[#]12:15 Zechariah 9:9

from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²² Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn, Andrew came with Philip, and they told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Most certainly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ He who loves his life will lose it. He who hates his life in this world will keep it to eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, let him follow me. Where I am, there my servant will also be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this time?’ But I came to this time for this cause. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came out of the sky, saying, “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

²⁹ Therefore the multitude who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice hasn’t come for my sake, but for your sakes. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world. Now the prince of this world will be cast out. ³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ But he said this, signifying by what kind of death he should die. ³⁴ The multitude

answered him, “We have heard out of the law that the Christ remains forever.[#] How do you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up?’ Who is this Son of Man?”

³⁵ Jesus therefore said to them, “Yet a little while the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, that darkness doesn’t overtake you. He who walks in the darkness doesn’t know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light.” Jesus said these things, and he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷ But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they didn’t believe in him, ³⁸ that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke,

“Lord, who has believed our report?

To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”[#]

³⁹ For this cause they couldn’t believe, for Isaiah said again,

¹²⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes and he hardened their heart, lest they should see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, and would turn, and I would heal them.”[#]

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things when he saw his glory, and spoke of him. [#]

⁴² Nevertheless even many of the rulers believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they didn’t confess it, so that they wouldn’t be put out

^{#1234} Isaiah 9:7; Daniel 2:44 (but see also Isaiah 53:8)

^{#1238} Isaiah 53:1

^{#1240} Isaiah 6:10

^{#1241} Isaiah 6:1

of the synagogue, ⁴³for they loved men's praise more than God's praise.

⁴⁴Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me, but in him who sent me. ⁴⁵He who sees me sees him who sent me. ⁴⁶I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness. ⁴⁷If anyone listens to my sayings, and doesn't believe, I don't judge him. For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸He who rejects me, and doesn't receive my sayings, has one who judges him. The word that I spoke will judge him in the last day. ⁴⁹For I spoke not from myself, but the Father who sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. ⁵⁰I know that his commandment is eternal life. The things therefore which I speak, even as the Father has said to me, so I speak."

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¹Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that his time had come that he would depart from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came from God, and was going to God, ⁴arose from supper,

and laid aside his outer garments. He took a towel and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶Then he came to Simon Peter. He said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered him, "You don't know what I am doing now, but you will understand later."

⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Someone who has bathed only needs to have his feet washed, but is completely clean. You are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹For he knew him who would betray him, therefore he said, "You are not all clean." ¹²So when he had washed their feet, put his

outer garment back on, and sat down again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

¹³You call me, 'Teacher' and 'Lord.' You say so correctly, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Most certainly I tell you, a servant

is not greater than his lord, neither one who is sent greater than he who sent him. ⁻¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ⁻¹⁸ I don't speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen. But that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me.'[#] ⁻¹⁹ From now on, I tell you before it happens, that when it happens, you may believe that I am he. ⁻²⁰ Most certainly I tell you, he who receives whomever I send, receives me; and he who receives me, receives him who sent me."

⁻²¹ When Jesus had said this, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, "Most certainly I tell you that one of you will betray me."

⁻²² The disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom he spoke. ⁻²³ One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was at the table, leaning against Jesus' breast. ⁻²⁴ Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, and said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom he speaks."

⁻²⁵ He, leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' breast, asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

⁻²⁶ Jesus therefore answered, "It is he to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ⁻²⁷ After the piece of bread, then Satan entered into him.

Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

⁻²⁸ Now no man at the table knew why he said this to him. ⁻²⁹ For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus said to him, "Buy what things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ⁻³⁰ Therefore having received that morsel, he went out immediately. It was night.

⁻³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ⁻³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him immediately. ⁻³³ Little children, I will be with you a little while longer. You will seek me, and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you can't come,' so now I tell you. ⁻³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also love one another. ⁻³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

⁻³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you can't follow now, but you will follow afterwards."

⁻³⁷ Peter said to him, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

⁻³⁸ Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for me? Most certainly I tell you, the rooster

won't crow until you have denied me three times.

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¹ “Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many homes. If it weren't so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. ³ If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also. ⁴ You know where I go, and you know the way.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on, you know him, and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you such a long time, and do you not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I tell you, I speak not from myself; but the Father who lives in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works’

sake. ¹² Most certainly I tell you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and he will do greater works than these, because I am going to my Father. ¹³

Whatever you will ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you will ask anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵ If you love me, keep my commandments. ¹⁶ I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, ²⁸ that he may be with you forever: ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world can't receive; for it doesn't see him and doesn't know him. You know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more; but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ One who has my commandments and keeps them, that person is one who loves me. One who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him.”

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, what has happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus answered him, “If a man loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we

²⁸14:16 Greek παρακλητον: Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, and Comforter.

will come to him, and make our home with him. ²⁴ He who doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word which you hear isn't mine, but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵ I have said these things to you while still living with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, I give to you. Don't let your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful. ²⁸ You heard how I told you, 'I go away, and I come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I said 'I am going to my Father;' for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ Now I have told you before it happens so that when it happens, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the world comes, and he has nothing in me. ³¹ But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded me, even so I do. Arise, let's go from here.

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¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer. ² Every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, he takes away. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already pruned clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I in you. As the

branch can't bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me. ⁵ I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If a man doesn't remain in me, he is thrown out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.

⁸ "In this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so you will be my disciples. ⁹ Even as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have spoken these things to you, that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be made full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant doesn't know what his lord does. But I have called you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you.

⁻¹⁶ You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatever you will ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

⁻¹⁷ "I command these things to you, that you may love one another.

⁻¹⁸ If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. ⁻¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But

because you are not of the world, since I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ⁻²⁰

Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his lord.'[#] If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ⁻²¹ But they will do all these things to you for my name's sake, because they don't know him who sent me. ⁻²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. ⁻²³ He who hates me, hates my Father also. ⁻²⁴ If I hadn't done among them the works which no one else did, they wouldn't have had sin. But now they have seen and also hated both me and my Father. ⁻²⁵ But this happened so that the word may be fulfilled which was written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.'[#]

⁻²⁶ "When the Counselor²⁹ has come, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will testify about me. ⁻²⁷ You will also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

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⁻¹ "I have said these things to you so that you wouldn't be caused to stumble. ⁻² They will put you out of the synagogues. Yes, the time comes that whoever kills you will think that he offers service to God. ⁻³ They will do these things³⁰

because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁻⁴ But I have told you these things, so that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you about them. I didn't tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁻⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁻⁶ But because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁻⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I don't go away, the Counselor won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁻⁸ When he has come, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment;

⁻⁹ about sin, because they don't believe in me; ⁻¹⁰ about

*15:20 John 13:16

*15:25 Psalms 35:19; 69:4

²⁹15:26 Greek Parakletos: Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, and Comforter.

³⁰16:3 TR adds "to you"

righteousness, because I am going to my Father, and you won't see me any more; ⁻¹¹ about judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged.

⁻¹² "I still have many things to tell you, but you can't bear them now.

⁻¹³ However when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak from himself; but whatever he hears, he will speak. He will declare to you things that are coming. ⁻¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine, and will declare it to you. ⁻¹⁵ All things that the Father has are mine; therefore I said that he takes³¹ of mine and will declare it to you. ⁻¹⁶ A little while, and you will not see me. Again a little while, and you will see me."

⁻¹⁷ Some of his disciples therefore said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you won't see me, and again a little while, and you will see me;' and, 'Because I go to the Father'?" ⁻¹⁸ They said therefore, "What is this that he says, 'A little while'? We don't know what he is saying."

⁻¹⁹ Therefore Jesus perceived that they wanted to ask him, and he said to them, "Do you inquire among yourselves concerning this, that I said, 'A little while, and you won't see me, and again a little while, and you will see me?' ⁻²⁰ Most certainly I tell you that you will weep and

lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. ⁻²¹ A woman, when she gives birth, has sorrow because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she doesn't remember the anguish any more, for the joy that a human being is born into the world. ⁻²² Therefore you now have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

⁻²³ "In that day you will ask me no questions. Most certainly I tell you, whatever you may ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

⁻²⁴ Until now, you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full. ⁻²⁵ I have spoken these things to you in figures of speech. But the time is coming when I will no more speak to you in figures of speech, but will tell you plainly about the Father. ⁻²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name; and I don't say to you that I will pray to the Father for you, ⁻²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came from God. ⁻²⁸ I came from the Father, and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."

⁻²⁹ His disciples said to him, "Behold, now you are speaking plainly, and using no figures of speech. ⁻³⁰ Now we know that you know all things, and don't need for

³¹16:15 TR reads "will take" instead of "takes"

anyone to question you. By this we believe that you came from God.”

³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the time is coming, yes, and has now come, that you will be scattered, everyone to his own place, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. ³³ I have told you these things, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble; but cheer up! I have overcome the world.”

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¹ Jesus said these things, then lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify you; ² even as you gave him authority over all flesh, so he will give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Jesus Christ. ⁴ I glorified you on the earth. I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, glorify me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world existed. ⁶ I revealed your name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me. They have kept your word. ⁷ Now they have known that all things whatever you have given me are from you, ⁸ for the words which you have given me I have given to them, and they

received them, and knew for sure that I came from you. They have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I don’t pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your name which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are. ¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name. I have kept those whom you have given me. None of them is lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I pray not that you would take them from the world, but that you would keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in your truth. Your word is truth.[#] ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, even so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰ Not for these only do I

[#]17:17 Psalm 119:142

pray, but for those also who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that you sent me. ²² The glory which you have given me, I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one; ²³ I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that you sent me and loved them, even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also whom you have given me be with me where I am, that they may see my glory, which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ Righteous Father, the world hasn't known you, but I knew you; and these knew that you sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and will make it known; that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples over the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³Judas then, having taken a detachment of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. ⁴Jesus therefore, knowing

all the things that were happening to him, went out, and said to them, "Who are you looking for?"

⁵They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus said to them, "I am he."

Judas also, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When therefore he said to them, "I am he," they went backward, and fell to the ground.

⁷Again therefore he asked them, "Who are you looking for?"

They said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If therefore you seek me, let these go their way," ⁹that the word might be fulfilled which he spoke, "Of those whom you have given me, I have lost none."[#]

¹⁰Simon Peter therefore, having a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. ¹¹Jesus therefore said to Peter, "Put the sword into its sheath. The cup which the Father has given me, shall I not surely drink it?"

¹²So the detachment, the commanding officer, and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him, ¹³and led him to Annas first, for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should perish for the people. ¹⁵Simon Peter

[#]18:9 John 6:39

followed Jesus, as did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered in with Jesus into the court of the high priest; ⁻¹⁶but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought in Peter. ⁻¹⁷Then the maid who kept the door said to Peter, "Are you also one of this man's disciples?"

He said, "I am not."

⁻¹⁸Now the servants and the officers were standing there, having made a fire of coals, for it was cold. They were warming themselves. Peter was with them, standing and warming himself. ⁻¹⁹The high priest therefore asked Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ⁻²⁰Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues, and in the temple, where the Jews always meet. I said nothing in secret. ⁻²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them. Behold, these know the things which I said."

⁻²²When he had said this, one of the officers standing by slapped Jesus with his hand, saying, "Do you answer the high priest like that?"

⁻²³Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, testify of the evil; but if well, why do you beat me?"

⁻²⁴Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas, the high priest. ⁻²⁵Now

Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "You aren't also one of his disciples, are you?"

He denied it and said, "I am not."

⁻²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, being a relative of him whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?"

⁻²⁷Peter therefore denied it again, and immediately the rooster crowed.

⁻²⁸They led Jesus therefore from Caiaphas into the Praetorium. It was early, and they themselves didn't enter into the Praetorium, that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. ⁻²⁹Pilate therefore went out to them, and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

⁻³⁰They answered him, "If this man weren't an evildoer, we wouldn't have delivered him up to you."

⁻³¹Pilate therefore said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law."

Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is illegal for us to put anyone to death," ⁻³²that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spoke, signifying by what kind of death he should die.

⁻³³Pilate therefore entered again into the Praetorium, called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

⁻³⁴Jesus answered him, "Do you say this by yourself, or did others tell you about me?"

³⁵Pilate answered, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you to me. What have you done?"

³⁶Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world. If my Kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight, that I wouldn't be delivered to the Jews. But now my Kingdom is not from here."

³⁷Pilate therefore said to him, "Are you a king then?"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this reason I have been born, and for this reason I have come into the world, that I should testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

³⁸Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

When he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no basis for a charge against him. ³⁹But you have a custom, that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Therefore, do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

⁴⁰Then they all shouted again, saying, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber. -

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¹So Pilate then took Jesus, and flogged him. ²The soldiers twisted thorns into a crown, and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple garment. ³They kept saying,

"Hail, King of the Jews!" and they kept slapping him.

⁴Then Pilate went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I bring him out to you, that you may know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁵Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. Pilate said to them, "Behold, the man!"

⁶When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw him, they shouted, saying, "Crucify! Crucify!"

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

⁸When therefore Pilate heard this saying, he was more afraid. ⁹He entered into the Praetorium again, and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Aren't you speaking to me? Don't you know that I have power to release you and have power to crucify you?"

¹¹Jesus answered, "You would have no power at all against me, unless it were given to you from above. Therefore he who delivered me to you has greater sin."

¹²At this, Pilate was seeking to release him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this man,

you aren't Caesar's friend!
Everyone who makes himself a king
speaks against Caesar!"

¹³When Pilate therefore heard
these words, he brought Jesus out
and sat down on the judgment seat
at a place called "The Pavement",
but in Hebrew, "Gabbatha." ¹⁴Now
it was the Preparation Day of the
Passover, at about the sixth hour.³²
He said to the Jews, "Behold, your
King!"

¹⁵They cried out, "Away with
him! Away with him! Crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Shall I
crucify your King?"

The chief priests answered, "We
have no king but Caesar!"

¹⁶So then he delivered him to
them to be crucified. So they took
Jesus and led him away. ¹⁷He went
out, bearing his cross, to the place
called "The Place of a Skull", which
is called in Hebrew, "Golgotha",
¹⁸where they crucified him, and
with him two others, on either side
one, and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹Pilate wrote a title also, and put it
on the cross. There was written,
"JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE
KING OF THE JEWS." ²⁰Therefore
many of the Jews read this title, for
the place where Jesus was crucified
was near the city; and it was written
in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

²¹The chief priests of the Jews
therefore said to Pilate, "Don't

write, 'The King of the Jews,' but,
'he said, "I am King of the Jews."'"

²²Pilate answered, "What I have
written, I have written."

²³Then the soldiers, when they
had crucified Jesus, took his
garments and made four parts, to
every soldier a part; and also the
coat. Now the coat was without
seam, woven from the top
throughout. ²⁴Then they said to one
another, "Let's not tear it, but cast
lots for it to decide whose it will
be," that the Scripture might be
fulfilled, which says,

"They parted my garments among
them.

For my cloak they cast lots."#

Therefore the soldiers did these
things. ²⁵But standing by Jesus'
cross were his mother, his mother's
sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and
Mary Magdalene. ²⁶Therefore when
Jesus saw his mother, and the
disciple whom he loved standing
there, he said to his mother,
"Woman, behold, your son!"
²⁷Then he said to the disciple,
"Behold, your mother!" From that
hour, the disciple took her to his
own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, seeing³³ that all
things were now finished, that the
Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I
am thirsty." ²⁹Now a vessel full of
vinegar was set there; so they put a
sponge full of the vinegar on
hyssop, and held it at his mouth.

³²19:14 "the sixth hour" would have been 6:00 a.m. according to the Roman timekeeping system, or noon for the Jewish timekeeping system in use, then.

*19:24 Psalm 22:18

³³19:28 NU, TR read "knowing" instead of "seeing"

³⁰When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished.” He bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

³¹Therefore the Jews, because it was the Preparation Day, so that the bodies wouldn’t remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a special one), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

³²Therefore the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with him;

³³but when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was already dead, they didn’t break his legs. ³⁴However one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵He who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, that you may believe. ³⁶For these things happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “A bone of him will not be broken.”[#]

³⁷Again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they pierced.”[#]

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked of Pilate that he might take away Jesus’ body. Pilate gave him permission. He came therefore and took away his body.

³⁹Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came bringing a

mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred Roman pounds.³⁴ ⁴⁰So they took Jesus’ body, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden. In the garden was a new tomb in which no man had ever yet been laid. ⁴²Then because of the Jews’ Preparation Day (for the tomb was near at hand) they laid Jesus there. .

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¹Now on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went early, while it was still dark, to the tomb, and saw the stone taken away from the tomb. ²Therefore she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have laid him!”

³Therefore Peter and the other disciple went out, and they went toward the tomb. ⁴They both ran together. The other disciple outran Peter, and came to the tomb first.

⁵Stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying, yet he didn’t enter in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, ⁷and the cloth that had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself.

⁸So then the other disciple who

^{*19:36} Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12; Psalm 34:20

^{*19:37} Zechariah 12:10

³⁴^{19:39} 100 Roman pounds of 12 ounces each, or about 72 pounds, or 33 Kilograms.

came first to the tomb also entered in, and he saw and believed. ⁹For as yet they didn't know the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

¹¹But Mary was standing outside at the tomb weeping. So as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, and didn't know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"

She, supposing him to be the gardener, said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him, "Rabboni!"³⁵ which is to say, "Teacher!"³⁶

¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Don't hold me, for I haven't yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to

my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had said these things to her. ¹⁹When therefore it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were locked where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the middle, and said to them, "Peace be to you."

²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit! ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they have been forgiven them. If you retain anyone's sins, they have been retained."

²⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, wasn't with them when Jesus came. ²⁵The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶After eight days again his disciples were inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors being locked, and stood in the

³⁵20:16 Rabboni is a transliteration of the Hebrew word for "great teacher."

³⁶20:16 or, Master

middle, and said, “Peace be to you.”
²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Reach here your finger, and see my hands. Reach here your hand, and put it into my side. Don’t be unbelieving, but believing.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me,³⁷ you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed.”

³⁰Therefore Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name. -

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¹After these things, Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I’m going fishing.”

They told him, “We are also coming with you.” They immediately went out, and entered into the boat. That night, they caught nothing. ⁴But when day had already come, Jesus stood on the beach, yet the disciples didn’t know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus therefore

said to them, “Children, have you anything to eat?”

They answered him, “No.”

⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.”

They cast it therefore, and now they weren’t able to draw it in for the multitude of fish. ⁷That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!”

So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked), and threw himself into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits³⁸ away), dragging the net full of fish. ⁹So when they got out on the land, they saw a fire of coals there, with fish and bread laid on it. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.”

¹¹Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of one hundred fifty-three great fish. Even though there were so many, the net wasn’t torn.

¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and eat breakfast!”

None of the disciples dared inquire of him, “Who are you?” knowing that it was the Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came and took the bread, gave it to them, and the fish likewise. ¹⁴This is now the third time that Jesus was revealed to his

³⁷20:29 TR adds “Thomas,”

³⁸21:8 200 cubits is about 100 yards or about 91 meters

disciples after he had risen from the dead. ¹⁵So when they had eaten their breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?”

He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you.”

He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?”

He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you.”

He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you have affection for me?”

Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, “Do you have affection for me?” He said to him, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I have affection for you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Most certainly I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and walked where you wanted to. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you don’t want to go.”

¹⁹Now he said this, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. When he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

²⁰Then Peter, turning around, saw a disciple following. This was the disciple whom Jesus loved, the one who had also leaned on Jesus’ breast at the supper and asked,

“Lord, who is going to betray you?”

²¹Peter seeing him, said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”

²²Jesus said to him, “If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you? You follow me.” ²³This saying therefore went out among the brothers,³⁹ that this disciple wouldn’t die. Yet Jesus didn’t say to him that he wouldn’t die, but, “If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you?” ²⁴This is the disciple who testifies about these things, and wrote these things. We know that his witness is true.

²⁵There are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they would all be written, I suppose that even the world itself wouldn’t have room for the books that would be written. -

³⁹21:23 The word for “brothers” here may be also correctly translated “brothers and sisters” or “siblings.”

CANTICLES

NUNC DIMITTIS

LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
Depart in peace, according to thy
word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the
face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles,
and the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

BENEDICTUS

LUKE 1:68-79

Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel;
For he hath visited and redeemed his
people,
And hath raised up an horn of salvation
for us
In the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy
prophets,
Which have been since the world
began:
That we should be saved from our
enemies,
And from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy *promised* to our
fathers,
And to remember his holy covenant;
The oath which he sware to our father
Abraham,

That he would grant unto us, that we
being delivered out of the hand of our
enemies
Might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before
him,
All the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the
prophet of the Highest:
For thou shalt go before the face of the
Lord
To prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his
people
By the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God;
Whereby the dayspring from on high
hath visited us,
To give light to them that sit in
darkness and *in* the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of
peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

MAGNIFICAT

LUKE 1:46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God
my Saviour.
For he hath regarded
the low estate of his handmaiden:
For, behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath done to me
great things;
And holy *is* his name.
And his mercy *is* on them that fear him
From generation to generation.
He hath shewed strength with his arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from *their*
seats,
And exalted them of low degree.
He hath filled the hungry with good
things;
And the rich he hath sent empty
away.
He hath holpen his servant Israel,
In remembrance of *his* mercy;
As he spake to our fathers,
To Abraham, and to his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high: And on earth
peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we
worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great
glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the
Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus
Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father,
That takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the
world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of
God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; Thou only art
the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy
Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We praise Thee O God, we
 acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the
 Father Everlasting.
To Thee all the angels cry aloud, the
 heavens and all the powers therein;
To Thee cherubim and seraphim
 continually do cry;
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty
 of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles
 praise Thee
The goodly fellowship of the prophets
 praise Thee;
The noble army of martyrs praise Thee;
The holy Church though all the world
 doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine
 adorable true and only Son,
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou are the everlasting Son of the
 Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to
 deleiver man;
Thou didst humble Thyself to be born
 of a virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the
 sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven
 to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God
 In the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come
 To be our judge.
We therefore pray Thee to help Thy
 servants,
Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy
 precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy
 saints
 In glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people and bless
 Thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify Thee,
 And we worship Thy name ever,
 world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day
 without sin,
O Lord have mercy upon us, have
 mercy upon us,
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as
 our trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me
 never be confounded.

HYMNS

GOD THE FATHER BE OUR STAY



1. God the Father, be our Stay, ...
2. Jesus Christ, be Thou our Stay, ...
3. Holy Ghost, be Thou our Stay, ...

...Oh, let us perish never.
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the Evil One;
Uphold our faith most holy,
Grant us to trust Thee solely
With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on:
With all true Christians running
Our heavenly race and shunning
The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, Amen, this be done,
So sing we, Hallelujah!

Psalm 18:18, TLH 247, Author: unknown, c. 1400

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD



1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On Earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be
done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

3. Though devils all the world
should fill,
All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let
remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom our remaineth.

Psalm 46, TLH 262, Author: Martin Luther,
1529

WHY SHOULD CROSS AND TRIAL GRIEVE ME?



1. Why should cross and trial grieve me?

Christ is near With His cheer;
Never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For my own
To my faith hath given?

2. Though a heavy cross I'm bearing
And my heart Feels the smart,
Shall I be despairing?
God, my Helper, who doth send it,
Well doth know All my woe
And how best to end it.

3. God oft gives me days of gladness;
Shall I grieve If He give
Seasons, too, of sadness?
God is good and tempers ever
All my ill, And He will
Wholly leave me never.

4. Hopeful, cheerful, and undaunted
Everywhere They appear
Who in Christ are planted.
Death itself cannot appal them,
They rejoice When the voice
Of their Lord doth call them.

5. Death cannot destroy forever;
From our fears, Cares, and tears
It will us deliver.
It will close life's mournful story,
Make a way That we may
Enter heavenly glory.

6. What is all this life possesses?
But a hand Full of sand
That the heart distresses.
Noble gifts that pall me never
Christ, our Lord, Will accord
To His saints forever.

7. Lord, my Shepherd, take me to
Thee.
Thou art mine; I was Thine,
Even e'er I knew Thee.
I am Thine, for Thou hast bought me;
Lost I stood, But Thy blood
Free salvation brought me.

8. Thou art mine; I love and own
Thee.
Light of Joy, Ne'er shall I
From my heart dethrone Thee.
Savior, let me soon behold Thee
Face to face, -May Thy grace
Evermore enfold me!

Psalm 73:23, TLH 523, Author: Paul Gerhardt

HE THAT BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED



1. He that believes and is baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
He is a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption he shall stand
Among the glorious heavenly band
Of every tribe and nation.

2. With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Thy Holy Spirit;
Look Thou on our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this Sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

Mark 16:16, TLH 301, Author: Thomas Kingo, 1689

CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING



1. Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,--
Through thy sufferings, death, and
merit
I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3. Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4. Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn,
And with piercing thorns they crowned
Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heavenly glory crown me.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise
Thee
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee,--
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6. Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Matthew 26:64-67, TLH 151, Author: Ernst C.
Homburg, 1659, ab.

O LITTLE FLOCK, FEAR NOT THE FOE



1. O little flock, fear not the Foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and power.
What though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints
Lasts but a little hour.

2. Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.

3. As true as God's own Word is true.
Not earth nor hell with all their crew
Against us shall prevail.
A jest and byword are they grown;
God is with us, we are His own;
Our victory cannot fail.

4. Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise,
World without end. Amen.

Luke 12:32, TLH 263, Author: Johann M. Altenburg, 1632, asc., ab.

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD



1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3. O Comforter of priceless worth.
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

John 8: 31, TLH 261, Author: Martin Luther, 1541

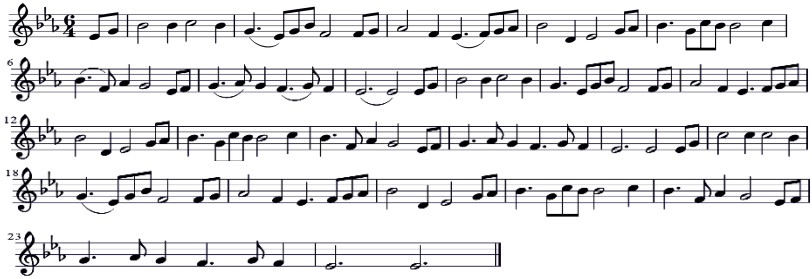
PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
(THE DOXOLOGY)



1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Psalm 150:1, TLH 644, Author: Thomas Ken, 1695

BEHOLD A HOST, ARRAYED IN WHITE



1. Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains
bright,
With palms they stand. Who is this
band
Before the throne of light?
Lo, these are they of glorious fame
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
Now gathered in the holy place,
Their voices they in worship raise,
Their anthems swell where God doth
dwell,
Mid angels' songs of praise.

2. Despised and scorned, they
sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they must
appear!
Those martyrs stand a priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
So oft, in troubled days gone by,
In anguish they would weep and sigh,
At home above the God of Love

For aye their tears shall dry.
They now enjoy their Sabbath rest,
The paschal banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, at festal board
Himself is Host and Guest.

3. Then hail, ye mighty legions, yea,
All hail! Now safe and blest for aye,
And praise the Lord, who with His
Word
Sustained you on the way.
Ye did the joys of earth disdain,
Ye toiled and sowed in tears and pain.
Farewell, now bring your sheaves and
sing
Salvation's glad refrain.
Swing high your palms, lift up your
song,
Yea, make it myriad voices strong,
Eternally shall praise to Thee,
God, and the Lamb belong.

Revelation 7:13-17, TLH 656, Author: Hans
Adolf Brorson, c. 1760

LORD JESUS CHRIST, MY LIFE, MY LIGHT



1. Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my
Light,
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On earth I'm but a passing guest
And sorely with my sins oppress.

2. Far off I see my fatherland,
Where through Thy blood I hope to
stand.
But ere I reach that Paradise,
A weary way before me lies.

3. My heart sulks at the journey's
length,
My wasted flesh has little strength;
My soul alone still cries in me:
"Lord, take me home, take me to
Thee!"

4. Oh, let Thy sufferings give me power
To meet the last and darkest hour!
Thy blood refresh and comfort me;
Thy bonds and fetters make me free.

5. Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me
Clefts in the rock forever be
Where as a dove my soul can hide
And safe from Satan's rage abide.

6. And when my spirit flies away,
Thy dying words shall be my stay.
Thy cross shall be my staff in life,
Thy holy grave my rest from strife.

7. Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read
That Thou to save me hast decreed
And grant that in Thine opened side
My troubled soul may ever hide.

8. Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the
Just.
I take my homeward way in trust.
The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide
When here I may no more abide.

9. And when the last Great Day shall
come
And Thou, our Judge, shalt speak the
doom,
Let me with joy behold the light
And set me then upon Thy right.

10. Renew this wasted flesh of mine
That like the sun it there may shine
Among the angels pure and bright,
Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

11. Ah, then I'll have my heart's desire,
When, singing with the angels' choir,
Among the ransomed of Thy grace,
Forever I'll behold Thy face!

Luke 23:33, TLH 148, Author: Martin Behm,
1610, cento

BE STILL, MY SOUL



1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrows and thy fears.
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay
From His own fulness all He takes away.
4. Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Psalm 46:10, TLH 651, Author: Catharine Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel, 1752, cento,

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES



1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence
gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.

2. He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

3. He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

4. He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5. He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly
Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Job 19:25-27, TLH 200, Author: Samuel Medley,
1775, ab.

ON MY HEART IMPRINT THINE IMAGE



1. On my heart imprint Thine image,
Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Have no power Thee to efface.
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's Foundation,
And my Glory and Salvation.

Luke 23: 38, TLH 179, Author: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1689

PRAISE TO THEE AND ADORATION



1. Praise to Thee and adoration,
Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Thine own creation,
Didst partake of flesh and blood.
Teach me that I never may
From Thy fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding
Follow where Thy steps are leading.

2. Let me never, Lord, forsake Thee,
E'en though bitter pain and strife
On my way shall overtake me;
But may I through all my life
Walk in fervent love to Thee,
In all woes for comfort flee
To Thy birth, Thy death, and Passion,
Till I see Thy full salvation.

Psalms 106:1, TLH 401, Author: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1689

IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE



1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.

2. What can these anxious cares avail thee,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou bewail thee
O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press
The heavier for our bitterness.

3. Be patient and await His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.

4. God knows full well when times of gladness
Shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness
And from all guile has found thee free,
He comes to thee all unaware
And makes thee own His loving care.

5. Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to everything.

6. All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy to our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways
unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word, though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

Psalm 55:22, TLH 518, Author: Georg Neumark,
1640

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS



1. The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh! the transport of delight
With which my cup o'erfloweth.

6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Psalm 23, TLH 431, Author: Henry W. Baker, 1868

ABIDE WITH ME! FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE



1. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!

3. Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.

4. Come not in terror, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

5. Thou on my head in every youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee.
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

6. I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

7. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

8. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Luke 24: 29, TLH 552, Author: Henry F. Lyte, 1847 (?)

ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING



1. Once He came in blessing,
All our ills redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us,
Hope and freedom gave us.
2. Still He comes within us,
Still His voice would win us
From the sins that hurt us;
Would to Truth convert us
From our foolish errors
Ere He comes in terrors.
3. Thus, if thou hast known Him,
Not ashamed to own Him,
But wilt trust Him boldly
Nor dost love Him coldly,
He will then receive thee,
Heal thee, and forgive thee.
4. He who thus endureth
Bright reward secureth.
Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us;
Let us here confess Thee
Till in heaven we bless Thee.

Luke 4:18, TLH 74, Author: Johann Roh, 1544, cento

REJOICE, MY HEART, BE GLAD AND SING



1. Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,
A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the Source of everything,
Thy Portion shall remain.

2. He is thy Treasure, He thy Joy,
Thy Life and Light and Lord,
Thy Counselor when doubts annoy,
Thy Shield and great Reward.

3. Why spend the day in blank despair,
In restless thought the night?
On thy Creator cast thy care;
He makes thy burdens light.

4. Did not His love and truth and power
Watch o'er thy childhood day?
Has He not oft in threatening hour
Turned dreaded ills away?

5. He ever will with patience chide,
His rod falls gently down,
And all thy sins He casts aside
And in the sea doth drown.

6. When silent woe thy bosom rends,
His pity sees thy grief,
Supplies what to His glory tends
And to thine own relief.

7. He knows how oft a Christian weeps
And why his tears now fall;
And in the His mercy keeps
These things are noted all.

8. His wisdom never plans in vain,
Ne'er falters or mistakes;
All that His counsels did ordain
A happy ending makes.

9. Upon thy lips, then, lay thy hand
And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock thy peace shall stand
Here and in heaven above.

Psalm 56: 8, TLH 535, Author: Paul Gerhardt,
1653, cento

JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS



1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

2. Bold shall I stand in that great Day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully through these absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and
shame.

3. The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,
Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, e'en me t'atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.

4. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy-seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me--e'en for my soul--was shed.

5. Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

6. When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then, this shall be all my plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

7. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

1 John 1:7, TLH 371, Author: Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1739, cento

LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART



1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercies cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share, Yea, heaven itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in every place May glorify Thy lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile And Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace,
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

Text: Psalm 18, TLH 429, Author: Martin Schalling, c. 1567

PRAYERS

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

FOR THE SICK

O Great Physician of body and soul, our lives are in Your hands. Hear our prayer in our trouble and need. Visit us with Your kindness. Help us in our need. Give us health of body and mind. And give us the wisdom and faith to receive this trouble as Your loving discipline and give from Your paternal care, thought Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR PATIENCE

O Holy Spirit, You promise to bear fruit in the lives of Your people. You dwell in me by the gift of baptism. Bear in me the fruit of patience and long-suffering. Teach us to wait for You, and give us the confidence that you will not cast us off forever, but that You will hear and answer our prayers. Amen.

FOR THOSE NEAR DEATH

Heavenly Father, give to Your servant a blessed death in the faith. Forgive their sins. Strengthen them for this, their last hour. Sustain them in their agony. Give them the confidence of Your promises that never fail. Send Your holy angels to carry the soul of Your servant to Your face, and the perfect joys of heaven. Protect their body to the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Give to us who live the

confidence to die in Your name, and depart in peace, knowing that Your Son Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

O Lord Jesus Christ, You are raised from the dead and seated at the Father's right hand. Send to us Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to those who mourn. Give them the confidence of Your promises, the promise of the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Give us faith in Your Word and promises, that we would come to the joys of those who have gone through death to Your eternal life, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL

Heavenly Father, Your Son Jesus has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. Be with us as we travel. Send Your angels to protect and keep us from all dangers. Bless our going out and our coming in, for this time forth, even forever more. Amen.

FOR WISDOM

O Lord, You have promised that if anyone lacks wisdom, they need only ask, and You will provide. We need wisdom. Give it to us. Teach us to fear You, to love You, to trust in You in all our ways. Make our path straight. Keep our feet from falling. Teach us according to Your Word. Amen.

FOR HUMILITY

Dear Father in heaven, You cast down the proud and lift up the humble. Humble us with Your law. Lift us up with Your Gospel. Keep us in Your kindness in life and in death, that knowing Your love we might begin to love You and our neighbor. Amen.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dear Jesus, You have promised that the Father will send the Holy Spirit to those who ask. Send us Your Holy Spirit. Cleanse our conscience. Forgive our sins. Grant Your Word to abide in us and bear in us the fruit of repentance and faith. Show us our sin. Strengthen our faith in Your promises. Keep us steadfast in Your Word. Amen.

FOR GRACE

O Lord, whose mercy is new every morning, and whose faithfulness is great, give us grace this day to rejoice in Your kindness and know Your love. Smile upon us, now and always. Amen.

FOR AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised to hear and answer our prayers. Give heed to the petitions we bring to You now. Hear us. Answer us. Deliver us. Keep us, not for our sake, but for the sake of Your blood and righteousness. Amen.

