# 2020-2021 CMA Matthew Reference Materials

## Matthew 1

### Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

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| ¶ | Matthew | 1 | : | 18 | - | This is how the birth of Jesus the *Messiah* came *about*: His mother Mary was ***pledged*** to be *married* to Joseph, but *before* they came *together*, she was *found* to be ***pregnant*** through the Holy Spirit. |
|  | Matthew | 1 | : | 19 | - | Because Joseph her *husband* was ***faithful*** to the law, and *yet* did not want to ***expose*** her to ***public*** ***disgrace***, he had in *mind* to *divorce* her ***quietly***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 1 | : | 20 | - | But after he had *considered* this, *an* angel of the Lord appeared to him in a *dream* and said, "Joseph son of *David*, *do* not be afraid to *take* Mary home as *your* wife, because what is ***conceived*** in her is from the Holy Spirit. |
|  | Matthew | 1 | : | 21 | - | She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will *save* his *people* from their sins." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 1 | : | 22 | - | All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: |
|  | Matthew | 1 | : | 23 | - | "The ***virgin*** will ***conceive*** and give birth to a son, and they will *call* him ***Immanuel***" (*which* *means* "*God* with us"). |
| ¶ | Matthew | 1 | : | 24 | - | *When* Joseph *woke* *up*, he did what the angel of the Lord had *commanded* him and took Mary home as his wife. |
|  | Matthew | 1 | : | 25 | - | But he did not ***consummate*** their *marriage* *until* she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. |

## Matthew 2

### The Magi Visit the Messiah

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| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 1 | - | After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the *east* *came* to Jerusalem |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 2 | - | and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the *Jews*? *We* saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 3 | - | When King Herod heard this he was ***disturbed***, and all Jerusalem with him. |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 4 | - | When he had called *together* all the ***people's*** *chief* priests and teachers of the *law*, he asked them where the *Messiah* was to be born. |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 5 | - | "In Bethlehem in Judea," they *replied*, "for this is what the prophet has *written*: |
| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 6 | - | "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of *Judah*, are by no *means* *least* *among* the rulers of *Judah*; for out of you will come a ***ruler*** who will *shepherd* my *people* Israel.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 7 | - | Then Herod called the Magi *secretly* and *found* out from them the ***exact*** time the star had appeared. |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 8 | - | He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search ***carefully*** for the child. As soon as you *find* him, *report* to *me*, so that I *too* *may* go and worship him." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 9 | - | After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had *seen* when it rose went ahead of them until it *stopped* *over* the place where the child was. |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 10 | - | When they saw the star, they were ***overjoyed***. |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 11 | - | On *coming* to the *house*, they saw the child with his mother *Mary*, and they ***bowed*** *down* and worshiped him. Then they *opened* their *treasures* and ***presented*** him with *gifts* of *gold*, ***frankincense*** and ***myrrh***. |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 12 | - | And having been warned in a dream *not* to go back to Herod, they *returned* to their *country* by *another* ***route***. |

### The Escape to Egypt

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| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 13 | - | When they had *gone*, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and ***escape*** to Egypt. *Stay* there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 14 | - | So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and *left* for Egypt, |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 15 | - | where he ***stayed*** until the *death* of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 16 | - | When Herod ***realized*** that he had been ***outwitted*** by the Magi, he was *furious*, and he gave orders to kill all the ***boys*** in Bethlehem and *its* *vicinity* who were *two* *years* *old* and *under*, in accordance with the time he had *learned* from the Magi. |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 17 | - | Then what was said through the prophet *Jeremiah* was fulfilled: |
| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 18 | - | "A *voice* is heard in ***Ramah***, weeping and *great* ***mourning***, ***Rachel*** weeping for *her* *children* and ***refusing*** to be *comforted*, *because* they are no *more*." |

### The Return to Nazareth

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| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 19 | - | After Herod *died*, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 20 | - | and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were *trying* to take the ***child's*** *life* are *dead*." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 2 | : | 21 | - | So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 22 | - | But when he heard that ***Archelaus*** was ***reigning*** in Judea in place of his *father* Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the ***district*** of Galilee, |
|  | Matthew | 2 | : | 23 | - | and he went and lived in a *town* called *Nazareth*. So was fulfilled what was said through the *prophets*, that he *would* be called a ***Nazarene***. |

## Matthew 3

### John the Baptist Prepares the Way

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| ¶ | Matthew | 3 | : | 1 | - | In *those* *days* John the *Baptist* came, *preaching* in the wilderness of Judea |
|  | Matthew | 3 | : | 2 | - | and saying, "*Repent*, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." |
|  | Matthew | 3 | : | 3 | - | This is he who was *spoken* of *through* the prophet *Isaiah*: "A voice of one *calling* in the wilderness, '*Prepare* the *way* for the *Lord*, *make* ***straight*** ***paths*** for him.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 3 | : | 4 | - | *John's* *clothes* were *made* of ***camel's*** *hair*, and he had a ***leather*** ***belt*** *around* his ***waist***. His *food* was ***locusts*** and ***wild*** ***honey***. |
|  | Matthew | 3 | : | 5 | - | *People* went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the *whole* *region* of the Jordan. |
|  | Matthew | 3 | : | 6 | - | ***Confessing*** *their* *sins*, *they* were baptized by him in the Jordan ***River***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 3 | : | 7 | - | But when he saw *many* of the Pharisees and *Sadducees* coming to *where* he was *baptizing*, he said to them: "You brood of *vipers*! Who *warned* you to *flee* from the coming ***wrath***? |
|  | Matthew | 3 | : | 8 | - | Produce fruit in ***keeping*** with repentance. |
|  | Matthew | 3 | : | 9 | - | And do not *think* you can say to *yourselves*, '*We* *have* Abraham as *our* *father*.' I tell you that out of these *stones* God can *raise* up *children* for Abraham. |
|  | Matthew | 3 | : | 10 | - | The ***ax*** is *already* at the ***root*** of the trees, and every tree that does not produce *good* fruit will be *cut* down and thrown into the fire. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 3 | : | 11 | - | "I *baptize* you with water for repentance. But *after* me *comes* one who is *more* ***powerful*** *than* I, *whose* *sandals* I am not *worthy* to *carry*. He will *baptize* you with the Holy Spirit and fire. |
|  | Matthew | 3 | : | 12 | - | His ***winnowing*** ***fork*** is in his hand, and he will ***clear*** his ***threshing*** ***floor***, ***gathering*** his ***wheat*** into the ***barn*** and ***burning*** up the ***chaff*** with ***unquenchable*** fire." |

### The Baptism of Jesus

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| ¶ | Matthew | 3 | : | 13 | - | Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. |
|  | Matthew | 3 | : | 14 | - | But John ***tried*** to ***deter*** him, saying, "I *need* to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 3 | : | 15 | - | Jesus *replied*, "*Let* it be *so* *now*; it is ***proper*** for us to do this to *fulfill* all *righteousness*." Then John ***consented***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 3 | : | 16 | - | As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that *moment* heaven was *opened*, and he saw the Spirit of God ***descending*** *like* a ***dove*** and ***alighting*** *on* him. |
|  | Matthew | 3 | : | 17 | - | And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." |

## Matthew 4

### Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

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| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 1 | - | Then Jesus was *led* by the *Spirit* into the wilderness to *be* ***tempted*** by the devil. |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 2 | - | *After* *fasting* *forty* *days* and *forty* *nights*, he was hungry. |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 3 | - | The ***tempter*** came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, *tell* *these* *stones* to *become* bread." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 4 | - | Jesus answered, "It is written: '*Man* *shall* not *live* on bread *alone*, *but* on every *word* that *comes* from the *mouth* of God.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 5 | - | Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him *stand* on the *highest* *point* of the temple. |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 6 | - | "If you are the Son of God," he said, "*throw* *yourself* down. For it is written: "'He will *command* his angels ***concerning*** you, and they will *lift* you *up* in their *hands*, *so* that you will not *strike* your *foot* *against* a stone.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 7 | - | Jesus answered him, "It is *also* written: '*Do* not put the Lord your God to the *test*.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 8 | - | *Again*, the devil took him to a *very* *high* *mountain* and ***showed*** him all the ***kingdoms*** of the *world* and their *splendor*. |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 9 | - | "All *this* I will give you," he said, "if you will ***bow*** down and worship me." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 10 | - | Jesus said to him, "Away from me, *Satan*! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and *serve* him *only*.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 11 | - | Then the devil left him, and angels came and ***attended*** him. |

### Jesus Begins to Preach

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| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 12 | - | When Jesus heard that John had been put in *prison*, he withdrew to Galilee. |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 13 | - | *Leaving* *Nazareth*, he went and lived in *Capernaum*, *which* was by the lake in the ***area*** of Zebulun and Naphtali-- |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 14 | - | to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: |
| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 15 | - | "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, *beyond* the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-- |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 16 | - | the people living in *darkness* *have* *seen* a *great* light; on those living in the land of the ***shadow*** of *death* a light has ***dawned***." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 17 | - | From that time on Jesus began to *preach*, "*Repent*, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." |

### Jesus Calls His First Disciples

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| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 18 | - | As Jesus was *walking* ***beside*** the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, *Simon* called Peter and his brother *Andrew*. They were *casting* a ***net*** into the lake, for they were ***fishermen***. |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 19 | - | "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will *send* you out to *fish* for people." |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 20 | - | At *once* they left their nets and followed him. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 21 | - | Going on from there, he saw two *other* brothers, *James* son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, ***preparing*** their nets. Jesus called them, |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 22 | - | and *immediately* they left the boat and their father and followed him. |

### Jesus Heals the Sick

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| ¶ | Matthew | 4 | : | 23 | - | Jesus went *throughout* Galilee, *teaching* in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and *sickness* *among* the people. |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 24 | - | News about him *spread* all *over* ***Syria***, and people brought to him all who were *ill* with ***various*** *diseases*, those *suffering* ***severe*** ***pain***, the *demon-possessed*, those *having* *seizures*, and the *paralyzed*; and he healed them. |
|  | Matthew | 4 | : | 25 | - | Large *crowds* from Galilee, the ***Decapolis***, *Jerusalem*, *Judea* and the *region* *across* the Jordan followed him. |

## Matthew 5

### Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

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| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 1 | - | *Now* when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat *down*. His disciples came to him, |

### The Beatitudes

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|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 2 | - | and he began to *teach* them. He said: |
| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 3 | - | "Blessed are the *poor* in *spirit*, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 4 | - | Blessed are those who *mourn*, for they will be comforted. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 5 | - | Blessed are the ***meek***, for they will *inherit* the earth. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 6 | - | Blessed are those who ***hunger*** and ***thirst*** for righteousness, for they will be *filled*. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 7 | - | Blessed are the ***merciful***, for they will be ***shown*** *mercy*. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 8 | - | Blessed are the ***pure*** in heart, for they will see God. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 9 | - | Blessed are the ***peacemakers***, for they will be called children of God. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 10 | - | Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 11 | - | "Blessed are you when people ***insult*** you, persecute you and ***falsely*** say all ***kinds*** of evil against you because of me. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 12 | - | ***Rejoice*** and be ***glad***, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who *were* before you. |

### Salt and Light

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| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 13 | - | "You are the *salt* of the earth. But if the *salt* *loses* its ***saltiness***, *how* *can* it be made ***salty*** again? It is no *longer* good for anything, except to be thrown out and ***trampled*** ***underfoot***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 14 | - | "You are the light of the *world*. A *town* *built* on a ***hill*** cannot be *hidden*. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 15 | - | Neither do people light a *lamp* and put it *under* a *bowl*. *Instead* they put it on its *stand*, and it *gives* light to *everyone* in the house. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 16 | - | In the same way, *let* your light ***shine*** before others, that they may see your good *deeds* and ***glorify*** your Father in heaven. |

### The Fulfillment of the Law

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| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 17 | - | "Do not *think* that I have come to *abolish* the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to *abolish* them but to fulfill them. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 18 | - | For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth *disappear*, not the ***smallest*** ***letter***, not the least ***stroke*** of a ***pen***, will by *any* *means* *disappear* from the Law until *everything* is ***accomplished***. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 19 | - | Therefore anyone who ***sets*** *aside* one of the least of these *commands* and *teaches* others ***accordingly*** will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but *whoever* ***practices*** and *teaches* these *commands* will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 20 | - | For I tell you that *unless* your righteousness ***surpasses*** that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not *enter* the kingdom of heaven. |

### Murder

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| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 21 | - | "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not *murder*, and anyone who ***murders*** will be subject to judgment.' |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 22 | - | But I tell you that anyone who is ***angry*** with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, '***Raca***,' is ***answerable*** to the court. And anyone who says, 'You ***fool***!' will be in ***danger*** of the fire of hell. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 23 | - | "Therefore, if you are ***offering*** your gift at the altar and there *remember* that your brother or sister has *something* against you, |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 24 | - | *leave* your gift there in front of the altar. *First* go and be ***reconciled*** to them; then come and *offer* your gift. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 25 | - | "*Settle* ***matters*** *quickly* with your *adversary* who is *taking* you to court. Do it *while* you are *still* *together* on the way, or your *adversary* may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the ***officer***, and you may be thrown into prison. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 26 | - | Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have *paid* the *last* *penny*. |

### Adultery

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| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 27 | - | "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 28 | - | But I tell you that anyone who *looks* at a woman ***lustfully*** has *already* *committed* adultery with her in his heart. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 29 | - | If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 30 | - | And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. |

### Divorce

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| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 31 | - | "It has *been* said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife *must* give her a certificate of divorce.' |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 32 | - | But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual *immorality*, ***makes*** her the ***victim*** of adultery, and anyone who *marries* a ***divorced*** woman commits adultery. |

### Oaths

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| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 33 | - | "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not *break* your oath, but fulfill to the *Lord* the ***vows*** you have made.' |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 34 | - | But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: *either* by heaven, for it is *God's* *throne*; |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 35 | - | or by the earth, for it is his ***footstool***; or by *Jerusalem*, for it is the *city* of the Great *King*. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 36 | - | And do not swear by your *head*, for you cannot *make* even one *hair* *white* or ***black***. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 37 | - | All you need to say is ***simply*** '*Yes*' or 'No'; anything *beyond* *this* *comes* from the evil one. |

### Eye for Eye

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| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 38 | - | "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and *tooth* for *tooth*.' |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 39 | - | But I tell you, do not ***resist*** an evil *person*. If anyone ***slaps*** you on the right *cheek*, turn to them the *other* *cheek* *also*. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 40 | - | And if anyone wants to ***sue*** you and take your *shirt*, hand over your ***coat*** as well. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 41 | - | If anyone ***forces*** you to go one ***mile***, go with them *two* ***miles***. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 42 | - | Give to the one who *asks* you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to ***borrow*** from you. |

### Love for Enemies

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| ¶ | Matthew | 5 | : | 43 | - | "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your *neighbor* and *hate* your ***enemy***.' |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 44 | - | But I tell you, love your *enemies* and pray for those who persecute you, |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 45 | - | that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his *sun* to *rise* on the evil and the good, and ***sends*** *rain* on the *righteous* and the ***unrighteous***. |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 46 | - | If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax *collectors* doing that? |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 47 | - | And if you ***greet*** *only* your *own* people, what are you doing *more* than others? Do not even *pagans* do that? |
|  | Matthew | 5 | : | 48 | - | Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. |

## Matthew 6

### Giving to the Needy

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| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 1 | - | "Be *careful* not to *practice* your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 2 | - | "So when you give to the needy, do not ***announce*** it *with* ***trumpets***, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the *streets*, to be ***honored*** by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 3 | - | But when you give to the needy, do not let your *left* hand *know* what your right hand is *doing*, |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 4 | - | so that your ***giving*** *may* be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. |

### Prayer

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| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 5 | - | "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray *standing* in the synagogues and on the street *corners* to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 6 | - | But when you pray, *go* into your ***room***, ***close*** the *door* and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 7 | - | And when you pray, do not *keep* on ***babbling*** like pagans, for they *think* they will be *heard* *because* of their *many* *words*. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 8 | - | Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need *before* you ask him. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 9 | - | "*This*, then, is how you *should* pray: "'Our Father in heaven, ***hallowed*** be your name, |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 10 | - | your kingdom *come*, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 11 | - | Give us today our ***daily*** *bread*. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 12 | - | And forgive us our ***debts***, as we also have *forgiven* our ***debtors***. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 13 | - | And *lead* us not into *temptation*, but *deliver* us from the evil one.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 14 | - | For if you forgive other *people* when they *sin* *against* you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 15 | - | But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. |

### Fasting

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| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 16 | - | "When you fast, do not look ***somber*** as the hypocrites do, for they ***disfigure*** their ***faces*** to *show* others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 17 | - | But when you fast, *put* ***oil*** on your *head* and *wash* your *face*, |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 18 | - | so that it will not be ***obvious*** to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. |

### Treasures in Heaven

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| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 19 | - | "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 20 | - | But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 21 | - | For where your *treasure* is, *there* your *heart* will be also. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 22 | - | "The *eye* is the *lamp* of the body. If your eyes are *healthy*, your whole body will be full of light. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 23 | - | But if your eyes are ***unhealthy***, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light ***within*** you is darkness, how *great* is that darkness! |
| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 24 | - | "No one can serve *two* *masters*. *Either* you will *hate* the one and love the other, or you will be *devoted* to the one and *despise* the other. You *cannot* serve *both* God and *money*. |

### Do Not Worry

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| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 25 | - | "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than *food*, and the body more than clothes? |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 26 | - | Look at the *birds* of the ***air***; they do not ***sow*** or ***reap*** or store *away* in ***barns***, and yet your heavenly Father ***feeds*** them. Are you not much more *valuable* than they? |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 27 | - | Can *any* one of you by ***worrying*** ***add*** *a* *single* *hour* to your life? |
| ¶ | Matthew | 6 | : | 28 | - | "And why do you worry about clothes? *See* how the ***flowers*** of the field ***grow***. They do not ***labor*** or ***spin***. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 29 | - | Yet I tell you that not *even* *Solomon* in all his *splendor* *was* *dressed* like one of these. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 30 | - | If that is how God clothes the *grass* of the field, *which* is *here* today and tomorrow is *thrown* into the *fire*, will he not much more ***clothe*** you--you of little faith? |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 31 | - | So do not worry, *saying*, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 32 | - | For the pagans *run* *after* all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 33 | - | But *seek* *first* his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. |
|  | Matthew | 6 | : | 34 | - | Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about *itself*. *Each* *day* *has* *enough* *trouble* of *its* *own*. |

## Matthew 7

### Judging Others

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| ¶ | Matthew | 7 | : | 1 | - | "Do not judge, or you *too* will be judged. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 2 | - | For in the same *way* you judge others, you will be judged, and with the ***measure*** you *use*, it will be ***measured*** to you. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 7 | : | 3 | - | "Why do you *look* at the speck of ***sawdust*** in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 4 | - | How can you say to your *brother*, '*Let* me take the speck out of your eye,' when *all* the *time* *there* is a plank in your own eye? |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 5 | - | You ***hypocrite***, *first* take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will *see* ***clearly*** to ***remove*** the speck from your brother's eye. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 7 | : | 6 | - | "Do not give *dogs* what is ***sacred***; do not *throw* your ***pearls*** to *pigs*. If you do, they *may* ***trample*** them *under* their *feet*, and *turn* and *tear* you to pieces. |

### Ask, Seek, Knock

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| ¶ | Matthew | 7 | : | 7 | - | "Ask and it will be given to you; *seek* and you will find; ***knock*** and the door will be opened to you. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 8 | - | For everyone who asks ***receives***; the one who ***seeks*** *finds*; and to the one who ***knocks***, the door will be opened. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 7 | : | 9 | - | "Which of you, if your *son* asks for *bread*, will give him a stone? |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 10 | - | Or if he asks for a *fish*, will give him a ***snake***? |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 11 | - | If you, then, *though* you are *evil*, *know* how to give good gifts to your *children*, how much *more* will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 12 | - | *So* in *everything*, do to others what you would have them do to you, for *this* ***sums*** *up* the Law and the Prophets. |

### The Narrow and Wide Gates

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| ¶ | Matthew | 7 | : | 13 | - | "Enter through the narrow gate. For ***wide*** is the gate and ***broad*** is the road that leads to ***destruction***, and many enter through it. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 14 | - | But *small* is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a *few* find it. |

### True and False Prophets

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| ¶ | Matthew | 7 | : | 15 | - | "*Watch* out for *false* prophets. They come to you in ***sheep's*** ***clothing***, but ***inwardly*** they are ***ferocious*** *wolves*. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 16 | - | By their fruit you will recognize them. Do *people* *pick* ***grapes*** from ***thornbushes***, or ***figs*** from ***thistles***? |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 17 | - | ***Likewise***, every good tree *bears* good fruit, but a bad tree *bears* bad fruit. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 18 | - | A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 19 | - | Every tree that does not bear good fruit is *cut* down and thrown into the fire. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 20 | - | *Thus*, by their fruit you will recognize them. |

### True and False Disciples

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| ¶ | Matthew | 7 | : | 21 | - | "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 22 | - | Many will say to me on that *day*, 'Lord, Lord, did *we* not *prophesy* in your name and in your name *drive* out *demons* and in your name ***perform*** many *miracles*?' |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 23 | - | Then I will tell them ***plainly***, 'I *never* *knew* you. Away from me, you ***evildoers***!' |

### The Wise and Foolish Builders

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| ¶ | Matthew | 7 | : | 24 | - | "*Therefore* everyone who hears these words of mine and ***puts*** them into practice is like a *wise* man who built his house on the rock. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 25 | - | The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; *yet* it did not *fall*, because it had *its* ***foundation*** on the rock. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 26 | - | But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not *put* them into practice is like a ***foolish*** man who built his house on ***sand***. |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 27 | - | The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it *fell* with a *great* ***crash***." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 7 | : | 28 | - | When Jesus had finished saying these *things*, the *crowds* *were* *amazed* at his teaching, |
|  | Matthew | 7 | : | 29 | - | because he ***taught*** as one who had *authority*, and not as their teachers of the law. |

## Matthew 8

### Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

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| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 1 | - | When Jesus came down from the *mountainside*, large crowds followed him. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 2 | - | A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you *can* *make* me clean." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 3 | - | Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" *Immediately* he was *cleansed* of his leprosy. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 4 | - | Then Jesus said to him, "*See* that you don't tell anyone. But go, *show* *yourself* to the *priest* and *offer* the *gift* *Moses* *commanded*, as a *testimony* to them." |

### The Faith of the Centurion

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| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 5 | - | When Jesus had *entered* *Capernaum*, a centurion came to him, *asking* for *help*. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 6 | - | "Lord," he said, "my servant ***lies*** at *home* *paralyzed*, *suffering* terribly." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 7 | - | Jesus said to him, "*Shall* I come and *heal* him?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 8 | - | The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my ***roof***. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 9 | - | For I ***myself*** am a man under *authority*, with *soldiers* under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he *goes*; and that one, 'Come,' and he *comes*. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he *does* it." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 10 | - | When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those *following* him, "*Truly* I tell you, I have not *found* anyone in *Israel* with *such* *great* faith. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 11 | - | I say to you that many will come from the *east* and the ***west***, and will *take* their *places* at the ***feast*** with *Abraham*, *Isaac* and ***Jacob*** in the kingdom of heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 12 | - | But the ***subjects*** of the kingdom will be *thrown* *outside*, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 13 | - | Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be *done* just as you ***believed*** it *would*." And his servant was healed at that moment. |

### Jesus Heals Many

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| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 14 | - | When Jesus came into *Peter's* *house*, he saw *Peter's* *mother-in-law* *lying* in ***bed*** with a fever. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 15 | - | He touched her hand and the fever *left* her, and she got up and began to ***wait*** on him. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 16 | - | When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were *brought* to him, and he *drove* out the *spirits* with a word and healed all the sick. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 17 | - | This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet *Isaiah*: "He *took* up our ***infirmities*** and ***bore*** our *diseases*." |

### The Cost of Following Jesus

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| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 18 | - | When Jesus saw the *crowd* *around* him, he gave orders to *cross* to the other side of the lake. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 19 | - | Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you *wherever* you go." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 20 | - | Jesus replied, "***Foxes*** have ***dens*** and *birds* have ***nests***, but the Son of Man *has* no *place* to *lay* his head." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 21 | - | *Another* *disciple* said to him, "Lord, *first* let me go and bury my father." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 22 | - | But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their *own* dead." |

### Jesus Calms the Storm

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| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 23 | - | Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 24 | - | *Suddenly* a *furious* ***storm*** came up on the lake, so that the waves *swept* *over* the boat. But Jesus was *sleeping*. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 25 | - | The disciples went and *woke* him, *saying*, "Lord, *save* us! ***We're*** *going* to ***drown***!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 26 | - | He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so *afraid*?" Then he got up and *rebuked* the winds and the waves, and it was *completely* ***calm***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 27 | - | The men were amazed and asked, "What *kind* of man is this? *Even* the winds and the waves *obey* him!" |

### Jesus Restores Two Demon-Possessed Men

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| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 28 | - | When he *arrived* at the other side in the region of the ***Gadarenes***, *two* demon-possessed men *coming* from the *tombs* *met* him. They were so *violent* that no one *could* ***pass*** that way. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 29 | - | "What do you want with us, Son of *God*?" they *shouted*. "Have you come *here* to ***torture*** us before the *appointed* time?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 30 | - | *Some* *distance* from them a large herd of pigs was ***feeding***. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 31 | - | The *demons* *begged* Jesus, "If you *drive* us out, *send* us into the herd of pigs." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 8 | : | 32 | - | He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd ***rushed*** down the ***steep*** ***bank*** into the lake and *died* in the water. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 33 | - | Those ***tending*** the pigs *ran* *off*, went into the town and *reported* all this, ***including*** what had happened to the demon-possessed men. |
|  | Matthew | 8 | : | 34 | - | Then the whole town went out to ***meet*** Jesus. And when they saw him, they ***pleaded*** with him to *leave* their region. |

## Matthew 9

### Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

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| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 1 | - | Jesus *stepped* into a *boat*, *crossed* over and came to his *own* *town*. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 2 | - | Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, *lying* on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 3 | - | At this, some of the teachers of the law said to *themselves*, "This *fellow* is ***blaspheming***!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 4 | - | Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you ***entertain*** *evil* thoughts in your hearts? |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 5 | - | Which is *easier*: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' *or* to say, 'Get up and *walk*'? |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 6 | - | But I *want* you to *know* that the Son of Man has authority on earth to *forgive* sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home." |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 7 | - | Then the man got up and went home. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 8 | - | When the crowd saw this, they were filled with ***awe***; and they *praised* *God*, who had *given* *such* authority to man. |

### The Calling of Matthew

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| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 9 | - | As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man *named* Matthew *sitting* at the tax ***collector's*** ***booth***. "*Follow* me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 10 | - | While Jesus was *having* *dinner* at ***Matthew's*** house, *many* tax collectors and sinners came and *ate* with him and his disciples. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 11 | - | When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why *does* your *teacher* *eat* with tax collectors and sinners?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 12 | - | On *hearing* this, Jesus said, "It is not the *healthy* who *need* a ***doctor***, but the sick. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 13 | - | But go and *learn* *what* this *means*: 'I desire mercy, not *sacrifice*.' For I have not come to call the *righteous*, but sinners." |

### Jesus Questioned About Fasting

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| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 14 | - | Then *John's* disciples came and asked him, "How is it that *we* and the Pharisees fast *often*, but your disciples do not fast?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 15 | - | Jesus *answered*, "How *can* the *guests* of the *bridegroom* *mourn* while he is with them? The *time* will come when the *bridegroom* will be taken from them; then they will fast. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 16 | - | "No one ***sews*** a *patch* of ***unshrunk*** *cloth* on *an* old *garment*, for the *patch* will ***pull*** away from the *garment*, *making* the *tear* *worse*. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 17 | - | Neither do people *pour* new wine into old *wineskins*. If they do, the ***skins*** will ***burst***; the wine will *run* out and the *wineskins* will be *ruined*. No, they *pour* new wine into new *wineskins*, and *both* are ***preserved***." |

### Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

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| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 18 | - | While he was *saying* this, a synagogue ***leader*** came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just *died*. But come and put your hand on her, and she will *live*." |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 19 | - | Jesus got up and went with him, and so *did* his disciples. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 20 | - | Just then a woman who had been *subject* to ***bleeding*** for *twelve* *years* came up *behind* him and touched the edge of his cloak. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 21 | - | She said to ***herself***, "If I *only* *touch* his cloak, I will be healed." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 22 | - | Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 23 | - | When Jesus entered the synagogue ***leader's*** house and saw the ***noisy*** crowd and people ***playing*** ***pipes***, |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 24 | - | he said, "Go away. The girl is not *dead* but *asleep*." But they ***laughed*** at him. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 25 | - | After the crowd had been put *outside*, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 26 | - | News of this spread through all that region. |

### Jesus Heals the Blind and the Mute

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| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 27 | - | As Jesus went on from there, *two* blind men followed him, *calling* out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 28 | - | When he had *gone* ***indoors***, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you *believe* that I am able to do this?" "*Yes*, Lord," they replied. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 29 | - | Then he touched their eyes and said, "*According* to your faith *let* it be done to you"; |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 30 | - | and their *sight* was *restored*. Jesus *warned* them ***sternly***, "*See* that no one *knows* about this." |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 31 | - | But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 32 | - | While they were going out, a man who was *demon-possessed* and *could* not *talk* was brought to Jesus. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 33 | - | And when the *demon* was ***driven*** out, the man who had been *mute* *spoke*. The crowd was amazed and said, "*Nothing* like this has ***ever*** been *seen* in Israel." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 34 | - | But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he *drives* out demons." |

### The Workers Are Few

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| ¶ | Matthew | 9 | : | 35 | - | Jesus went through all the *towns* and *villages*, *teaching* in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 36 | - | When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, *because* they were ***harassed*** and ***helpless***, like *sheep* *without* a *shepherd*. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 37 | - | Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is ***plentiful*** but the workers are *few*. |
|  | Matthew | 9 | : | 38 | - | *Ask* the Lord of the harvest, *therefore*, to *send* out workers into his harvest *field*." |

## Matthew 10

### Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

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| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 1 | - | Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them *authority* to drive out *impure* *spirits* and to heal *every* disease and sickness. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 2 | - | These are the ***names*** of the twelve ***apostles***: *first*, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother *Andrew*; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 3 | - | ***Philip*** and ***Bartholomew***; ***Thomas*** and *Matthew* the tax *collector*; James son of ***Alphaeus***, and ***Thaddaeus***; |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 4 | - | Simon the ***Zealot*** and *Judas* *Iscariot*, who *betrayed* him. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 5 | - | These twelve Jesus sent out with the *following* ***instructions***: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the ***Samaritans***. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 6 | - | Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 7 | - | As you go, proclaim *this* *message*: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 8 | - | Heal the *sick*, *raise* the *dead*, ***cleanse*** those who have *leprosy*, drive out *demons*. *Freely* you have *received*; *freely* give. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 9 | - | "Do not *get* any *gold* or *silver* or ***copper*** to take with you in your ***belts***-- |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 10 | - | *no* ***bag*** for the ***journey*** or ***extra*** *shirt* or *sandals* or a *staff*, for the ***worker*** is worth his *keep*. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 11 | - | *Whatever* town or *village* you enter, *search* there for *some* worthy person and *stay* at their house *until* you leave. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 12 | - | As you enter the home, give it your ***greeting***. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 13 | - | If the home is ***deserving***, let your peace *rest* on it; if it is not, let your peace *return* to you. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 14 | - | If anyone will not ***welcome*** you or *listen* to your *words*, leave that home or town and ***shake*** the ***dust*** *off* your feet. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 15 | - | Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for *Sodom* and ***Gomorrah*** on the day of judgment than for that town. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 16 | - | "I *am* ***sending*** you out like sheep among *wolves*. *Therefore* be as ***shrewd*** as ***snakes*** and as *innocent* as *doves*. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 17 | - | Be on your *guard*; you will be handed over to the ***local*** ***councils*** and be *flogged* in the synagogues. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 18 | - | On my *account* you will be *brought* before ***governors*** and *kings* as *witnesses* to them and to the Gentiles. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 19 | - | But when *they* *arrest* you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that *time* you will be *given* what to say, |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 20 | - | for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 21 | - | "Brother will *betray* brother to death, and a father his *child*; *children* will ***rebel*** against their ***parents*** and have them *put* to death. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 22 | - | You will be ***hated*** *by* *everyone* *because* of me, but the one who ***stands*** ***firm*** to the *end* will be saved. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 23 | - | When you are *persecuted* in one *place*, *flee* to *another*. Truly I tell you, you will not ***finish*** *going* through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man *comes*. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 24 | - | "The ***student*** is not above the *teacher*, *nor* a *servant* above his master. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 25 | - | It is *enough* for ***students*** to be like their *teachers*, and *servants* like their *masters*. If the head of the house has been called *Beelzebul*, how much more the members of his household! |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 26 | - | "So do not be afraid of them, for there is *nothing* ***concealed*** that will not be ***disclosed***, or *hidden* that will not be *made* *known*. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 27 | - | What I tell you in the ***dark***, *speak* in the ***daylight***; what is ***whispered*** in your *ear*, proclaim *from* the ***roofs***. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 28 | - | Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but *cannot* kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who *can* *destroy* *both* soul and body in *hell*. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 29 | - | Are not *two* sparrows *sold* for a *penny*? *Yet* not one of them will *fall* to the *ground* *outside* your *Father's* *care*. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 30 | - | And even the *very* ***hairs*** of your head are *all* ***numbered***. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 31 | - | So *don't* be afraid; you are worth more than *many* sparrows. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 32 | - | "Whoever ***acknowledges*** me before others, I will *also* ***acknowledge*** before my Father in heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 33 | - | But whoever ***disowns*** me before others, I will *disown* before my Father in heaven. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 34 | - | "Do not ***suppose*** that I have come to bring peace to the *earth*. I *did* not come to bring peace, but a *sword*. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 35 | - | For I have come to *turn* "'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a ***daughter-in-law*** against her *mother-in-law*-- |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 36 | - | a *man's* *enemies* will be the members of his *own* household.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 37 | - | "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 38 | - | Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 39 | - | Whoever *finds* their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 10 | : | 40 | - | "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 41 | - | Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a ***prophet's*** reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous *person's* reward. |
|  | Matthew | 10 | : | 42 | - | And if anyone *gives* even a *cup* of ***cold*** *water* to one of these little *ones* who is my *disciple*, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." |

## Matthew 11

### Jesus and John the Baptist

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| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 1 | - | After Jesus had *finished* ***instructing*** his twelve disciples, he went on from there to *teach* and *preach* in the towns of Galilee. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 2 | - | *When* John, who was in *prison*, *heard* about the deeds of the *Messiah*, he sent his disciples |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 3 | - | to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, *or* *should* we ***expect*** *someone* ***else***?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 4 | - | Jesus replied, "Go *back* and *report* to John what you hear and see: |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 5 | - | The *blind* *receive* *sight*, the *lame* *walk*, those who have *leprosy* are *cleansed*, the ***deaf*** hear, the *dead* are *raised*, and the good *news* is ***proclaimed*** to the poor. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 6 | - | Blessed is anyone who does not *stumble* on account of me." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 7 | - | *As* *John's* disciples were *leaving*, Jesus began to speak to the *crowd* about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A *reed* *swayed* by the wind? |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 8 | - | If not, what did you go out to see? A man *dressed* in *fine* clothes? No, those who *wear* *fine* clothes are in kings' **palaces**. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 9 | - | Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 10 | - | This is the one about whom it is written: "'I will *send* my ***messenger*** *ahead* of you, who will *prepare* your *way* *before* you.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 11 | - | Truly I tell you, *among* those *born* of *women* there has not *risen* anyone greater than John the Baptist; *yet* whoever is *least* in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 12 | - | From the *days* of John the Baptist until *now*, the kingdom of heaven has been ***subjected*** to ***violence***, and *violent* *people* have been ***raiding*** it. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 13 | - | For all the *Prophets* and the *Law* *prophesied* until John. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 14 | - | And if you are willing to *accept* it, he is the *Elijah* who was to come. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 15 | - | Whoever has ***ears***, *let* them hear. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 16 | - | "To what *can* I ***compare*** this *generation*? They are *like* children *sitting* in the ***marketplaces*** and *calling* out to others: |
| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 17 | - | "'We ***played*** the ***pipe*** for you, and you did not ***dance***; we ***sang*** a ***dirge***, and you did not *mourn*.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 18 | - | For John came *neither* eating *nor* drinking, and they say, 'He has a *demon*.' |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 19 | - | The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, '*Here* is a ***glutton*** and a ***drunkard***, a *friend* of *tax* collectors and *sinners*.' But *wisdom* is ***proved*** *right* by *her* deeds." |

### Woe on Unrepentant Towns

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| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 20 | - | Then Jesus began to ***denounce*** the towns in *which* ***most*** of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 21 | - | "Woe to you, ***Chorazin***! Woe to you, ***Bethsaida***! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have *repented* *long* *ago* in ***sackcloth*** and ***ashes***. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 22 | - | But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 23 | - | And you, *Capernaum*, will you be ***lifted*** to the ***heavens***? No, you will go *down* to *Hades*. For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have *remained* to this day. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 24 | - | But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you." |

### The Father Revealed in the Son

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| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 25 | - | At that time Jesus said, "I *praise* you, Father, *Lord* of heaven and *earth*, because you have *hidden* *these* things from the *wise* and *learned*, and *revealed* them to *little* children. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 26 | - | Yes, Father, for this is what you were *pleased* to do. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 27 | - | "All things have been *committed* to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son ***chooses*** to ***reveal*** him. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 11 | : | 28 | - | "Come to me, all you who are ***weary*** and ***burdened***, and I will give you rest. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 29 | - | *Take* my yoke *upon* you and *learn* from me, for I *am* *gentle* and ***humble*** in heart, and you will *find* rest for your ***souls***. |
|  | Matthew | 11 | : | 30 | - | For my yoke is ***easy*** and my *burden* is *light*." |

## Matthew 12

### Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

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| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 1 | - | At that time Jesus went through the ***grainfields*** on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to *pick* some *heads* of ***grain*** and *eat* them. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 2 | - | When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "*Look*! Your disciples are *doing* what is ***unlawful*** on the Sabbath." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 3 | - | He answered, "Haven't you read what David *did* when he and his companions were hungry? |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 4 | - | He entered the house of God, and he and his companions *ate* the ***consecrated*** *bread*--*which* was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 5 | - | Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath *duty* in the temple ***desecrate*** the Sabbath and *yet* are innocent? |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 6 | - | I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 7 | - | If you *had* *known* what these words *mean*, 'I desire mercy, not *sacrifice*,' you *would* not have condemned the innocent. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 8 | - | For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 9 | - | Going on from that place, he went into their *synagogue*, |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 10 | - | and a man with a ***shriveled*** hand was there. *Looking* for a *reason* to *bring* ***charges*** against Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to *heal* on the Sabbath?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 11 | - | He said to them, "If *any* of you has a sheep and it falls into a *pit* on the Sabbath, will you not *take* *hold* of it and *lift* it out? |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 12 | - | How much more *valuable* is a person than a sheep! *Therefore* it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 13 | - | Then he said to the man, "***Stretch*** out your hand." So he ***stretched*** it out and it was *completely* *restored*, *just* as ***sound*** as the other. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 14 | - | But the Pharisees went out and ***plotted*** how they *might* *kill* Jesus. |

### God's Chosen Servant

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| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 15 | - | Aware of this, Jesus *withdrew* from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 16 | - | He *warned* them not to tell *others* *about* him. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 17 | - | This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 18 | - | "Here is my *servant* whom I have *chosen*, the one I *love*, in whom I ***delight***; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will *proclaim* justice to the nations. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 19 | - | He will not ***quarrel*** or ***cry*** out; *no* one will *hear* his *voice* in the streets. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 20 | - | A ***bruised*** *reed* he will not *break*, and a ***smoldering*** ***wick*** he will not ***snuff*** out, ***till*** he has brought justice through to ***victory***. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 21 | - | In his *name* the nations will put their ***hope***." |

### Jesus and Beelzebul

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| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 22 | - | Then they brought him a *demon-possessed* man who was *blind* and *mute*, and Jesus healed him, so that he could *both* *talk* and see. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 23 | - | All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 24 | - | But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this *fellow* drives out demons." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 25 | - | Jesus *knew* their *thoughts* and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be *ruined*, and every *city* or *household* divided against itself will not stand. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 26 | - | If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against *himself*. How then can his kingdom stand? |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 27 | - | And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your ***judges***. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 28 | - | But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come *upon* you. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 29 | - | "Or *again*, how can anyone *enter* a *strong* *man's* house and *carry* *off* his *possessions* *unless* he first ***ties*** up the *strong* man? Then he can ***plunder*** his house. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 30 | - | "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not *gather* with me ***scatters***. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 31 | - | And so I tell you, every *kind* of *sin* and *slander* can be forgiven, but *blasphemy* against the Spirit will not be forgiven. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 32 | - | Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, *either* in this age or in the age to come. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 33 | - | "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is *recognized* by its fruit. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 34 | - | You brood of *vipers*, how can you who are evil *say* *anything* good? For the *mouth* speaks what the heart is *full* of. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 35 | - | A good man *brings* good things out of the good *stored* up in him, and an evil man *brings* evil things out of the evil *stored* up in him. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 36 | - | But I tell you that *everyone* will have to *give* *account* on the day of judgment for every ***empty*** word they have spoken. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 37 | - | For by your words you will be ***acquitted***, and by your words you will be condemned." |

### The Sign of Jonah

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| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 38 | - | Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "*Teacher*, *we* want to see a sign from you." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 39 | - | He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation *asks* for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 40 | - | For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the ***belly*** of a ***huge*** *fish*, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 41 | - | The men of ***Nineveh*** will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they *repented* at the *preaching* of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 42 | - | The ***Queen*** of the ***South*** will *rise* at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for *she* *came* from the ***ends*** of the earth to listen to ***Solomon's*** *wisdom*, and now something greater than *Solomon* is here. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 43 | - | "When an *impure* spirit *comes* out of a person, it goes through ***arid*** *places* ***seeking*** *rest* and does not find it. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 44 | - | Then it *says*, 'I will *return* to the house I *left*.' When it ***arrives***, it *finds* the house ***unoccupied***, *swept* *clean* and put in *order*. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 45 | - | Then it goes and *takes* with it *seven* other *spirits* more wicked than itself, and they *go* in and *live* there. And the ***final*** ***condition*** of that person is *worse* than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation." |

### Jesus' Mother and Brothers

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| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 46 | - | While Jesus was *still* *talking* to the crowd, his mother and brothers *stood* outside, wanting to speak to him. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 47 | - | *Someone* *told* him, "Your mother and brothers are *standing* outside, wanting to speak to you." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 12 | : | 48 | - | He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 49 | - | ***Pointing*** to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. |
|  | Matthew | 12 | : | 50 | - | For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my *brother* and *sister* and mother." |

## Matthew 14

### John the Baptist Beheaded

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| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 1 | - | At that *time* Herod the ***tetrarch*** heard the ***reports*** about Jesus, |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 2 | - | and he said to his *attendants*, "This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the *dead*! That is why ***miraculous*** ***powers*** are at *work* in him." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 3 | - | *Now* Herod had *arrested* John and *bound* him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his *brother* ***Philip's*** *wife*, |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 4 | - | for John had *been* saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her." |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 5 | - | Herod *wanted* to *kill* John, but he was afraid of the people, because they *considered* John a prophet. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 6 | - | On ***Herod's*** ***birthday*** the *daughter* of Herodias ***danced*** for the guests and *pleased* Herod so *much* |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 7 | - | that he ***promised*** *with* an *oath* to give her *whatever* she *asked*. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 8 | - | ***Prompted*** by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist." |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 9 | - | The king was ***distressed***, but because of his ***oaths*** and his *dinner* guests, he ordered that her *request* be *granted* |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 10 | - | and had John ***beheaded*** in the prison. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 11 | - | His head was brought in on a platter and given to the *girl*, who ***carried*** it to her mother. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 12 | - | John's disciples came and *took* his *body* and ***buried*** it. Then they went and *told* Jesus. |

### Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

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| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 13 | - | When Jesus heard *what* had *happened*, he *withdrew* by boat ***privately*** to a ***solitary*** place. *Hearing* of this, the crowds followed him on *foot* from the towns. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 14 | - | When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 15 | - | As evening *approached*, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a *remote* place, and it's already *getting* ***late***. *Send* the crowds away, so they *can* go to the *villages* and *buy* *themselves* *some* *food*." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 16 | - | Jesus replied, "They do not *need* to go away. You give them *something* to eat." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 17 | - | "We have here *only* five loaves of *bread* and two fish," they answered. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 18 | - | "Bring them here to me," he said. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 19 | - | And he *directed* the people to sit down on the *grass*. *Taking* the five loaves and the two fish and *looking* up to *heaven*, he gave *thanks* and *broke* the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 20 | - | They all ate and were *satisfied*, and the disciples picked up *twelve* *basketfuls* of broken pieces that were left over. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 21 | - | The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. |

### Jesus Walks on the Water

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| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 22 | - | Immediately Jesus made the disciples *get* into the boat and go on *ahead* of him to the other *side*, *while* he dismissed the crowd. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 23 | - | After he had dismissed them, he went up on a *mountainside* by *himself* to *pray*. *Later* that *night*, he was *there* *alone*, |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 24 | - | and the boat was already a ***considerable*** *distance* from *land*, ***buffeted*** by the *waves* because the wind was *against* it. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 25 | - | ***Shortly*** *before* *dawn* Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 26 | - | When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were *terrified*. "It's a ***ghost***," they said, and cried out in ***fear***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 27 | - | But Jesus immediately said to them: "*Take* ***courage***! It is *I*. Don't be afraid." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 28 | - | "Lord, *if* it's you," Peter replied, "*tell* me to come to you on the water." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 29 | - | "Come," he said. Then Peter *got* down out of the boat, ***walked*** on the water and came ***toward*** Jesus. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 30 | - | But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, *beginning* to ***sink***, cried out, "Lord, *save* me!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 31 | - | Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and ***caught*** him. "You of little faith," he said, "why *did* you *doubt*?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 32 | - | And when they ***climbed*** into the boat, the wind *died* down. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 33 | - | Then those who were in the boat *worshiped* him, saying, "*Truly* you are the Son of God." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 14 | : | 34 | - | When they had *crossed* over, they landed at ***Gennesaret***. |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 35 | - | And when the men of that place *recognized* Jesus, they *sent* *word* to all the ***surrounding*** *country*. People brought all their sick to him |
|  | Matthew | 14 | : | 36 | - | and begged him to *let* the sick *just* *touch* the edge of his *cloak*, and all who *touched* it were healed. |

## Matthew 15

### That Which Defiles

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| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 1 | - | Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 2 | - | "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the *elders*? They don't *wash* their hands before they eat!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 3 | - | Jesus replied, "And why do you break the *command* of God for the sake of your tradition? |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 4 | - | For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who *curses* their father or mother is to be *put* to death.' |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 5 | - | But you say that if anyone ***declares*** that what *might* have been *used* to help their father or mother is '*devoted* to God,' |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 6 | - | they are not to 'honor their father or mother' with it. *Thus* you ***nullify*** the word of God for the sake of your tradition. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 7 | - | You *hypocrites*! *Isaiah* was right when he *prophesied* *about* you: |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 8 | - | "'These people honor me with their *lips*, but their *hearts* are ***far*** from me. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 9 | - | They *worship* me in ***vain***; their ***teachings*** are *merely* *human* ***rules***.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 10 | - | Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "*Listen* and *understand*. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 11 | - | What goes into ***someone's*** mouth does not defile them, but what *comes* out of their mouth, that is what ***defiles*** them." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 12 | - | Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were ***offended*** when they heard this?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 13 | - | He replied, "*Every* ***plant*** that my heavenly Father *has* not *planted* will be ***pulled*** up *by* the ***roots***. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 14 | - | *Leave* them; they are blind ***guides***. If the blind *lead* the blind, *both* will fall into a pit." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 15 | - | Peter said, "*Explain* the *parable* to us." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 16 | - | "Are you *still* so ***dull***?" Jesus asked them. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 17 | - | "Don't you *see* that *whatever* ***enters*** the mouth goes into the ***stomach*** and then out of the body? |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 18 | - | But the things that come out of a *person's* mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 19 | - | For out of the heart come *evil* *thoughts*--*murder*, *adultery*, *sexual* *immorality*, ***theft***, *false* *testimony*, *slander*. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 20 | - | These are what defile a *person*; but *eating* with ***unwashed*** hands does not defile them." |

### The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

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| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 21 | - | *Leaving* that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of *Tyre* and Sidon. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 22 | - | A ***Canaanite*** woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is *demon-possessed* and *suffering* terribly." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 23 | - | Jesus *did* not *answer* a word. So his disciples came to him and ***urged*** him, "Send her away, for she ***keeps*** crying out after us." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 24 | - | He answered, "I was sent *only* to the lost sheep of Israel." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 25 | - | The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 26 | - | He replied, "It is not right to take the ***children's*** bread and ***toss*** it to the dogs." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 27 | - | "*Yes* it is, Lord," she said. "*Even* the dogs eat the ***crumbs*** that fall from their ***master's*** *table*." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 28 | - | Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great *faith*! Your *request* is *granted*." And her daughter was healed at that moment. |

### Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

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| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 29 | - | Jesus left *there* and went *along* the Sea of *Galilee*. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 30 | - | Great *crowds* came to him, *bringing* the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many *others*, and *laid* them at his feet; and he healed them. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 31 | - | The people were *amazed* when they saw the mute *speaking*, the crippled *made* *well*, the lame *walking* and the blind *seeing*. And they *praised* the God of Israel. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 32 | - | Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have *compassion* for these people; they have *already* been with me three days and have *nothing* to eat. I do not want to send them away *hungry*, or they *may* ***collapse*** on the way." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 33 | - | His disciples answered, "*Where* *could* *we* *get* *enough* bread in this *remote* place to ***feed*** *such* a crowd?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 34 | - | "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied, "and a *few* *small* fish." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 15 | : | 35 | - | He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 36 | - | Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he *broke* them and gave them to the disciples, and they in *turn* to the people. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 37 | - | They all ate and were *satisfied*. ***Afterward*** the disciples picked up seven *basketfuls* of broken pieces that were left over. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 38 | - | The number of those who ate was *four* thousand men, besides women and children. |
|  | Matthew | 15 | : | 39 | - | After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of ***Magadan***. |

## Matthew 16

### The Demand for a Sign

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| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 1 | - | The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and *tested* him by *asking* him to *show* them a sign from heaven. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 2 | - | He replied, "When *evening* *comes*, you say, 'It will be ***fair*** ***weather***, for the sky is red,' |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 3 | - | and in the *morning*, '*Today* it will be ***stormy***, for the sky is red and ***overcast***.' You know how to *interpret* the *appearance* of the sky, but you *cannot* *interpret* the ***signs*** of the *times*. |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 4 | - | A wicked and adulterous *generation* *looks* for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Jesus then *left* them and went away. |

### The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees

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| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 5 | - | When they went *across* the *lake*, the disciples ***forgot*** to take bread. |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 6 | - | "Be *careful*," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 7 | - | They *discussed* this among themselves and said, "It is *because* *we* *didn't* *bring* *any* bread." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 8 | - | Aware of their ***discussion***, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among *yourselves* about *having* *no* bread? |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 9 | - | Do you still not understand? Don't you *remember* the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 10 | - | Or the seven loaves for the *four* thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 11 | - | How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 12 | - | Then they *understood* that he was not *telling* them to guard against the yeast *used* in bread, but against the *teaching* of the Pharisees and Sadducees. |

### Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

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| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 13 | - | When Jesus came to the region of ***Caesarea*** ***Philippi***, he asked his disciples, "Who do *people* say the Son of Man is?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 14 | - | They replied, "Some say *John* the *Baptist*; others say *Elijah*; and still others, *Jeremiah* or *one* of the prophets." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 15 | - | "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 16 | - | Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 17 | - | Jesus replied, "*Blessed* are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not *revealed* to you by *flesh* and *blood*, but by my Father in heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 18 | - | And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this *rock* I will *build* my *church*, and the ***gates*** of *Hades* will not ***overcome*** it. |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 19 | - | I will give you the ***keys*** of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 20 | - | Then he *ordered* his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. |

### Jesus Predicts His Death

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| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 21 | - | From that time on Jesus began to *explain* to his disciples that he must *go* to Jerusalem and *suffer* many *things* *at* the hands of the *elders*, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be *killed* and on the third *day* be raised to life. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 22 | - | Peter *took* him *aside* and began to ***rebuke*** him. "Never, *Lord*!" he said. "This *shall* never *happen* to you!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 23 | - | Jesus turned and said to Peter, "*Get* *behind* me, *Satan*! You are a ***stumbling*** ***block*** to me; you do not have in *mind* the *concerns* of God, but *merely* *human* *concerns*." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 24 | - | Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my *disciple* must ***deny*** themselves and take up their cross and follow me. |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 25 | - | For whoever wants to *save* their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 26 | - | What *good* will it be for *someone* to ***gain*** the *whole* *world*, *yet* ***forfeit*** their soul? Or what can anyone give in ***exchange*** for their soul? |
|  | Matthew | 16 | : | 27 | - | For the Son of Man is going to *come* in his *Father's* ***glory*** *with* his *angels*, and then he will *reward* *each* *person* *according* to what they have done. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 16 | : | 28 | - | "Truly I tell you, some who are standing *here* will not ***taste*** *death* *before* they *see* the Son of Man *coming* in his kingdom." |

## Matthew 17

### The Transfiguration

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| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 1 | - | After ***six*** *days* Jesus *took* with him Peter, James and John the *brother* of James, and *led* them up a high mountain *by* *themselves*. |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 2 | - | There he was ***transfigured*** before them. His *face* ***shone*** *like* the *sun*, and his *clothes* *became* as *white* as the light. |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 3 | - | Just then there *appeared* before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 4 | - | Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you ***wish***, I will put up *three* ***shelters***--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 5 | - | While he was still *speaking*, a ***bright*** *cloud* ***covered*** them, and a voice from the *cloud* said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well *pleased*. *Listen* to him!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 6 | - | When the disciples heard this, they *fell* ***facedown*** to the *ground*, *terrified*. |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 7 | - | But Jesus came and *touched* them. "*Get* up," he said. "Don't be afraid." |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 8 | - | When they *looked* up, they *saw* *no* one *except* Jesus. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 9 | - | As they were *coming* *down* the mountain, Jesus *instructed* them, "Don't tell *anyone* what you have *seen*, *until* the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 10 | - | The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the *law* say that Elijah *must* come first?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 11 | - | Jesus replied, "To be ***sure***, Elijah *comes* and will ***restore*** *all* things. |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 12 | - | But I tell you, Elijah has *already* come, and they did not *recognize* him, but have done to him *everything* they ***wished***. In the same way the Son of Man is going to *suffer* at their hands." |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 13 | - | Then the disciples *understood* that he was talking to them *about* John the Baptist. |

### Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy

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| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 14 | - | When they came to the *crowd*, a man *approached* Jesus and knelt before him. |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 15 | - | "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has *seizures* and is *suffering* *greatly*. He *often* *falls* into the *fire* or into the water. |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 16 | - | I *brought* him to your disciples, but they could not *heal* him." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 17 | - | "You ***unbelieving*** and ***perverse*** *generation*," Jesus replied, "how long shall I *stay* with you? How long shall I put up with you? *Bring* the boy here to me." |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 18 | - | Jesus *rebuked* the *demon*, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 19 | - | Then the disciples came to Jesus in ***private*** and asked, "Why *couldn't* we *drive* it out?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 20 | - | He replied, "*Because* you have so *little* faith. *Truly* I tell you, if you have faith as *small* as a ***mustard*** ***seed***, you can say to this mountain, '*Move* from here to there,' and it will *move*. *Nothing* will be *impossible* for you." |

### Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

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| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 22 | - | When they came *together* in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of *men*. |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 23 | - | They will *kill* him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with ***grief***. |

### The Temple Tax

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| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 24 | - | After Jesus and his disciples *arrived* in *Capernaum*, the *collectors* of the ***two-drachma*** temple tax came to Peter and asked, "***Doesn't*** your *teacher* *pay* the temple tax?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 25 | - | "*Yes*, he *does*," he replied. When Peter came into the *house*, Jesus was the first to *speak*. "What do you *think*, *Simon*?" he asked. "From whom do the *kings* of the *earth* *collect* *duty* and ***taxes***--from their *own* children or from others?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 17 | : | 26 | - | "From others," Peter *answered*. "Then the children *are* ***exempt***," Jesus said to him. |
|  | Matthew | 17 | : | 27 | - | "But so that we *may* not *cause* ***offense***, *go* to the lake and *throw* out your ***line***. Take the first *fish* you ***catch***; *open* *its* *mouth* and you will find a ***four-drachma*** *coin*. Take it and give it to them for my tax and *yours*." |

## Matthew 18

### The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven

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| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 1 | - | At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 2 | - | He called a little child to him, and placed the child *among* them. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 3 | - | And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you ***change*** and *become* like little children, you will *never* enter the kingdom of heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 4 | - | Therefore, whoever *takes* the ***lowly*** ***position*** of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 5 | - | And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. |

### Causing to Stumble

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| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 6 | - | "If *anyone* causes one of these little ones--*those* who *believe* in me--to stumble, it would be better for them to have a *large* ***millstone*** ***hung*** *around* their ***neck*** and to be ***drowned*** in the ***depths*** of the sea. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 7 | - | Woe to the *world* because of the things that *cause* *people* to stumble! Such things *must* come, but woe to the *person* *through* *whom* they come! |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 8 | - | If your *hand* or your *foot* causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life ***maimed*** or *crippled* than to have two *hands* or two *feet* and be thrown into *eternal* fire. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 9 | - | And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two *eyes* and be thrown into the fire of hell. |

### The Parable of the Wandering Sheep

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| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 10 | - | "See that you do not *despise* one of these little ones. For I tell you that their *angels* in heaven *always* see the *face* of my Father in heaven. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 12 | - | "What do you *think*? If a man ***owns*** a hundred sheep, and one of them ***wanders*** away, will he not *leave* the ninety-nine on the ***hills*** and go to *look* for the one that ***wandered*** off? |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 13 | - | And if he *finds* it, truly I tell you, he is ***happier*** about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that *did* not ***wander*** off. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 14 | - | In the same *way* your Father in heaven is not *willing* that *any* of these little ones should ***perish***. |

### Dealing With Sin in the Church

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| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 15 | - | "If your brother or sister sins, go and *point* out their ***fault***, just *between* the two of you. If they listen to you, you have ***won*** them over. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 16 | - | But if they will not listen, *take* one or two *others* *along*, *so* that '*every* ***matter*** *may* be ***established*** by the *testimony* of two or three *witnesses*.' |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 17 | - | If they *still* *refuse* to listen, tell it to the church; and if they *refuse* to listen *even* to the church, treat them as you would a ***pagan*** or a *tax* collector. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 18 | - | "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 19 | - | "*Again*, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth *agree* about *anything* they *ask* for, it will be *done* for them by my Father in heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 20 | - | For *where* two or three *gather* in my name, *there* *am* I with them." |

### The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

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| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 21 | - | Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "*Lord*, how *many* times *shall* I forgive my brother or sister who sins *against* me? *Up* to seven times?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 22 | - | Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but ***seventy-seven*** times. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 23 | - | "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who *wanted* to *settle* ***accounts*** with his servants. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 24 | - | As he began the ***settlement***, a man who owed him *ten* *thousand* ***bags*** of *gold* was brought to him. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 25 | - | Since he was not *able* to pay, the master *ordered* that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be *sold* to ***repay*** the debt. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 26 | - | "At this the servant fell on his knees *before* him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 27 | - | The ***servant's*** master *took* ***pity*** on him, canceled the debt and let him go. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 28 | - | "But when that servant went out, he *found* one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred *silver* *coins*. He ***grabbed*** him and began to ***choke*** him. 'Pay back what you ***owe*** me!' he ***demanded***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 29 | - | "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 30 | - | "But he *refused*. *Instead*, he went off and had the man thrown into *prison* until he *could* pay the debt. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 31 | - | When the other servants *saw* what had happened, they *were* ***outraged*** and went and *told* their master everything that had happened. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 32 | - | "Then the master called the servant in. 'You *wicked* servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of *yours* because you begged me to. |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 33 | - | ***Shouldn't*** you have had *mercy* on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' |
|  | Matthew | 18 | : | 34 | - | In ***anger*** his master *handed* him over to the ***jailers*** to be ***tortured***, until he should pay back all he owed. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 18 | : | 35 | - | "This is how my heavenly Father will treat *each* of you unless you forgive your brother or sister *from* your heart." |

## Matthew 19

### Divorce

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| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 1 | - | When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left *Galilee* and went into the region of *Judea* to the other side of the Jordan. |
|  | Matthew | 19 | : | 2 | - | Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 3 | - | Some *Pharisees* came to him to *test* him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for *any* and *every* reason?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 4 | - | "Haven't you *read*," he replied, "that at the beginning the ***Creator*** 'made them ***male*** and ***female***,' |
|  | Matthew | 19 | : | 5 | - | and said, 'For this reason a man will *leave* his father and mother and be ***united*** to his wife, and the two will *become* one flesh'? |
|  | Matthew | 19 | : | 6 | - | So they are no *longer* two, but one flesh. *Therefore* what God has ***joined*** *together*, let no one ***separate***." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 7 | - | "Why then," they asked, "*did* Moses *command* that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and *send* her away?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 8 | - | Jesus replied, "Moses ***permitted*** you to divorce your ***wives*** because your *hearts* were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. |
|  | Matthew | 19 | : | 9 | - | I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual *immorality*, and *marries* *another* *woman* commits adultery." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 10 | - | The disciples said to him, "If this is the ***situation*** *between* a *husband* and wife, it is *better* not to *marry*." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 11 | - | Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this *word*, but only those to whom it has been given. |
|  | Matthew | 19 | : | 12 | - | For there are eunuchs who were *born* that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made *eunuchs* *by* others--and there are those who ***choose*** to *live* *like* *eunuchs* for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this *should* accept it." |

### The Little Children and Jesus

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| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 13 | - | Then *people* *brought* little children to Jesus for him to *place* his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples *rebuked* them. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 14 | - | Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not ***hinder*** them, for the kingdom of heaven ***belongs*** to *such* as these." |
|  | Matthew | 19 | : | 15 | - | When he had *placed* his hands on them, he went on from there. |

### The Rich and the Kingdom of God

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| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 16 | - | Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "*Teacher*, what good *thing* *must* I do to *get* eternal life?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 17 | - | "Why do you *ask* me *about* what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, *keep* the *commandments*." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 18 | - | "*Which* *ones*?" he ***inquired***. Jesus replied, "'You shall not *murder*, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not *steal*, you shall not give *false* testimony, |
|  | Matthew | 19 | : | 19 | - | honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 20 | - | "All these I have *kept*," the young man said. "What do I *still* ***lack***?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 21 | - | Jesus answered, "If you want to be *perfect*, go, ***sell*** your *possessions* and give to the *poor*, and you will have *treasure* *in* heaven. Then come, follow me." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 22 | - | When the young man heard this, he went away *sad*, because he had *great* ***wealth***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 23 | - | Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 19 | : | 24 | - | *Again* I tell you, it is *easier* for a ***camel*** to go *through* the *eye* of a ***needle*** *than* for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 25 | - | When the disciples heard this, they were *greatly* *astonished* and asked, "Who then can be saved?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 26 | - | Jesus *looked* at them and said, "With man this is *impossible*, but with God all things are *possible*." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 27 | - | Peter answered him, "*We* have left *everything* to follow you! What then will there be for us?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 19 | : | 28 | - | Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the ***renewal*** of all things, when the Son of Man ***sits*** on his ***glorious*** *throne*, you who have followed me will *also* *sit* on twelve ***thrones***, ***judging*** the twelve ***tribes*** of Israel. |
|  | Matthew | 19 | : | 29 | - | And everyone who has left ***houses*** or *brothers* or ***sisters*** or father or mother or wife or children or ***fields*** for my sake will receive a *hundred* *times* as *much* and will *inherit* eternal life. |
|  | Matthew | 19 | : | 30 | - | But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first. |

## Matthew 20

### The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

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| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 1 | - | "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out *early* in the morning to ***hire*** workers for his vineyard. |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 2 | - | He ***agreed*** to pay them a denarius for the day and *sent* them into his vineyard. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 3 | - | "About ***nine*** in the morning he went out and *saw* others standing in the ***marketplace*** doing nothing. |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 4 | - | He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you *whatever* is right.' |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 5 | - | So they went. "He went out *again* about *noon* and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 6 | - | About five in the afternoon he went out and *found* *still* others standing *around*. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing *here* all day *long* doing nothing?' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 7 | - | "'Because *no* one *has* hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 8 | - | "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his ***foreman***, '*Call* the workers and pay them their ***wages***, *beginning* with the last *ones* hired and going on to the first.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 9 | - | "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 10 | - | So when those came who were hired first, they ***expected*** to *receive* *more*. But each one of them also received a denarius. |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 11 | - | When they received it, they *began* to ***grumble*** *against* the landowner. |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 12 | - | 'These who were hired last ***worked*** *only* one *hour*,' they said, 'and you have made them ***equal*** to us who have ***borne*** the *burden* of the work and the ***heat*** of the day.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 13 | - | "But he answered one of them, 'I am not ***being*** ***unfair*** to you, *friend*. *Didn't* you *agree* to work for a denarius? |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 14 | - | Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I *gave* you. |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 15 | - | Don't I have the right to do what I want with my *own* *money*? Or are you ***envious*** because I am ***generous***?' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 16 | - | "So the last will be first, and the first will be last." |

### Jesus Predicts His Death a Third Time

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| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 17 | - | *Now* Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the *way*, he took the *Twelve* *aside* and said to them, |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 18 | - | "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be *delivered* over to the chief priests and the teachers of the *law*. They will *condemn* him to death |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 19 | - | and will *hand* him over to the Gentiles to be *mocked* and *flogged* and *crucified*. On the third day he will be raised to life!" |

### A Mother's Request

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| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 20 | - | Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with *her* sons and, ***kneeling*** *down*, asked a ***favor*** of him. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 21 | - | "What is it you want?" he asked. *She* said, "Grant that one of these two sons of *mine* *may* sit at your right and the *other* at your left in your kingdom." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 22 | - | "You don't know what you are *asking*," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 23 | - | Jesus said to them, "You will ***indeed*** drink *from* my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These *places* ***belong*** to those for *whom* they have been *prepared* by my Father." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 24 | - | When the *ten* heard about this, they were *indignant* with the two brothers. |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 25 | - | Jesus called them *together* and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their *high* ***officials*** ***exercise*** *authority* over them. |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 26 | - | Not so with you. *Instead*, whoever wants to *become* *great* *among* you must be your *servant*, |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 27 | - | and whoever wants to be first must be your ***slave***-- |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 28 | - | just as the Son of Man did not come to be ***served***, but to *serve*, and to give his life as a ***ransom*** for many." |

### Two Blind Men Receive Sight

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| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 29 | - | As Jesus and his disciples were *leaving* ***Jericho***, a large crowd followed him. |
|  | Matthew | 20 | : | 30 | - | Two blind men were *sitting* by the ***roadside***, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 31 | - | The crowd *rebuked* them and told them to be ***quiet***, but they shouted all the *louder*, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 32 | - | Jesus *stopped* and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 33 | - | "Lord," they answered, "we want *our* sight." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 20 | : | 34 | - | Jesus had compassion on them and touched their *eyes*. *Immediately* they received their sight and followed him. |

## Matthew 21

### Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

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| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 1 | - | As they approached Jerusalem and came to ***Bethphage*** on the Mount of *Olives*, Jesus sent two disciples, |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 2 | - | saying to them, "Go to the *village* ahead of you, and at *once* you will find a donkey ***tied*** there, *with* her colt by her. ***Untie*** them and bring them to me. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 3 | - | If anyone *says* *anything* to you, say that the Lord *needs* them, and he will send them *right* away." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 4 | - | This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 5 | - | "Say to *Daughter* ***Zion***, '*See*, your *king* comes to you, *gentle* and ***riding*** on a donkey, and on a colt, the ***foal*** of a donkey.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 6 | - | The disciples went and did as Jesus had *instructed* them. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 7 | - | They *brought* the donkey and the colt and *placed* their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 8 | - | A *very* *large* crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while *others* *cut* ***branches*** from the trees and spread them on the road. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 9 | - | The crowds that went ahead of him and those that *followed* *shouted*, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "*Blessed* is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the *highest* heaven!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 10 | - | When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the *whole* city was ***stirred*** and asked, "Who is this?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 11 | - | The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from *Nazareth* in Galilee." |

### Jesus at the Temple

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| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 12 | - | Jesus entered the temple courts and *drove* out all who were ***buying*** and *selling* there. He ***overturned*** the ***tables*** of the *money* ***changers*** and the ***benches*** of those *selling* *doves*. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 13 | - | "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are *making* it 'a ***den*** of ***robbers***.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 14 | - | The blind and the *lame* came to him at the temple, and he healed them. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 15 | - | But when the chief priests and the teachers of the *law* saw the ***wonderful*** things he did and the children ***shouting*** in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 16 | - | "Do you *hear* what these children are saying?" they asked him. "*Yes*," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the *lips* of children and ***infants*** you, Lord, have called ***forth*** your *praise*'?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 17 | - | And he left them and went out of the city to *Bethany*, where he ***spent*** the night. |

### Jesus Curses a Fig Tree

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| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 18 | - | Early in the *morning*, as Jesus was on his way *back* to the city, he was hungry. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 19 | - | *Seeing* a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but *found* *nothing* on it *except* ***leaves***. Then he said to it, "*May* you never *bear* fruit *again*!" *Immediately* the tree ***withered***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 20 | - | When the disciples saw this, they were *amazed*. "*How* did the fig tree ***wither*** so *quickly*?" they asked. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 21 | - | Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have *faith* and do not *doubt*, not *only* can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this *mountain*, 'Go, *throw* *yourself* *into* the *sea*,' and it will be done. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 22 | - | If you believe, you will *receive* *whatever* you ask for in prayer." |

### The Authority of Jesus Questioned

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| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 23 | - | Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was *teaching*, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who *gave* you this authority?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 24 | - | Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one *question*. If you *answer* me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 25 | - | *John's* ***baptism***--where did it come from? Was it from heaven, *or* of human origin?" They *discussed* it *among* themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then *why* *didn't* you believe him?' |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 26 | - | But if we say, 'Of human origin'--we are afraid of the people, for they all *hold* that John was a prophet." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 27 | - | So they answered Jesus, "We *don't* *know*." Then he said, "*Neither* will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. |

### The Parable of the Two Sons

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| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 28 | - | "What do you *think*? There was a man who had two *sons*. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and *work* *today* in the vineyard.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 29 | - | "'I will not,' he answered, but *later* he ***changed*** his *mind* and went. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 30 | - | "Then the father went to the other son and said the same *thing*. He answered, 'I will, *sir*,' but he did not go. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 31 | - | "Which of the two did what his father *wanted*?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are ***entering*** the kingdom of God ahead of you. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 32 | - | For John came to you to *show* you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And *even* *after* you saw this, you did not *repent* and believe him. |

### The Parable of the Tenants

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| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 33 | - | "Listen to another *parable*: There was a landowner who *planted* a vineyard. He *put* a ***wall*** *around* it, ***dug*** a ***winepress*** in it and *built* a ***watchtower***. Then he ***rented*** the vineyard to *some* ***farmers*** and ***moved*** to another place. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 34 | - | When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to *collect* his fruit. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 35 | - | "The tenants *seized* his servants; they *beat* one, killed another, and ***stoned*** a *third*. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 36 | - | Then he sent other servants to them, *more* than the first time, and the tenants ***treated*** them the same way. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 37 | - | *Last* of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will ***respect*** my son,' he said. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 38 | - | "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to *each* other, 'This is the ***heir***. Come, *let's* *kill* him and *take* his ***inheritance***.' |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 39 | - | So they took him and *threw* him out of the vineyard and killed him. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 40 | - | "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 41 | - | "He will bring those ***wretches*** to a ***wretched*** *end*," they replied, "and he will ***rent*** the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his ***share*** of the ***crop*** at harvest time." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 42 | - | Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the *Scriptures*: "'The stone the ***builders*** ***rejected*** has *become* the ***cornerstone***; the Lord has done this, and it is ***marvelous*** in *our* *eyes*'? |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 43 | - | "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will *produce* *its* fruit. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 44 | - | Anyone who falls on this stone will be *broken* to *pieces*; anyone on *whom* it falls will be ***crushed***." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 21 | : | 45 | - | When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' *parables*, they *knew* he was talking *about* them. |
|  | Matthew | 21 | : | 46 | - | They *looked* for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd *because* the people ***held*** that he was a prophet. |

## Matthew 22

### The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

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| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 1 | - | Jesus *spoke* to them *again* in *parables*, *saying*: |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 2 | - | "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 3 | - | He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they *refused* to come. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 4 | - | "Then he sent *some* more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my *dinner*: My ***oxen*** and ***fattened*** ***cattle*** have been ***butchered***, and *everything* is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 5 | - | "But they *paid* no attention and went *off*--one to his *field*, *another* to his ***business***. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 6 | - | The *rest* *seized* his servants, ***mistreated*** them and *killed* them. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 7 | - | The king was ***enraged***. He sent his ***army*** and ***destroyed*** those ***murderers*** and ***burned*** their *city*. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 8 | - | "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 9 | - | So *go* to the street *corners* and ***invite*** to the banquet *anyone* you find.' |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 10 | - | So the servants went out into the *streets* and gathered all the people they could find, the *bad* as *well* as the good, and the wedding ***hall*** was *filled* with guests. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 11 | - | "But when the king came in to see the guests, he ***noticed*** a man there who was not ***wearing*** wedding clothes. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 12 | - | He asked, 'How did you *get* in *here* without wedding clothes, *friend*?' The man was ***speechless***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 13 | - | "Then the king told the *attendants*, '***Tie*** him hand and *foot*, and *throw* him *outside*, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 14 | - | "For *many* are invited, but *few* are *chosen*." |

### Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

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| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 15 | - | Then the Pharisees went out and *laid* *plans* to trap him in his *words*. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 16 | - | They sent their *disciples* to him *along* with the ***Herodians***. "Teacher," they said, "*we* know that you are a man of ***integrity*** and that you *teach* the way of God in accordance with the ***truth***. You ***aren't*** *swayed* by *others*, because you pay no attention to who they are. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 17 | - | Tell us then, what is your ***opinion***? Is it right to pay the ***imperial*** tax to Caesar or not?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 18 | - | But Jesus, *knowing* their *evil* ***intent***, said, "You *hypocrites*, *why* are you *trying* to trap me? |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 19 | - | *Show* me the *coin* *used* for ***paying*** the tax." They brought him a denarius, |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 20 | - | and he asked them, "Whose ***image*** is this? And whose ***inscription***?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 21 | - | "*Caesar's*," they replied. Then he said to them, "So *give* *back* to Caesar what is *Caesar's*, and to God what is God's." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 22 | - | When they heard this, they were *amazed*. So they left him and went away. |

### Marriage at the Resurrection

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| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 23 | - | That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 24 | - | "Teacher," they said, "*Moses* told us that if a man ***dies*** without *having* children, his brother *must* marry the ***widow*** and *raise* *up* ***offspring*** for him. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 25 | - | Now there were seven *brothers* *among* us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 26 | - | The same *thing* *happened* to the second and *third* brother, right on *down* to the ***seventh***. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 27 | - | *Finally*, the *woman* died. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 28 | - | Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will *she* be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 29 | - | Jesus replied, "You are in ***error*** because you do not know the *Scriptures* or the ***power*** of God. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 30 | - | At the resurrection people will *neither* marry *nor* be *given* in *marriage*; they will be like the *angels* in heaven. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 31 | - | But about the resurrection of the dead--have you not *read* what God said to you, |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 32 | - | 'I am the God of *Abraham*, the God of *Isaac*, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 33 | - | When the *crowds* heard this, they were *astonished* at his teaching. |

### The Greatest Commandment

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| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 34 | - | *Hearing* that Jesus had ***silenced*** the Sadducees, the Pharisees *got* together. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 35 | - | One of them, *an* ***expert*** in the law, *tested* him with this question: |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 36 | - | "Teacher, *which* is the greatest commandment in the Law?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 37 | - | Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your *soul* and with all your *mind*.' |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 38 | - | This is the first and greatest commandment. |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 39 | - | And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 40 | - | All the Law and the *Prophets* ***hang*** on *these* *two* *commandments*." |

### Whose Son Is the Messiah?

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| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 41 | - | While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 42 | - | "What do you *think* about the *Messiah*? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 43 | - | He said to them, "How is it then that David, *speaking* by the *Spirit*, calls him 'Lord'? For he *says*, |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 44 | - | "'The Lord said to my Lord: "*Sit* at my right hand *until* I put your *enemies* *under* your feet."' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 22 | : | 45 | - | If then David calls him 'Lord,' how *can* he be his son?" |
|  | Matthew | 22 | : | 46 | - | No one could say a *word* in *reply*, and *from* that day on no one ***dared*** to ask him *any* more ***questions***. |

## Matthew 26

### The Plot Against Jesus

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| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 1 | - | When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 2 | - | "As you know, the Passover is two days away--and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 3 | - | Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the ***palace*** of the high priest, *whose* name was Caiaphas, |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 4 | - | and they ***schemed*** to arrest Jesus *secretly* and *kill* him. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 5 | - | "But not *during* the festival," they said, "*or* there may be a ***riot*** *among* the people." |

### Jesus Anointed at Bethany

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| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 6 | - | While Jesus was in *Bethany* in the *home* of *Simon* the ***Leper***, |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 7 | - | a woman came to him with an ***alabaster*** ***jar*** of very ***expensive*** perfume, which she poured on his *head* as he was reclining at the table. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 8 | - | When the disciples saw this, they were *indignant*. "Why this ***waste***?" they asked. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 9 | - | "This perfume could have been *sold* at a high *price* and the *money* given to the poor." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 10 | - | Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you ***bothering*** this woman? She has done a ***beautiful*** thing to me. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 11 | - | The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 12 | - | When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to *prepare* me for *burial*. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 13 | - | Truly I tell you, *wherever* this ***gospel*** is ***preached*** *throughout* the *world*, what she has done will also be told, in ***memory*** of *her*." |

### Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

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| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 14 | - | Then one of the Twelve--the one called Judas *Iscariot*--went to the chief priests |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 15 | - | and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I *deliver* him over to you?" So they ***counted*** out for him *thirty* pieces of silver. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 16 | - | From then on Judas ***watched*** for an ***opportunity*** to hand him over. |

### The Last Supper

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| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 17 | - | On the first day of the Festival of ***Unleavened*** Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you *want* us to *make* ***preparations*** for you to eat the Passover?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 18 | - | He replied, "Go into the city to a ***certain*** man and tell him, 'The *Teacher* *says*: My *appointed* time is *near*. I am going to ***celebrate*** the Passover with my disciples at your *house*.'" |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 19 | - | So the disciples did as Jesus had *directed* them and *prepared* the Passover. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 20 | - | When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 21 | - | And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 22 | - | They were very *sad* and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 23 | - | Jesus replied, "The one who has ***dipped*** his hand into the *bowl* with me will betray me. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 24 | - | The Son of Man will go *just* as it is written about him. But woe to that man who ***betrays*** the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 25 | - | Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 26 | - | While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he *broke* it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "*Take* and eat; this is my body." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 27 | - | Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 28 | - | This is my *blood* of the ***covenant***, which is poured out for many for the ***forgiveness*** of *sins*. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 29 | - | I tell you, I will not drink from this *fruit* of the ***vine*** from now on *until* that day when I drink it *new* with you in my *Father's* *kingdom*." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 30 | - | When they had ***sung*** a ***hymn***, they went out to the Mount of Olives. |

### Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

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| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 31 | - | Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "'I will *strike* the *shepherd*, and the *sheep* of the ***flock*** will be ***scattered***.' |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 32 | - | But after I have *risen*, I will go *ahead* of you into Galilee." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 33 | - | Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 34 | - | "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 35 | - | But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same. |

### Gethsemane

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| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 36 | - | Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called ***Gethsemane***, and he said to them, "*Sit* here while I go over there and pray." |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 37 | - | He took Peter and the two sons of *Zebedee* *along* with him, and he began to be ***sorrowful*** and ***troubled***. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 38 | - | Then he said to them, "My *soul* is ***overwhelmed*** with ***sorrow*** to the *point* of death. *Stay* here and keep watch with me." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 39 | - | Going a little ***farther***, he *fell* with his face to the *ground* and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. *Yet* not as I will, but as you will." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 40 | - | Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "*Couldn't* you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 41 | - | "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into *temptation*. The *spirit* is willing, but the *flesh* is ***weak***." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 42 | - | He went away a *second* time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away *unless* I drink it, may your will be done." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 43 | - | When he came back, he again found them sleeping, *because* their *eyes* were ***heavy***. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 44 | - | So he left them and went away once more and prayed the *third* time, saying the same thing. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 45 | - | Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and ***resting***? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is *delivered* into the hands of *sinners*. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 46 | - | *Rise*! *Let* us go! Here *comes* my betrayer!" |

### Jesus Arrested

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| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 47 | - | While he was still *speaking*, Judas, one of the Twelve, *arrived*. With him was a large crowd ***armed*** with swords and clubs, *sent* from the chief priests and the elders of the people. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 48 | - | Now the betrayer had ***arranged*** a ***signal*** with them: "The one I ***kiss*** is the man; arrest him." |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 49 | - | Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "*Greetings*, Rabbi!" and ***kissed*** him. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 50 | - | Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, *friend*." Then the men *stepped* forward, *seized* Jesus and arrested him. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 51 | - | With that, one of Jesus' *companions* *reached* for his sword, ***drew*** it out and struck the servant of the high priest, ***cutting*** *off* his *ear*. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 52 | - | "Put your sword back in *its* place," Jesus said to him, "for all who ***draw*** the sword will die by the sword. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 53 | - | Do you think I *cannot* call on my Father, and he will at once put at my ***disposal*** more *than* twelve ***legions*** of *angels*? |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 54 | - | But *how* then would the *Scriptures* be fulfilled that say it *must* *happen* in this way?" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 55 | - | In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I ***leading*** a ***rebellion***, that you have come out with swords and clubs to ***capture*** me? *Every* day I sat in the temple *courts* *teaching*, and you did not arrest me. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 56 | - | But this has all taken place that the ***writings*** of the *prophets* *might* be fulfilled." Then all the disciples ***deserted*** him and ***fled***. |

### Jesus Before the Sanhedrin

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| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 57 | - | Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 58 | - | But Peter *followed* him at a *distance*, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He *entered* and sat down with the *guards* to see the ***outcome***. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 59 | - | The chief priests and the *whole* ***Sanhedrin*** were *looking* for false ***evidence*** against Jesus so that they could put him to death. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 60 | - | But they did not *find* any, *though* many false witnesses came forward. *Finally* two came forward |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 61 | - | and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and ***rebuild*** it in three days.'" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 62 | - | Then the high priest *stood* up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to *answer*? What is this *testimony* that these men are bringing against you?" |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 63 | - | But Jesus *remained* ***silent***. The high priest said to him, "I *charge* you *under* oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 64 | - | "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the ***Mighty*** One and *coming* on the ***clouds*** of heaven." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 65 | - | Then the high priest ***tore*** his *clothes* and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do *we* *need* any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 66 | - | What do you think?" "He is *worthy* of death," they answered. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 67 | - | Then they *spit* in his face and struck him with their ***fists***. *Others* ***slapped*** him |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 68 | - | and said, "*Prophesy* to us, Messiah. Who ***hit*** you?" |

### Peter Disowns Jesus

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| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 69 | - | Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 70 | - | But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what ***you're*** *talking* about," he said. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 71 | - | Then he went out to the ***gateway***, where *another* servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of *Nazareth*." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 72 | - | He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 73 | - | After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your ***accent*** *gives* you away." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 26 | : | 74 | - | Then he began to call down *curses*, and he ***swore*** to them, "I don't know the man!" *Immediately* a rooster ***crowed***. |
|  | Matthew | 26 | : | 75 | - | Then Peter ***remembered*** the *word* Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went *outside* and ***wept*** ***bitterly***. |

## Matthew 27

### Judas Hangs Himself

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| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 1 | - | Early in the *morning*, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their *plans* how to have Jesus executed. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 2 | - | So they *bound* him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 3 | - | When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was *condemned*, he was *seized* with ***remorse*** and *returned* the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 4 | - | "I have ***sinned***," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "***That's*** your responsibility." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 5 | - | So Judas *threw* the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and ***hanged*** himself. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 6 | - | The chief priests *picked* up the *coins* and said, "It is against the law to put this into the ***treasury***, *since* it is blood money." |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 7 | - | So they ***decided*** to *use* the money to buy the potter's field as a *burial* place for ***foreigners***. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 8 | - | That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 9 | - | Then what was *spoken* by *Jeremiah* the *prophet* was *fulfilled*: "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the *price* set on him by the people of Israel, |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 10 | - | and they *used* them to buy the potter's field, as the *Lord* *commanded* me." |

### Jesus Before Pilate

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| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 11 | - | ***Meanwhile*** Jesus *stood* *before* the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 12 | - | When he was ***accused*** by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no *answer*. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 13 | - | Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the *testimony* they are bringing against you?" |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 14 | - | But Jesus made no *reply*, *not* even to a *single* charge--to the great ***amazement*** of the governor. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 15 | - | Now it was the governor's ***custom*** at the *festival* to release a prisoner *chosen* by the crowd. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 16 | - | At that *time* they had a ***well-known*** prisoner *whose* name was Jesus Barabbas. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 17 | - | So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, *or* Jesus who is called the Messiah?" |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 18 | - | For he *knew* it was out of ***self-interest*** that they had handed Jesus over to him. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 19 | - | While Pilate was sitting on the ***judge's*** ***seat***, his *wife* *sent* him this *message*: "Don't have *anything* to do with that innocent man, for I have ***suffered*** a great ***deal*** *today* in a *dream* *because* of him." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 20 | - | But the chief priests and the elders ***persuaded*** the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 21 | - | "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 22 | - | "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 23 | - | "Why? What ***crime*** has he *committed*?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the *louder*, "Crucify him!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 24 | - | When Pilate saw that he was *getting* ***nowhere***, but that *instead* *an* ***uproar*** was ***starting***, he took *water* and ***washed*** his *hands* in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this *man's* blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 25 | - | All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on *our* *children*!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 26 | - | Then he ***released*** Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus *flogged*, and handed him over to be crucified. |

### The Soldiers Mock Jesus

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| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 27 | - | Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the ***Praetorium*** and gathered the *whole* ***company*** of soldiers *around* him. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 28 | - | They ***stripped*** him and put a ***scarlet*** robe on him, |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 29 | - | and then ***twisted*** *together* a ***crown*** of ***thorns*** and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right *hand*. Then they *knelt* in front of him and mocked him. "***Hail***, king of the Jews!" they said. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 30 | - | They *spit* on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 31 | - | After they had mocked him, they took *off* the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. |

### The Crucifixion of Jesus

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| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 32 | - | As they were going out, they *met* a man from ***Cyrene***, named *Simon*, and they ***forced*** him to *carry* the cross. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 33 | - | They came to a place called ***Golgotha*** (which means "the place of the ***skull***"). |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 34 | - | There they offered Jesus wine to drink, ***mixed*** with ***gall***; but after ***tasting*** it, he refused to drink it. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 35 | - | When they had crucified him, they *divided* up his clothes by *casting* ***lots***. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 36 | - | And sitting down, they *kept* *watch* over him there. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 37 | - | Above his head they placed the *written* charge against him: this is jesus, the king of the jews. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 38 | - | Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 39 | - | Those who ***passed*** by ***hurled*** insults at him, ***shaking*** their *heads* |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 40 | - | and *saying*, "You who are going to destroy the temple and *build* it in three days, save *yourself*! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 41 | - | In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 42 | - | "He *saved* *others*," they said, "but he ***can't*** save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will *believe* in him. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 43 | - | He ***trusts*** in God. Let God ***rescue*** him now if he *wants* him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 44 | - | In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him *also* ***heaped*** insults on him. |

### The Death of Jesus

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| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 45 | - | From *noon* until three in the afternoon *darkness* came over all the land. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 46 | - | About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli*, *Eli*, ***lema*** ***sabachthani***?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you ***forsaken*** me?"). |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 47 | - | When *some* of those standing there *heard* this, they said, "He's *calling* Elijah." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 48 | - | *Immediately* one of them *ran* and *got* a ***sponge***. He *filled* it with wine ***vinegar***, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 49 | - | The *rest* said, "Now *leave* him *alone*. *Let's* *see* if Elijah comes to save him." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 50 | - | And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his *spirit*. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 51 | - | At that *moment* the ***curtain*** of the temple was ***torn*** in two from ***top*** to ***bottom***. The *earth* *shook*, the ***rocks*** ***split*** |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 52 | - | and the tombs *broke* *open*. The ***bodies*** of many holy people who had *died* were raised to life. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 53 | - | They came out of the tombs after Jesus' *resurrection* and went into the holy city and *appeared* to many people. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 54 | - | When the *centurion* and those with him who were ***guarding*** Jesus saw the *earthquake* and all that had happened, they were *terrified*, and ***exclaimed***, "*Surely* he was the Son of God!" |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 55 | - | Many *women* were there, ***watching*** from a *distance*. They had *followed* Jesus from Galilee to *care* for his *needs*. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 56 | - | Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. |

### The Burial of Jesus

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| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 57 | - | As evening *approached*, there came a *rich* man from ***Arimathea***, named Joseph, who had himself *become* a *disciple* of Jesus. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 58 | - | Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate *ordered* that it be given to him. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 59 | - | Joseph took the body, ***wrapped*** it in a *clean* ***linen*** *cloth*, |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 60 | - | and placed it in his own *new* tomb that he had *cut* out of the *rock*. He *rolled* a ***big*** stone in front of the ***entrance*** to the tomb and went away. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 61 | - | Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there ***opposite*** the tomb. |

### The Guard at the Tomb

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| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 62 | - | The ***next*** day, the one after ***Preparation*** Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 63 | - | "*Sir*," they said, "we *remember* that while he was *still* ***alive*** that ***deceiver*** said, 'After three days I will *rise* again.' |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 64 | - | So give the *order* for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. ***Otherwise***, his *disciples* *may* come and *steal* the body and *tell* the people that he has been raised from the *dead*. This *last* ***deception*** will be *worse* than the first." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 27 | : | 65 | - | "*Take* a guard," Pilate answered. "*Go*, *make* the tomb as secure as you know how." |
|  | Matthew | 27 | : | 66 | - | So they went and made the tomb secure by ***putting*** a ***seal*** on the stone and ***posting*** the guard. |

## Matthew 28

### Jesus Has Risen

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| ¶ | Matthew | 28 | : | 1 | - | After the *Sabbath*, at *dawn* on the first day of the ***week***, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 28 | : | 2 | - | There was a *violent* *earthquake*, for an angel of the *Lord* came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, *rolled* *back* the stone and *sat* on it. |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 3 | - | His *appearance* was like ***lightning***, and his clothes were *white* as ***snow***. |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 4 | - | The guards were so afraid of him that they *shook* and *became* like dead *men*. |
| ¶ | Matthew | 28 | : | 5 | - | The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I *know* that you are *looking* for Jesus, who was *crucified*. |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 6 | - | He is not *here*; he has risen, *just* as he said. *Come* and see the place where he *lay*. |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 7 | - | Then go *quickly* and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going *ahead* of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' *Now* I have told you." |
| ¶ | Matthew | 28 | : | 8 | - | So the women ***hurried*** away from the tomb, afraid *yet* *filled* with ***joy***, and *ran* to tell his disciples. |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 9 | - | *Suddenly* Jesus met them. "*Greetings*," he said. They came to him, ***clasped*** his feet and worshiped him. |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 10 | - | Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell *my* *brothers* to go to Galilee; there they will see me." |

### The Guards' Report

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| ¶ | Matthew | 28 | : | 11 | - | While the women were on their *way*, some of the guards went into the city and *reported* to the chief priests everything that had happened. |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 12 | - | When the chief priests had met with the *elders* and ***devised*** a ***plan***, they *gave* the soldiers a *large* ***sum*** of money, |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 13 | - | telling them, "You are to *say*, 'His disciples came *during* the night and ***stole*** him away while we were *asleep*.' |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 14 | - | If this *report* ***gets*** to the *governor*, we will ***satisfy*** him and *keep* you out of *trouble*." |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 15 | - | So the soldiers took the money and did as they were *instructed*. And this ***story*** has been ***widely*** ***circulated*** *among* the *Jews* to this very day. |

### The Great Commission

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| ¶ | Matthew | 28 | : | 16 | - | Then the ***eleven*** disciples went to Galilee, to the *mountain* where Jesus had told them to go. |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 17 | - | When they saw him, they worshiped him; *but* some ***doubted***. |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 18 | - | Then Jesus came to them and said, "All *authority* in heaven and on *earth* has been given to me. |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 19 | - | *Therefore* go and *make* disciples of all *nations*, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, |
|  | Matthew | 28 | : | 20 | - | and *teaching* them to *obey* everything I have *commanded* you. And *surely* I *am* with you *always*, to the very *end* of the age." |