

## Week 7 – Chronological New Testament

### Concerning Divorce

**Matt. 19:1** When Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee and came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan; <sup>2</sup> and large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there.

**Matt. 19:3** Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, “Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any reason at all?” <sup>4</sup> And He answered and said, “**Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,** <sup>5</sup> and said, ‘**FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH**’? <sup>6</sup> “So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.” <sup>7</sup> They \*said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to **GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY**?” <sup>8</sup> He \*said to them, “**Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.** <sup>9</sup> “And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

**Matt. 19:10** The disciples \*said to Him, “If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry.” <sup>11</sup> But He said to them, “**Not all men *can* accept this statement, but *only* those to whom it has been given.** <sup>12</sup> “For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother’s womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are *also* eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept *this*, let him accept *it*.”

### Jesus Blesses Little Children

**Matt. 19:13** Then *some* children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, “**Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**” <sup>15</sup> After laying His hands on them, He departed from there.

### The Rich Young Ruler

**Matt. 19:16** And someone came to Him and said, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?” <sup>17</sup> And He said to him, “**Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is *only* One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.**” <sup>18</sup> Then he \*said to Him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “**YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS;** <sup>19</sup> **HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**” <sup>20</sup> The young man \*said to Him,

“All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be complete, go *and* sell your possessions and give to *the* poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” <sup>22</sup> But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

**Matt. 19:23** And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> “Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>26</sup> And looking at *them* Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

### *The Disciples' Reward*

**Matt. 19:27** Then Peter said to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?” <sup>28</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> “And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name’s sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> “But many *who are* first will be last; and *the* last, first.

### *Jesus' Teaching about Divorce*

**Mark 10:1** Getting up, He \*went from there to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan; crowds \*gathered around Him again, and, according to His custom, He once more *began* to teach them.

**Mark 10:2** *Some* Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and *began* to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife. <sup>3</sup> And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses permitted *a man* TO WRITE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY.” <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> “But from the beginning of creation, *God* MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. <sup>7</sup> “FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, <sup>8</sup> AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; so they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> “What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

**Mark 10:10** In the house the disciples *began* questioning Him about this again. <sup>11</sup> And He \*said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery.”

### *Jesus Blesses Little Children*

**Mark 10:13** And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, “**Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**” <sup>15</sup> “**Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.**” <sup>16</sup> And He took them in His arms and *began* blessing them, laying His hands on them.

### *The Rich Young Ruler*

**Mark 10:17** As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, “**Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.**” <sup>19</sup> “**You know the commandments, ‘DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’”**” <sup>20</sup> And he said to Him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up.” <sup>21</sup> Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, “**One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**” <sup>22</sup> But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

**Mark 10:23** And Jesus, looking around, \*said to His disciples, “**How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!**”” <sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus \*answered again and \*said to them, “**Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!**” <sup>25</sup> “**It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**”” <sup>26</sup> They were even more astonished and said to Him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Looking at them, Jesus \*said, “**With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.**”

**Mark 10:28** Peter began to say to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “**Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel’s sake,**” <sup>30</sup> but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> “**But many who are first will be last, and the last, first.**”

### *Jesus’ Sufferings Foretold*

**Mark 10:32** They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, <sup>33</sup> saying, “**Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes;**

and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup> “They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill *Him*, and three days later He will rise again.”

**Mark 10:35** James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, \*came up to Jesus, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.” <sup>36</sup> And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup> They said to Him, “Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on *Your* left, in Your glory.” <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup> They said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. <sup>40</sup> “But to sit on My right or on *My* left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

**Mark 10:41** Hearing *this*, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Calling them to Himself, Jesus \*said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> “But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

#### *Bartimaeus Receives His Sight*

**Mark 10:46** Then they \*came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar *named* Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him *here*.” So they \*called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.” <sup>50</sup> Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> And answering him, Jesus said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, *I want to* regain my sight!” <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him on the road.

#### *Laborers in the Vineyard*

**Matt. 20:1** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> “When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> “And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the market place; <sup>4</sup> and to those he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ And *so* they went. <sup>5</sup> “Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> “And about the eleventh *hour* he went out and found others standing *around*; and he \*said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day long?’ <sup>7</sup> “They \*said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He \*said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’

**Matt. 20:8** “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard \*said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last *group* to the first.’<sup>9</sup> “When those *hired* about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius.<sup>10</sup> “When those *hired* first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.<sup>11</sup> “When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner,<sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last men have worked *only* one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the scorching heat of the day.’<sup>13</sup> “But he answered and said to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’<sup>14</sup> ‘Take what is yours and go, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.’<sup>15</sup> ‘Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?’<sup>16</sup> “So the last shall be first, and the first last.”

#### *Death, Resurrection Foretold*

**Matt. 20:17** As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve *disciples* aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them,<sup>18</sup> “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death,<sup>19</sup> and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify *Him*, and on the third day He will be raised up.”

#### *Preferment Asked*

**Matt. 20:20** Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him.<sup>21</sup> And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She \*said to Him, “Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left.”<sup>22</sup> But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They \*said to Him, “We are able.”<sup>23</sup> He \*said to them, “My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.”

**Matt. 20:24** And hearing *this*, the ten became indignant with the two brothers.<sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and *their* great men exercise authority over them.<sup>26</sup> “It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant,<sup>27</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave;<sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

#### *Sight for the Blind*

**Matt. 20:29** As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him.<sup>30</sup> And two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of

David!” <sup>31</sup> The crowd sternly told them to be quiet, but they cried out all the more, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” <sup>32</sup> And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, “**What do you want Me to do for you?**” <sup>33</sup> They \*said to Him, “Lord, *we want* our eyes to be opened.” <sup>34</sup> Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

### *The Triumphal Entry*

**Matt. 21:1** When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “**Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied *there* and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me.** <sup>3</sup> “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and **immediately he will send them.**” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION,  
‘BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,  
GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,  
EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.’”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, <sup>7</sup> and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David;  
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;  
Hosanna in the highest!”

<sup>10</sup> When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> And the crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

### *Cleansing the Temple*

**Matt. 21:12** And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. <sup>13</sup> And He \*said to them, “**It is written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER’; but you are making it a ROBBERS’ DEN.**”

**Matt. 21:14** And *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became indignant <sup>16</sup> and said to Him, “Do You hear what these *children* are saying?” And Jesus \*said to them, “**Yes; have you never read, ‘OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF’?**” <sup>17</sup> And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

### *The Barren Fig Tree*

**Matt. 21:18** Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry. <sup>19</sup> Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He \*said to it, “No longer shall there ever be *any* fruit from you.” And at once the fig tree withered.

**Matt. 21:20** Seeing *this*, the disciples were amazed and asked, “How did the fig tree wither *all* at once?” <sup>21</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it will happen. <sup>22</sup> “And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

### *Authority Challenged*

**Matt. 21:23** When He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?” <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> “The baptism of John was from what *source*, from heaven or from men?” And they *began* reasoning among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup> “But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the people; for they all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup> And answering Jesus, they said, “We do not know.” He also said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

### *Parable of Two Sons*

**Matt. 21:28** “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in the vineyard.’ <sup>29</sup> “And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterward he regretted it and went. <sup>30</sup> “The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, ‘I *will*, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> “Which of the two did the will of his father?” They \*said, “The first.” Jesus \*said to them, “Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> “For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing *this*, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

### *Parable of the Landowner*

**Matt. 21:33** “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. <sup>34</sup> “When the



harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce. <sup>35</sup> “The vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup> “Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them. <sup>37</sup> “But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup> “But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> “They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> “Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?” <sup>41</sup> They \*said to Him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the *proper* seasons.”

**Matt. 21:42** Jesus \*said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures,  
‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,  
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*;  
THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,  
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’?”

<sup>43</sup> “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. <sup>44</sup> “And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

**Matt. 21:45** When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet.

**Luke 18:15** And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they *began* rebuking them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called for them, saying, “Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup> “Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*.”

### *The Rich Young Ruler*

**Luke 18:18** A ruler questioned Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>20</sup> “You know the commandments, ‘DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’” <sup>21</sup> And he said, “All these things I have kept from *my* youth.” <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard *this*, He said to him, “One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” <sup>23</sup> But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. <sup>24</sup> And Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> “For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>



They who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> But He said, “The things that are impossible with people are possible with God.”

**Luke 18:28** Peter said, “Behold, we have left our own *homes* and followed You.” <sup>29</sup> And He said to them, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive many times as much at this time and in the age to come, eternal life.”

**Luke 18:31** Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> “For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, <sup>33</sup> and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again.” <sup>34</sup> But the disciples understood none of these things, and *the meaning of* this statement was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said.

#### *Bartimaeus Receives Sight*

**Luke 18:35** As Jesus was approaching Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging. <sup>36</sup> Now hearing a crowd going by, he *began* to inquire what this was. <sup>37</sup> They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. <sup>38</sup> And he called out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup> Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup> And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he came near, He questioned him, <sup>41</sup> “What do you want Me to do for you?” And he said, “Lord, *I want to regain my sight!*” <sup>42</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” <sup>43</sup> Immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.

#### *Zaccheus Converted*

**Luke 19:1** He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. <sup>3</sup> Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” <sup>6</sup> And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. <sup>7</sup> When they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup> Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.” <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

### *Parable of Money Usage*

**Luke 19:11** While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately. <sup>12</sup> So He said, “A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and *then* return. <sup>13</sup> “And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, ‘Do business *with this* until I come *back*.’ <sup>14</sup> “But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ <sup>15</sup> “When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done. <sup>16</sup> “The first appeared, saying, ‘Master, your mina has made ten minas more.’ <sup>17</sup> “And he said to him, ‘Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.’ <sup>18</sup> “The second came, saying, ‘Your mina, master, has made five minas.’ <sup>19</sup> “And he said to him also, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ <sup>20</sup> “Another came, saying, ‘Master, here is your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief; <sup>21</sup> for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow.’ <sup>22</sup> “He *\*said* to him, ‘By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow?’ <sup>23</sup> “Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?’ <sup>24</sup> “Then he said to the bystanders, ‘Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ <sup>25</sup> “And they said to him, ‘Master, he has ten minas *already*.’ <sup>26</sup> “I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. <sup>27</sup> “But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence.”

### *Triumphal Entry*

**Luke 19:28** After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

**Luke 19:29** When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of *you*; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it *here*. <sup>31</sup> “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus *on it*. <sup>36</sup> As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road. <sup>37</sup> As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen,

<sup>38</sup> shouting:

“BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” <sup>40</sup> But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!”

**Luke 19:41** When He approached *Jerusalem*, He saw the city and wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> “For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, <sup>44</sup> and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”

#### *Traders Driven from the Temple*

**Luke 19:45** Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling, <sup>46</sup> saying to them, “It is written, ‘AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,’ but you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.”

**Luke 19:47** And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him, <sup>48</sup> and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.

#### *The Triumphal Entry*

**Mark 11:1** As they \*approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He \*sent two of His disciples, <sup>2</sup> and \*said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied *there*, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it *here*. <sup>3</sup> “If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ you say, ‘The Lord has need of it’; and immediately he will send it back *here*.” <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they \*untied it. <sup>5</sup> Some of the bystanders were saying to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> They spoke to them just as Jesus had told *them*, and they gave them permission. <sup>7</sup> They \*brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their coats in the road, and others *spread* leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting:

“Hosanna!

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

<sup>10</sup> Blessed *is* the coming kingdom of our father David;  
Hosanna in the highest!”

**Mark 11:11** Jesus entered Jerusalem *and came* into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

**Mark 11:12** On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry. <sup>13</sup> Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went *to see* if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He

came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup> He said to it, “**May no one ever eat fruit from you again!**” And His disciples were listening.

### *Jesus Drives Money Changers from the Temple*

**Mark 11:15** Then they \*came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; <sup>16</sup> and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. <sup>17</sup> And He *began* to teach and say to them, “**Is it not written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS’? But you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.**” <sup>18</sup> The chief priests and the scribes heard *this*, and *began* seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.

**Mark 11:19** When evening came, they would go out of the city.

**Mark 11:20** As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots *up*. <sup>21</sup> Being reminded, Peter \*said to Him, “Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered.” <sup>22</sup> And Jesus \*answered saying to them, “**Have faith in God.**” <sup>23</sup> “**Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be *granted* him.**” <sup>24</sup> “**Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be *granted* you.**” <sup>25</sup> “**Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.**” <sup>26</sup> [“**But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.**”]

### *Jesus’ Authority Questioned*

**Mark 11:27** They \*came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders \*came to Him, <sup>28</sup> and *began* saying to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?” <sup>29</sup> And Jesus said to them, “**I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and *then* I will tell you by what authority I do these things.**” <sup>30</sup> “**Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me.**” <sup>31</sup> They *began* reasoning among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’” <sup>32</sup> “But shall we say, ‘From men?’” — they were afraid of the people, for everyone considered John to have been a real prophet. <sup>33</sup> Answering Jesus, they \*said, “We do not know.” And Jesus \*said to them, “**Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things.**”

### *Mary Anoints Jesus*

**John 12:1** Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him. <sup>3</sup> Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, \*said, <sup>5</sup> “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?” <sup>6</sup> Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it. <sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said, “*Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial.*” <sup>8</sup> “*For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.*”

**John 12:9** The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also; <sup>11</sup> because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

#### *Jesus Enters Jerusalem*

**John 12:12** On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and *began* to shout, “Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.” <sup>14</sup> Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, <sup>15</sup> “FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY’S COLT.” <sup>16</sup> These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him. <sup>17</sup> So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify *about Him*. <sup>18</sup> For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him.”

#### *Greeks Seek Jesus*

**John 12:20** Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; <sup>21</sup> these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and *began to* ask him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip \*came and \*told Andrew; Andrew and Philip \*came and \*told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus \*answered them, saying, “*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*” <sup>24</sup> “*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*” <sup>25</sup> “*He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.*” <sup>26</sup> “*If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.*”

## *Jesus Foretells His Death*

**John 12:27** “Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.”<sup>28</sup> “Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”<sup>29</sup> So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, “An angel has spoken to Him.”<sup>30</sup> Jesus answered and said, “This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.”<sup>31</sup> “Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”<sup>32</sup> “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”<sup>33</sup> But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.<sup>34</sup> The crowd then answered Him, “We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”<sup>35</sup> So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.”<sup>36</sup> “While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.”

These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.<sup>37</sup> But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him.<sup>38</sup> This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: “LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?”<sup>39</sup> For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again,<sup>40</sup> “HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM.”<sup>41</sup> These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him.<sup>42</sup> Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;<sup>43</sup> for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

**John 12:44** And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me.”<sup>45</sup> “He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.”<sup>46</sup> “I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.”<sup>47</sup> “If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.”<sup>48</sup> “He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.”<sup>49</sup> “For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.”<sup>50</sup> “I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

## *Parable of the Marriage Feast*



**Matt. 22:1** Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. <sup>3</sup> “And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come. <sup>4</sup> “Again he sent out other slaves saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are *all* butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.’” <sup>5</sup> “But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> “But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire. <sup>8</sup> “Then he *said* to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> ‘Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find *there*, invite to the wedding feast.’ <sup>10</sup> “Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.

**Matt. 22:11** “But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, <sup>12</sup> and he *said* to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?’ And the man was speechless. <sup>13</sup> “Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> “For many are called, but few *are* chosen.”

#### *Tribute to Caesar*

**Matt. 22:15** Then the Pharisees went and plotted together how they might trap Him in what He said. <sup>16</sup> And they *said* to their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any. <sup>17</sup> “Tell us then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup> But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, “*Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites?* <sup>19</sup> “*Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax.*” And they brought Him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And He *said* to them, “*Whose likeness and inscription is this?*” <sup>21</sup> They *said* to Him, “Caesar’s.” Then He *said* to them, “*Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s.*” <sup>22</sup> And hearing *this*, they were amazed, and leaving Him, they went away.

#### *Jesus Answers the Sadducees*

**Matt. 22:23** On that day *some* Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Jesus and questioned Him, <sup>24</sup> asking, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘IF A MAN DIES HAVING NO CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER AS NEXT OF KIN SHALL MARRY HIS WIFE, AND RAISE UP CHILDREN FOR HIS BROTHER.’” <sup>25</sup> “Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother; <sup>26</sup> so also the second, and the third, down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> “Last of all, the woman died. <sup>28</sup> “In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had *married* her.”



**Matt. 22:29** But Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God. <sup>30</sup> “For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> “But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God: <sup>32</sup> ‘I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.” <sup>33</sup> When the crowds heard *this*, they were astonished at His teaching.

**Matt. 22:34** But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. <sup>35</sup> One of them, a lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him, <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> And He said to him, “**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.**” <sup>38</sup> “This is the great and foremost commandment. <sup>39</sup> “The second is like it, ‘**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**’” <sup>40</sup> “On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

**Matt. 22:41** Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: <sup>42</sup> “What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?” They \*said to Him, “*The son of David.*” <sup>43</sup> He \*said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying,  
<sup>44</sup> ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,  
“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,  
UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET”’?”  
<sup>45</sup> “If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his son?” <sup>46</sup> No one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

### *Parable of the Vine-growers*

**Mark 12:1** And He began to speak to them in parables: “A man **PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS AND BUILT A TOWER**, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. <sup>2</sup> “At the *harvest* time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive *some* of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers. <sup>3</sup> “They took him, and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup> “Again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully. <sup>5</sup> “And he sent another, and that one they killed; and *so with* many others, beating some and killing others. <sup>6</sup> “He had one more *to send*, a beloved son; he sent him last *of all* to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’” <sup>7</sup> “But those vine-growers said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!’” <sup>8</sup> “They took him, and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup> “What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup> “Have you not even read this Scripture:

‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,  
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*;  
<sup>11</sup> THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,

## AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?"

**Mark 12:12** And they were seeking to seize Him, and yet they feared the people, for they understood that He spoke the parable against them. And so they left Him and went away.

*Jesus Answers the Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes*

**Mark 12:13** Then they \*sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Him in order to trap Him in a statement. <sup>14</sup> They \*came and \*said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?" <sup>15</sup> "Shall we pay or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you testing Me? Bring Me a denarius to look at." <sup>16</sup> They brought one. And He \*said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" And they said to Him, "Caesar's." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at Him.

**Mark 12:18** Some Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) \*came to Jesus, and began questioning Him, saying, <sup>19</sup> "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that IF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES and leaves behind a wife AND LEAVES NO CHILD, HIS BROTHER SHOULD MARRY THE WIFE AND RAISE UP CHILDREN TO HIS BROTHER. <sup>20</sup> "There were seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and died leaving no children. <sup>21</sup> "The second one married her, and died leaving behind no children; and the third likewise; <sup>22</sup> and so all seven left no children. Last of all the woman died also. <sup>23</sup> "In the resurrection, when they rise again, which one's wife will she be? For all seven had married her." <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God? <sup>25</sup> "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> "But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? <sup>27</sup> "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken."

**Mark 12:28** One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; <sup>30</sup> AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' <sup>31</sup> "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM; <sup>33</sup> AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered

intelligently, He said to him, “**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**” After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

**Mark 12:35** And Jesus *began* to say, as He taught in the temple, “**How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?**” <sup>36</sup> “David himself said in the Holy Spirit,

‘**THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,**

“**SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,**

**UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET.**”

<sup>37</sup> “David himself calls Him ‘Lord’; so in what sense is He his son?” And the large crowd enjoyed listening to Him.

**Mark 12:38** In His teaching He was saying: “Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and *like* respectful greetings in the market places, <sup>39</sup> and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets, <sup>40</sup> who devour widows’ houses, and for appearance’s sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation.”

#### *The Widow’s Mite*

**Mark 12:41** And He sat down opposite the treasury, and *began* observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. <sup>43</sup> Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, “**Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury;** <sup>44</sup> **for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on.**”