

Week 8 – Chronological New Testament

Pharisaism Exposed

Matt. 23:1 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples, ² saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; ³ therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say *things* and do not do *them*. ⁴ “They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with *so much as* a finger. ⁵ “But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels *of their garments*. ⁶ “They love the place of honor at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues, ⁷ and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men. ⁸ “But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹ “Do not call *anyone* on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. ¹⁰ “Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, *that is*, Christ. ¹¹ “But the greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² “Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

Eight Woes

Matt. 23:13 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. ¹⁴ [“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you will receive greater condemnation.]

Matt. 23:15 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel around on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

Matt. 23:16 “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, *that is* nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple is obligated.’ ¹⁷ “You fools and blind men! Which is more important, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold? ¹⁸ “And, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, *that is* nothing, but whoever swears by the offering on it, he is obligated.’ ¹⁹ “You blind men, which is more important, the offering, or the altar that sanctifies the offering? ²⁰ “Therefore, whoever swears by the altar, swears *both* by the altar and by everything on it. ²¹ “And whoever swears by the temple, swears *both* by the temple and by Him who dwells within it. ²² “And whoever swears by heaven, swears *both* by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it.

Matt. 23:23 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and

faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. ²⁴ “You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

Matt. 23:25 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. ²⁶ “You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

Matt. 23:27 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ “So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matt. 23:29 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰ and say, ‘If we had been *living* in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in *shedding* the blood of the prophets.’ ³¹ “So you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. ³² “Fill up, then, the measure *of the guilt* of your fathers. ³³ “You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?

Matt. 23:34 “Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, ³⁵ so that upon you may fall *the guilt of* all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. ³⁶ “Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Lament over Jerusalem

Matt. 23:37 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. ³⁸ “Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! ³⁹ “For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”

Jesus’ Authority Questioned

Luke 20:1 On one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted *Him*, ² and they spoke, saying to Him, “Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?” ³ Jesus answered and said to them, “**I will also ask you a question, and you tell Me:** ⁴ “Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?” ⁵ They reasoned among

themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’”⁶ “But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.”⁷ So they answered that they did not know where *it came* from.⁸ And Jesus said to them, “Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

Parable of the Vine-growers

Luke 20:9 And He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time.¹⁰ “At the *harvest* time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, so that they would give him *some* of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.¹¹ “And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed.¹² “And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out.¹³ “The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’¹⁴ “But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.’¹⁵ “So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them?¹⁶ “He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others.” When they heard it, they said, “May it never be!”

¹⁷ But Jesus looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*’?

¹⁸ “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

Tribute to Caesar

Luke 20:19 The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.²⁰ So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, in order that they might catch Him in some statement, so that they *could* deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor.²¹ They questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, we know that You speak and teach correctly, and You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth.²² “Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”²³ But He detected their trickery and said to them,²⁴ “Show Me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?” They said, “Caesar’s.”²⁵ And He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”²⁶ And they were unable to catch Him in a saying in the presence of the people; and being amazed at His answer, they became silent.

Is There a Resurrection?

Luke 20:27 Now there came to Him some of the Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection), ²⁸ and they questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that IF A MAN’S BROTHER DIES, having a wife, AND HE IS CHILDLESS, HIS BROTHER SHOULD MARRY THE WIFE AND RAISE UP CHILDREN TO HIS BROTHER. ²⁹ “Now there were seven brothers; and the first took a wife and died childless; ³⁰ and the second ³¹ and the third married her; and in the same way all seven died, leaving no children. ³² “Finally the woman died also. ³³ “In the resurrection therefore, which one’s wife will she be? For all seven had married her.”

Luke 20:34 Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; ³⁶ for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ “But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the *passage about the burning bush*, where he calls the Lord THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB. ³⁸ “Now He is not the God of the dead but of the living; for all live to Him.” ³⁹ Some of the scribes answered and said, “Teacher, You have spoken well.” ⁴⁰ For they did not have courage to question Him any longer about anything.

Luke 20:41 Then He said to them, “How *is it that* they say the Christ is David’s son? ⁴² “For David himself says in the book of Psalms,
“THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,
“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
⁴³ UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.”

Luke 20:44 “Therefore David calls Him ‘Lord,’ and how is He his son?”

Luke 20:45 And while all the people were listening, He said to the disciples, ⁴⁶ “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love respectful greetings in the market places, and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets, ⁴⁷ who devour widows’ houses, and for appearance’s sake offer long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”

The Widow’s Gift

Luke 21:1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. ² And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins. ³ And He said, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all *of them*; ⁴ for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on.”

Luke 21:5 And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, ⁶ “*As for* these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down.”

Luke 21:7 They questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what *will be* the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸ And He said, “*See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not go after them.*” ⁹ “When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end *does not follow* immediately.”

Things to Come

Luke 21:10 Then He continued by saying to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, ¹¹ and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

Luke 21:12 “But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name’s sake. ¹³ “It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. ¹⁴ “So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; ¹⁵ for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. ¹⁶ “But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put *some* of you to death, ¹⁷ and you will be hated by all because of My name. ¹⁸ “Yet not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ “By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Luke 21:20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. ²¹ “Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; ²² because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. ²³ “Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; ²⁴ and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The Return of Christ

Luke 21:25 “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ “Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory. ²⁸ “But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Luke 21:29 Then He told them a parable: “Behold the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they put forth *leaves*, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ “So you

also, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near. ³² “Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place. ³³ “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Luke 21:34 “Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap; ³⁵ for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth. ³⁶ “But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Luke 21:37 Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but at evening He would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet. ³⁸ And all the people would get up early in the morning *to come* to Him in the temple to listen to Him.

Things to Come

Mark 13:1 As He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples *said to Him, “Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ² And Jesus said to him, “**Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another which will not be torn down.**”

Mark 13:3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things be, and what *will be* the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?” ⁵ And Jesus began to say to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. ⁶ “Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am *He!*’ and will mislead many. ⁷ “When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; *those things* must take place; but *that is* not yet the end. ⁸ “For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will *also* be famines. These things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

Mark 13:9 “But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to *the* courts, and you will be flogged in *the* synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. ¹⁰ “The gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹ “When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Holy Spirit. ¹² “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. ¹³ “You will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

Mark 13:14 “But when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ “The one who is on the housetop must not go down, or go in to get anything out of his house; ¹⁶ and the one who is in the field must not turn back to get his coat. ¹⁷ “But woe to those who are

pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ¹⁸ “But pray that it may not happen in the winter. ¹⁹ “For those days will be a *time of tribulation* such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will. ²⁰ “Unless the Lord had shortened *those* days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days. ²¹ “And then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ’; or, ‘Behold, *He is there*’; do not believe *him*; ²² for false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if possible, the elect. ²³ “But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.

The Return of Christ

Mark 13:24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, ²⁵ AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ “Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory. ²⁷ “And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.

Mark 13:28 “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ “Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door. ³⁰ “Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. ³² “But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father *alone*.

Mark 13:33 “Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the *appointed* time will come. ³⁴ “*It is* like a man away on a journey, *who* upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, *assigning* to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert. ³⁵ “Therefore, be on the alert — for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — ³⁶ in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ “What I say to you I say to all, ‘Be on the alert!’”

Signs of Christ’s Return

Matt. 24:1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. ² And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.”

Matt. 24:3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

Matt. 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. ⁵ “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many. ⁶ “You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end. ⁷ “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. ⁸ “But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

Matt. 24:9 “Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. ¹⁰ “At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ “Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. ¹² “Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. ¹³ “But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. ¹⁴ “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Perilous Times

Matt. 24:15 “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ “Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. ¹⁸ “Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. ¹⁹ “But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ “But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. ²¹ “For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. ²² “Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or ‘There *He is*,’ do not believe *him*. ²⁴ “For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ “Behold, I have told you in advance. ²⁶ “So if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, *or*, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe *them*. ²⁷ “For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. ²⁸ “Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

The Glorious Return

Matt. 24:29 “But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ “And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. ³¹ “And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Parable of the Fig Tree

Matt. 24:32 “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; ³³ so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door. ³⁴ “Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Matt. 24:36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. ³⁷ “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. ³⁸ “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ “Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ “Two women *will be* grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

Be Ready for His Coming

Matt. 24:42 “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ “For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.

Matt. 24:45 “Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ “Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷ “Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁸ “But if that evil slave says in his heart, ‘My master is not coming for a long time,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards; ⁵⁰ the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour which he does not know, ⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Parable of Ten Virgins

Matt. 25:1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² “Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. ³ “For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. ⁵ “Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and *began* to sleep. ⁶ “But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him*.’ ⁷ “Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ “The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ “But the prudent answered,

‘No, there will not be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ “And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. ¹¹ “Later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’ ¹² “But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ “Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

Parable of the Talents

Matt. 25:14 “For *it is* just like a man *about* to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. ¹⁵ “To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. ¹⁶ “Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. ¹⁷ “In the same manner the one who *had received* the two *talents* gained two more. ¹⁸ “But he who received the one *talent* went away, and dug *a hole* in the ground and hid his master’s money.

Matt. 25:19 “Now after a long time the master of those slaves **came and *settled accounts with them.* ²⁰ “The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’ ²¹ “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

Matt. 25:22 “Also the one who *had received* the two talents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.’ ²³ “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

Matt. 25:24 “And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no *seed.* ²⁵ ‘And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’

Matt. 25:26 “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no *seed.* ²⁷ ‘Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my *money* back with interest. ²⁸ ‘Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’

Matt. 25:29 “For to everyone who has, *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. ³⁰ “Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Judgment

Matt. 25:31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² “All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; ³³ and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

Matt. 25:34 “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ ‘For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; ³⁶ naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink? ³⁸ ‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ ‘When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least of *them*, you did it to Me.’

Matt. 25:41 “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry, and you gave Me *nothing* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’ ⁴⁴ “Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’ ⁴⁵ “Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ ⁴⁶ “These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Plot to Kill Jesus

Matt. 26:1 When Jesus had finished all these words, He said to His disciples, ² “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is *to be* handed over for crucifixion.”

Matt. 26:3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas; ⁴ and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth and kill Him. ⁵ But they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise a riot might occur among the people.”

The Precious Ointment

Matt. 26:6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume, and she poured it on His head as He reclined *at the table*. ⁸ But the disciples were indignant when they saw *this*, and said, “Why this

waste? ⁹ “For this *perfume* might have been sold for a high price and *the money* given to the poor.” ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me. ¹¹ “For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me. ¹² “For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial. ¹³ “Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”

Judas's Bargain

Matt. 26:14 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, “What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?” And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. ¹⁶ From then on he *began* looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.

Matt. 26:17 Now on the first *day* of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸ And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is near; I *am to keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.*”’” ¹⁹ The disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

The Last Passover

Matt. 26:20 Now when evening came, Jesus was reclining *at the table* with the twelve disciples. ²¹ As they were eating, He said, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me.” ²² Being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, “Surely not I, Lord?” ²³ And He answered, “He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me. ²⁴ “The Son of Man *is to go*, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵ And Judas, who was betraying Him, said, “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” Jesus *said* to him, “You have said *it yourself.*”

The Lord's Supper Instituted

Matt. 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” ²⁷ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ “But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.”

Matt. 26:30 After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Matt. 26:31 Then Jesus *said* to them, “You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, ‘I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK

SHALL BE SCATTERED.’³² “But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”³³ But Peter said to Him, “*Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.*”³⁴ Jesus said to him, “*Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.*”³⁵ Peter *said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.” All the disciples said the same thing too.

The Garden of Gethsemane

Matt. 26:36 Then Jesus *came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and *said to His disciples, “*Sit here while I go over there and pray.*”³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.³⁸ Then He *said to them, “*My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.*”

Matt. 26:39 And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “*My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.*”⁴⁰ And He *came to the disciples and *found them sleeping, and *said to Peter, “*So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour?*”⁴¹ “*Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.*”

Matt. 26:42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “*My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.*”⁴³ Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.⁴⁴ And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.⁴⁵ Then He *came to the disciples and *said to them, “*Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.*”⁴⁶ “*Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!*”

Jesus’ Betrayal and Arrest

Matt. 26:47 While He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, *who came* from the chief priests and elders of the people.⁴⁸ Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him.”⁴⁹ Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.⁵⁰ And Jesus said to him, “*Friend, do what you have come for.*” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

Matt. 26:51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear.⁵² Then Jesus *said to him, “*Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword.*”⁵³ “*Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?*”⁵⁴ “*How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?*”

Matt. 26:55 At that time Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as *you would* against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me. ⁵⁶ “But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.” Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

Jesus before Caiaphas

Matt. 26:57 Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. ⁵⁸ But Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to see the outcome.

Matt. 26:59 Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. ⁶⁰ They did not find *any*, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, ⁶¹ and said, “This man stated, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.’” ⁶² The high priest stood up and said to Him, “Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?” ⁶³ But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, “I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴ Jesus *said to him, “**You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.**”

Matt. 26:65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; ⁶⁶ what do you think?” They answered, “He deserves death!”

Matt. 26:67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, ⁶⁸ and said, “Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?”

Peter’s Denials

Matt. 26:69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him and said, “You too were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied *it* before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” ⁷¹ When he had gone out to the gateway, another *servant-girl* saw him and *said to those who were there, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² And again he denied *it* with an oath, “I do not know the man.” ⁷³ A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Surely you too are *one* of them; for even the way you talk gives you away.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not know the man!” And immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, “**Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.**” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Death Plot and Anointing

Mark 14:1 Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread were two days away; and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to seize Him by stealth and kill *Him*; ² for they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise there might be a riot of the people.”

Mark 14:3 While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining *at the table*, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; *and* she broke the vial and poured it over His head. ⁴ But some were indignantly *remarking* to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? ⁵ “For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and *the money* given to the poor.” And they were scolding her. ⁶ But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me. ⁷ “For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me. ⁸ “She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. ⁹ “Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”

Mark 14:10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them. ¹¹ They were glad when they heard *this*, and promised to give him money. And he *began* seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.

The Last Passover

Mark 14:12 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover *lamb* was being sacrificed, His disciples **said* to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?” ¹³ And He **sent* two of His disciples and **said* to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him; ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’” ¹⁵ “And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished *and ready; prepare for us there.*” ¹⁶ The disciples went out and came to the city, and found *it* just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

Mark 14:17 When it was evening He **came* with the twelve. ¹⁸ As they were reclining *at the table* and eating, Jesus said, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me — one who is eating with Me.” ¹⁹ They began to be grieved and to say to Him one by one, “Surely not I?” ²⁰ And He said to them, “*It is one of the twelve, one who dips with Me in the bowl.*” ²¹ “For the Son of Man *is to go* just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! *It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.*”

The Lord's Supper

Mark 14:22 While they were eating, He took *some* bread, and after a blessing He broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, and said, “Take *it*; this is My body.” ²³ And when He had taken a cup *and* given

thanks, He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And He said to them, “**This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.**” ²⁵ “**Truly I say to you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.**”

Mark 14:26 After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Mark 14:27 And Jesus *said to them, “**You will all fall away, because it is written, ‘I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED.’**” ²⁸ “**But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.**” ²⁹ But Peter said to Him, “*Even though all may fall away, yet I will not.*” ³⁰ And Jesus *said to him, “**Truly I say to you, that this very night, before a rooster crows twice, you yourself will deny Me three times.**” ³¹ But *Peter* kept saying insistently, “*Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!*” And they all were saying the same thing also.

Jesus in Gethsemane

Mark 14:32 They *came to a place named Gethsemane; and He *said to His disciples, “**Sit here until I have prayed.**” ³³ And He *took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And He *said to them, “**My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.**” ³⁵ And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell to the ground and *began* to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. ³⁶ And He was saying, “**Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.**” ³⁷ And He *came and *found them sleeping, and *said to Peter, “**Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?**” ³⁸ “**Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.**” ³⁹ Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. ⁴¹ And He *came the third time, and *said to them, “**Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.**” ⁴² “**Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!**”

Betrayal and Arrest

Mark 14:43 Immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, *came up accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, *who were* from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, “**Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him and lead Him away under guard.**” ⁴⁵ After coming, Judas immediately went to Him, saying, “**Rabbi!**” and kissed Him. ⁴⁶ They laid hands on Him and seized Him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, “**Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as *you would* against a robber?**” ⁴⁹ “**Every day I was with you in the temple teaching,**

and you did not seize Me; but *this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures.*”⁵⁰ And they all left Him and fled.

Mark 14:51 A young man was following Him, wearing *nothing but* a linen sheet over *his* naked *body*; and they *seized him.⁵² But he pulled free of the linen sheet and escaped naked.

Jesus before His Accusers

Mark 14:53 They led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes *gathered together.⁵⁴ Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers and warming himself at the fire.⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, and they were not finding any.⁵⁶ For many were giving false testimony against Him, but their testimony was not consistent.⁵⁷ Some stood up and *began* to give false testimony against Him, saying,⁵⁸ “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’”⁵⁹ Not even in this respect was their testimony consistent.⁶⁰ The high priest stood up *and came* forward and questioned Jesus, saying, “Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?”⁶¹ But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed *One*?”⁶² And Jesus said, “**I am; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.**”⁶³ Tearing his clothes, the high priest *said, “What further need do we have of witnesses?”⁶⁴ “You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?” And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.⁶⁵ Some began to spit at Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, and to say to Him, “Prophecy!” And the officers received Him with slaps *in the face*.

Peter’s Denials

Mark 14:66 As Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest *came,⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and *said, “You also were with Jesus the Nazarene.”⁶⁸ But he denied *it*, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are talking about.” And he went out onto the porch.⁶⁹ The servant-girl saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, “This is *one* of them!”⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, “Surely you are *one* of them, for you are a Galilean too.”⁷¹ But he began to curse and swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about!”⁷² Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, “**Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.**” And he began to weep.