

JESUS: ACCORDING TO LUKE

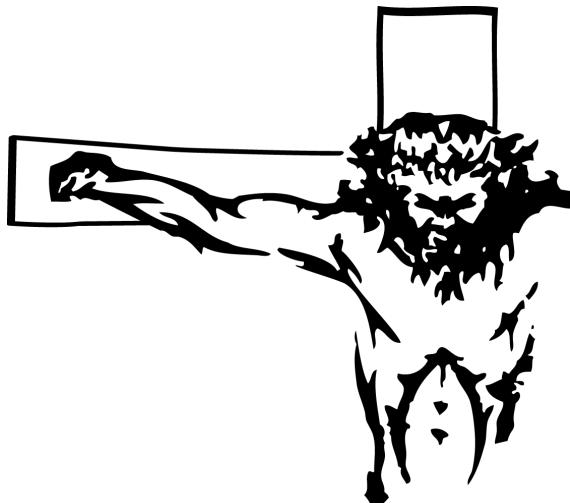
"GLUTTON, DRUNKARD, FRIEND OF SINNERS."

THE SCRIPT

The script comes directly from Luke's Gospel and is an abridged version of what Luke wrote from beginning to end. It has been carefully put together to give a coherent whole. It captures the distinctives of Luke's account whilst still containing the classic stories paralleled in the other Gospels. Care was taken to ensure that the multi-dimensional nature of Luke's presentation of Jesus was preserved.

The text is based on the World English Bible and adapted in consultation with the original Greek.

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1:1 Since many have undertaken to put together
2 an account of the things which have been fulfilled among us,
just as they were passed on to us by those who
from the beginning were eyewitnesses
3 and servants of the message;
it seemed good to me also,
having investigated everything carefully from the beginning,
to write in an orderly way to you, Most Excellent Theophilus;
so that you might know the certainty of the message you were taught.

5 In the days of Herod, the king of Judea,
there was a certain priest named Zechariah, of the priestly division of Abijah.
He had a wife named Elizabeth, who was descended from Aaron.
6 They were both righteous before God,
walking in all the commandments and laws of the Lord blamelessly.
7 But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren,
and they both were well well along in years.

8 Now it happened, while he serving as priest before God, in his division,
9 According to the custom of the priesthood,
he was chosen by lot to enter into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.
10 The whole crowd of the people were praying outside at the hour of the incense offering.
11 And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.
12 Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and he was gripped with fear.
13 But the angel said to him,
"Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer's been heard,
and your wife, Elizabeth, will bear you a son, and you shall call his name 'John'.
14 He will be a joy and a delight to you; and many will rejoice at his birth.
15 Because he will be great in the sight of the Lord,
and he will drink no wine or other fermented drink.
16 He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.
17 He will turn many of the people of Israel back to the Lord, their God.
He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah,
'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,'
and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous;
to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

18 Zechariah said to the angel,
"How can I be sure of this?
Because I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."

19 The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God.
And I was sent to speak to you, and to announce this good news.
20 Now, you will be silent and not able to speak,
until the day that these things will happen,
because you didn't believe my words, which will come true in their proper time."

21 The people were waiting for Zechariah, and they wonder why he was delayed in the temple.
22 When he came out, he could not speak to them,
and they realised that he must have seen a vision in the temple
and he kept making signs to them, and remained unable to speak.
23 It happened, when the days of his service were fulfilled, he went home.
24 After these days Elizabeth, his wife, became pregnant,
and she hid herself five months, saying,
25 "The Lord has done this for me in these days when he has looked on me in kindness,
to take away my disgrace among the people."

26 Now in the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph,
of the house of David.
28 The virgin's name was Mary.
Having come in, the angel said to her,
"Greetings, O highly favored one! The Lord is with you."
29 But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at these words,
and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.
30 The angel said to her,
"Don't be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with God.
31 Now, you will be with child,
and give birth to a son,
and will call his name 'Jesus.'
32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High.
The Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David,
33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever.
There will be no end to his Kingdom."

34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, seeing I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered her,
"The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
Therefore also the holy one who is born from you will be called the Son of God.
36 Behold, Elizabeth, your relative, also has conceived a son in her old age;
she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.
37 Because nothing is impossible with God's words."

38 Mary said, "Behold, I am the Lord's servant; may it be to me according to your word."
Then the angel left from her.

2:1 Now it happened in those days,
2 Ceasar Augustus issued a decree that a census be taken of the entire Roman world.
3 This was the first census made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
4 Everyone went to their own city to register themselves.
5 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea,
6 to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,
7 because he was of the house and family of David;
8 to register himself with Mary,
9 who was pledged to be married to him as wife, and who was pregnant.
10 It happened, while they were there, that the day had come that she should give birth.
11 She gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him in strips of cloth,
12 and laid him in a feeding trough, because there was no room for them in the inn.
13 There were shepherds in the same country staying in the field,
14 and keeping watch by night over their flock.
15 Behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them,
16 and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.
17 The angel said to them,
18 "Don't be afraid, because,
19 I announce to you good news of great joy which will be to all the people.
20 Because there is born to you, this day, in the city of David,
21 a Savior, who is the Messiah the Lord.
22 This is the sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in of cloth,
23 and lying in a trough."
24 Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army praising God,
25 and saying,
26 "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace to those upon whom his favour rests."
27 When the angels had left them, and returned into heaven,
28 the shepherds said one to another,
29 "Let's go to Bethlehem, now, and see this thing that's happened
30 that the Lord has made known to us."
31 They hurried away, and found both Mary and Joseph,
32 and the baby was lying in the feeding trough.
33 When they saw it, they explained what was told to them about this child.
34 All who heard it were amazed at the things told to them by the shepherds.
35 But Mary treasured all these sayings, pondering them in her heart.
36 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
37 for all the things that they had heard and seen, just as it was told them.
38 When eight days were fulfilled for the circumcision of the child,
39 his name was called Jesus,
40 which was given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
41 When they had completed everything required by the law of the Lord,
42 they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth.
43 The child grew, and became strong in spirit,
44 being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

3:1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee,
and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,
2 in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.

3 He came into all the region around the Jordan,
preaching the baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins.

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,
“The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
‘Make ready the way of the Lord.
5 Make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled.
Every mountain and hill will be brought low.
The crooked will become straight, and the rough ways smooth.
6 All humanity will see the salvation of God.’”

7 So he said to the crowds who went out to be baptised by him,
“You children of snakes, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
8 Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance,
and don’t begin to say among yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father;’
because I tell you that God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones!
9 And even now the axe lies at the root of the trees.
Therefore every tree that doesn’t bring forth good fruit is cut down,
and thrown into the fire.”

15 The people were in suspense, and everyone wondered in their hearts about John,
whether he might be the Messiah,

16 John answered them all,
“I indeed baptise you with water, but one is coming who is mightier than I,
the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.
He will baptise you in the Holy Spirit and fire,
17 his winnowing fork is in his hand,
and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor,
and will gather the wheat into his barn;
but he will burn up the chaff with inextinguishable fire.”

18 And in this way, with many other words, he announced good news to the people.
19 but Herod the tetrarch,
whom John had denounced because of Herodias, his brother’s wife,
20 and for all the evil things which Herod had done,
he added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

21 Now it happened, when all the people were baptised,
and Jesus had been baptised, and was praying;
the heaven was opened,
22 and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form on him like a dove;
and a voice came out of heaven, saying
“You are my Son; whom I love. In you I am well pleased.”

4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan,
2 and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness
3 for forty days, being tempted by the devil.
4 He ate nothing in those days and afterward, he was hungry.
5 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."
6 Jesus answered him, saying,
7 "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"
8 The devil, leading him up high,
9 showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment.
10 The devil said to him, "I will give you all this authority, and their glory,
11 because it has been handed to me; and I give it to whomever I wish.
12 So if you will worship before me, it will all be yours."
13 Jesus answered him,
14 "Get behind me Satan! Because it is written,
15 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and you shall serve him only.'"
16 He led him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him,
17 "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,
18 because it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'
19 and, 'They will lift you up on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"
20 Jesus answered him,
21 "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
22 When the devil had completed every temptation,
23 he departed from him until an opportune time came.

14 Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee,
15 and news about him spread through all the surrounding region.
16 He taught in their synagogues, being praised by everyone.
17 He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up.
18 He entered, as was his custom, into the synagogue on the Sabbath day,
19 and stood up to read.
20 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him.
21 He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written,
22 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
23 because he has anointed me to announce good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives,
recovery of sight to the blind,
to deliver the oppressed in freedom,
and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.
The eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him.
He began to speak to them, "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
Everyone spoke highly of him,
and wondered at the gracious words which came out of his mouth,
and they said, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"
He said to them, "Surely you will tell me this parable, 'Doctor, heal yourself!
Whatever we have heard done at Capernaum, do also here in your hometown.'"

24 He said, "Most certainly I tell you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.
25 But truly I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah,
when the sky was shut three years and six months,
when a great famine came over all the land.
26 Elijah was sent to none of them, except to Zarephath,
in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.
27 There were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet,
yet not one of them was cleansed, except Naaman, the Syrian."
28 They were all filled with anger in the synagogue, as they heard these things.
29 They rose up, threw him out of the city,
and led him to the edge of the hill that their city was built on,
that they might throw him off the cliff.
30 But he, passing through the midst of them, went his way.

40 When the sun was setting,
all those who had any sick with various diseases brought them to him;
and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.
41 Demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying,
"You are the Messiah, the Son of God!"
Rebuking them, he didn't allow them to speak,
because they knew that he was the Messiah.

42 When it was day, he departed and went into an uninhabited place,
and the crowds looked for him, and came to him,
and held on to him, so that he wouldn't go away from them.
43 But he said to them,
"I must announce the good news of the Kingdom of God to the other cities also.
Because this reason I have been sent."
44 He was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

5:1 Now it happened, while the crowd pressed on him and were listening to the word of God,
that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret.
2 He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had left them,
and were washing their nets.
3 He entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's,
and asked him to put out a little from the land.
He sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.
4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,
"Go out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch."
5 Simon answered him, "Master, we worked all night, and caught nothing;
but at your word I will let down the net."
6 When they had done this, they caught a great multitude of fish, and their net was breaking.
7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat, to come and help them.
They came, and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.
8 But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees,
saying, "Depart from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord."
9 Because he was amazed, and all who were with him,
at the catch of fish which they had caught;
10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.
Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will be catching people."
11 And when the boats came ashore, they left everything, and followed him.

27 After these things he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax booth,
and said to him, "Follow me!"

28 He left everything, and got up and followed him.

29 Levi made a great feast for him in his house.

30 There was a great crowd of tax collectors and others who were reclining with them.

31 Their scribes and the Pharisees grumbled against his disciples, saying,
"Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?"

32 Jesus answered them,
"Those who are healthy have no need for a doctor, but only those who are sick.
I haven't come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

6:12 It happened in these days, that he went out to the mountain to pray,
and he continued all night in prayer to God.

13 When it was day, he called his disciples, and from them he chose twelve,
whom he also named apostles:

14 Simon, whom he also named Peter; Andrew, his brother;
James; John;
Philip; Bartholomew;

15 Matthew; Thomas;
James, the son of Alphaeus; Simon, who was called the Zealot;

16 Judas the son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who also became a traitor.

17 He came down with them, and stood on a level place, with a crowd of his disciples,
and a great number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem,
and the coastal regions of Tyre and Sidon,
who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases;
as well as those who were troubled by unclean spirits, and they were being healed.

18 All the crowd sought to touch him,
because power came out from him and healed them all.

20 He lifted up his eyes to his disciples, and said,
"Blessed are you who are poor,
because yours is the Kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who hunger now,
because you will be filled.

22 Blessed are you who cry now,
because you will laugh.

23 Blessed are you when men shall hate you,
and when they shall exclude and mock you,
and cast out your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

24 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,
because, your reward is great in heaven,
because their fathers did the same thing to the prophets.

25 "But woe to you who are rich!
Because you have received your comforting.

26 Woe to you, you who are full now,
because you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.

Woe, when men speak well of you,
because their fathers did the same thing to the false prophets.

27 "But I tell you who hear: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
28 bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you.
29 To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer also the other;
30 and from him who takes away your cloak, don't withhold your coat also.
31 Give to everyone who asks you,
32 and don't ask him who takes away your goods to give them back again.
33 "As you would like people to do to you, do exactly so to them.
34 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?
35 Because even sinners love those who love them.
36 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?
37 Because even sinners do the same.
38 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you?
39 Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive back as much.
40 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing back;
41 and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High;
42 because he is kind toward the ungrateful and immoral.
43 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

44 Why do you see the speck of chaff that's in your brother's eye,
45 but don't consider the plank that's in your own eye?
46 Or how can you tell your brother,
47 'Brother, let me remove the speck that's in your eye,'
48 when you yourself don't see the plank that is in your own eye? You hypocrite!
49 First remove the plank from your own eye,
50 and then you can see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

51 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?
52 Everyone who comes to me, and hears my words, and does them,
53 I will show you who he is like.
54 He is like a man building a house, who dug and went deep,
55 and laid a foundation on the rock.
56 When a flood came, the river broke against that house,
57 and couldn't shake it, because it was founded on the rock.
58 But he who hears, and doesn't do them,
59 is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation,
60 against which the river broke, and immediately it fell,
61 and the ruin of that house was great."

7:11 It happened soon afterwards, that he went to a city called Nain.
7:12 Many of his disciples, along with a great crowd, went with him.
7:13 Now when he drew near to the gate of the city,
7:14 a dead person was being carried out,
7:15 the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.
7:16 Many people of the city were with her.
7:17 When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, "Don't cry."
7:18 He came near and touched the coffin, and the pall-bearers stood still.
7:19 He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!"
7:20 The dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother.
7:21 Fear took hold of everyone, and they glorified God, saying,
7:22 "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited his people!"
7:23 This report went out concerning him in the whole of Judea, and in all the surrounding region.

18 The disciples of John told him about all these things.
19 John, calling to himself two of his disciples, sent them to Jesus, saying,
“Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for another?”

20 When the men had come to him, they said,
“John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying,
‘Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for another?’”

21 At that time he’d healed many of diseases and plagues and evil spirits;
and to many who were blind he gave sight.

22 Jesus answered them,
“Go and tell John the things which you have seen and heard:
that the blind get sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have good news announced to them.
Blessed is the one who doesn’t take offense in me.”

24 When John’s messengers had departed, he began to tell the crowds about John,
“What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in fine clothing?
Behold, those who with gorgeous clothes and luxuries, live in royal palaces.
But what did you go out to see? A prophet?
Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
This is he of whom it is written,
‘Behold, I send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

28 “Because I tell you, among those who are born of women
there is no one a greater than John the Baptist,
yet he who is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he.”

29 When all the people and the tax collectors heard this,
they declared God to be right,
having been baptised with John’s baptism.

30 But the Pharisees and the religious lawyers
rejected the purpose of God for themselves,
having not been baptised by him.

31 “To what then will I liken the people of this generation? What are they like?
They are like children sitting in the marketplace, calling each other, saying,
‘We played the flute for you, and you didn’t dance.
We wailed in mourning, and you didn’t cry.’

33 Because John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine,
and you say, ‘He has a demon.’

34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say,
‘Behold, a glutton, and a drunkard; a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’
Wisdom is declared right by all her children.”

36 One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him.
He entered into the Pharisee's house, and sat at the table.

37 Now, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner,
when she found out that he was having dinner in the Pharisee's house,
she brought an alabaster jar of perfumed lotion.

38 Standing behind at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears,
and she wiped them with the hair of her head, kissed his feet,
and anointed them with the lotion.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself,
"This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived
who and what kind of woman this is who touches him, that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."
He said, "Teacher, go ahead."

41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors.
The one owed 500 denarii, and the other 50.
When they couldn't pay, he forgave them both.
So, which of them will love him most?"

42 Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most."
He said to him, "You have judged correctly."

43 Turning to the woman, he said to Simon,
"Do you see this woman?
I entered into your house, and you gave me no water for my feet,
but she has wet my feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head.
You gave me no kiss, but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss my feet.
You didn't anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with lotion.
Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, because she loved much.
But those who are forgiven little, love little."

44 He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
45 Those who sat at the table with him began to say to themselves,
"Who is this who even forgives sins?"

46 He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

8:1 It happened soon afterwards, that he went about through cities and villages,
preaching and announcing the good news of the Kingdom of God.

2 With him were the twelve,
and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities:
3 Mary who was called Magdalene (from whom seven demons had gone out);
and Joanna (the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward);
Susanna; and many others; who provided for them from their own possessions.

22 Now it happened on one of those days, that he entered into a boat with his disciples,
and he said to them,
"Let's go over to the other side of the lake."

23 So they launched out.
24 But as they sailed, he fell asleep.
A wind storm came down on the lake, and they were taking on water and were in danger.
They came to him, and woke him, saying, "Master, master, we're dying!"
He woke up, and rebuked the wind and the raging water,
and they ceased, and it was calm.

25 He said to them, "Where is your faith?"
Being afraid they marveled, saying one to another,
"Who is this, then, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

9:18 It happened, as he was praying alone, that the disciples were with him,
and he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"
19 They answered, "John the Baptist," but others say, 'Elijah,'
and others, that one of the ancient prophets has risen again."
20 He said to them,
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter answered,
"The Messiah of God."
21 But he warned them, and commanded them to tell this to no one,
22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things,
and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes,
and be killed, and the third day be raised up."
23 He said to everyone,
"If anyone desires to come after me,
let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.
24 Because whoever desires to save his life will lose it,
but whoever will lose his life for my sake, will save it.
25 Because what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world,
and loses or forfeits his own self?
26 Because whoever will be ashamed of me and of my words,
of him will the Son of Man be ashamed, when he comes in his glory,
and the glory of the Father, and of the holy angels.
27 But I tell you the truth: There are some of those who stand here,
who will in no way taste of death, until they see the Kingdom of God."
28 It happened about eight days after these sayings,
that he took with him Peter, John, and James,
and went up onto the mountain to pray.
29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face was changed,
and his clothing became bright like lightning.
30 Now, two men were talking with him, who were Moses and Elijah,
31 who appeared in glory, and spoke of his departure, his exodus,
which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep,
but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory,
and the two men standing with him.
33 It happened, as they were parting from him, that Peter said to Jesus,
"Master, it is good for us to be here. Let's make three tents:
one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah,"
not knowing what he said.
34 While he said these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them,
and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud.
35 A voice came out of the cloud, saying,
"This is my Son; whom I have chosen. Listen to him!"
36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.
They were silent, and told no one in those days any of the things which they'd seen.

- 9:1 When the days were near when he should be taken up,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem...
- 10:1 Now after this, the Lord also appointed seventy-two others,
and sent them two by two ahead of him into every city and place,
where he was about to come.
- 2 Then he said to them,
 "The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few.
 Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send out workers into his harvest.
3 Go! Behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.
9 Heal those there who are sick, and tell them,
 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.'
10 But into whatever city you enter, and they don't receive you,
 go out into its streets and say:
11 'Even the dust from your city that clings to us, we wipe off against you.
 Nevertheless know this, that the Kingdom of God has come near to you.'
12 I tell you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city.
- 16 Whoever listens to you, listens to me,
 and whoever rejects you, rejects me.
 Whoever rejects me, rejects him who sent me."
- 17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying,
 "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!"
18 He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
19 Behold, I give you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions,
 and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will in any way hurt you.
20 Nevertheless, don't rejoice that the spirits are subject to you,
 but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."
- 21 At that time, Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit, and said,
 "I praise you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
 that you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent,
 and revealed them to little children.
22 Yes, Father, because so it was your good pleasure."
 "All things have been handed to me by my Father.
 No one knows who the Son is, except the Father,
 or who the Father is, except the Son,
 and those whom the Son desires to reveal him."
- 23 Turning to the disciples, he said privately,
 "Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see,
24 because I tell you that many prophets and kings
 desired to see the things which you see, and didn't see them,
 and to hear the things which you hear, and didn't hear them."

25 Now, a certain expert in Jewish law stood up and tested him, saying,
26 "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
27 He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"
27 He answered,
28 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
29 with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind;
30 and your neighbor as yourself."
28 He said to him,
29 "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."
29 But he, desiring to justify himself, asked Jesus,
30 "Who is my neighbor?"
30 Jesus answered,
31 "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho,
32 and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him,
33 and departed, leaving him half dead.
31 By chance a certain priest was going down that way.
32 When he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
32 In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place,
33 and saw him, passed by on the other side.
33 But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled, came where he was.
34 When he saw him, he was moved with compassion,
35 came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.
35 He set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii,
36 and gave them to the host,
37 and said to him, 'Take care of him.
36 Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.'
36 Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him
37 who fell among the robbers?"
37 He said, "He who showed mercy on him."
37 Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

12:13 One of the crowd said to him,
“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

14 But he said to him,
“Man, who made me a judge or an referee over you?”

15 He said to them,
“Beware and guard yourselves from all greed,
because a man’s life doesn’t consist of the abundance of his possessions.”

16 He spoke a parable to them, saying,
“The farm of a certain rich man produced a great harvest.

17 He reasoned within himself, saying,
‘What will I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’

18 He said, ‘This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns, and build bigger ones,
and there I’ll store all my grain and my goods.

19 I will tell my soul,
“Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Relax. Eat, drink, be merry.”’

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool, tonight your soul is required of you.
The things which you have prepared—whose will they be?’

21 So is he who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

22 He said to his disciples,
“Therefore I tell you, don’t worry about your life, what you will eat,
nor about your body, what you will wear.
Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.

24 Consider the ravens: they don’t sow or reap,
they have no warehouse or barn, and God feeds them.
How much more valuable are you than birds!

25 Which of you by worrying can add one hour to your life?
26 If then you aren’t able to do even a little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow. They don’t labor or spin;
yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

28 But if this is how God clothes the grass in the field,
which today exists, and tomorrow is cast into the incinerator,
how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith?

29 Don’t seek what you will eat or what you will drink; and don’t be anxious.
30 Because the nations of the world seek after all of these things,
but your Father knows that you need them.

31 But seek God’s Kingdom, and all these things will be added to you.

32 Don’t be afraid, little flock,
because it is your Father’s delight to give you the Kingdom.

33 Sell that which you have, and give gifts to the needy.
Make for yourselves money cases that don’t grow old,
never-ending treasure in the heavens,
where no thief comes near, and no moth destroys.

34 Because where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

13:1 Now there were some present at the same time who told him about the Galileans,
whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

2 Jesus answered them,
"Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans,
because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way.

4 Or those eighteen, on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them;
do you think that they were worse offenders than all the people in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way."

22 He went on his way through cities and villages, teaching, and traveling on to Jerusalem.

31 At that time, some Pharisees came, saying to him,
"Get out of here and leave, because Herod wants to kill you."

32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox,
'Behold, I cast out demons and heal people today and tomorrow,
and the third day I complete my work.

33 Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day,
because it cannot be that a prophet may perish outside Jerusalem.'

34 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets, and stones those who are sent to her!
How often I wanted to gather your children together,
like a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you refused!

35 Behold, your house is forsaken.
I tell you, you will not see me, until you say,
'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

15:1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming close to him to hear him.

2 The Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying,
"This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them."

3 He told them this parable.

4 "Which of you, if you had one hundred sheep, and lost one of them,
wouldn't leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness,
and go after the one that was lost, until he found it?

5 When he's found it, he carries it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 When he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors,
saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!'

7 I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents,
than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

8 Or what woman, if she had 10 silver coins, and if she lost one coin,
wouldn't light a lamp, sweep the house, and seek carefully until she found it?

9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying,
'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost coin!'

10 I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

11 He said, "A certain man had two sons.
12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of your estate.'
13 He divided his property between them.
13 Not many days after, the younger son gathered all of this together
14 and traveled into a far country. There he wasted his property with riotous living.
14 When he had spent all of it, there arose a severe famine in that country,
15 and he began to be in need.
15 He went and hired himself to one of the citizens of that country,
16 and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs.
16 He wanted to fill his belly with the pods that the pigs ate, but no one gave him any.
17 But when he came to himself he said,
18 'How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough to spare,
19 and I'm dying with hunger!
18 I will get up and go to my father, and will tell him,
19 "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight.
19 I am no more worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired servants."
20 "He arose, and came to his father.
21 But while he was still far off, his father saw him,
22 and was moved with compassion, and ran, and hugged him, and kissed him.
21 The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight.
22 I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
22 "But the father said to his servants,
23 'Bring out the best robe, and put it on him.
24 Put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.
23 Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat, and celebrate;
24 because this, my son, was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found.'
They began to celebrate.

25 "Now his elder son was in the field.
26 As he came near to the house, he heard music and dancing.
26 He called one of the servants to him, and asked what was going on.
27 He said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf,
28 because he has received him back safe and healthy.'
28 But he was angry, and would not go in.
29 Therefore his father came out, and begged him.
29 But he answered his father,
30 'Look, these many years I have slaved for you,
31 and I never disobeyed one of your commandments,
32 but you never gave me a goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.
30 But when this, your son, came, who has devoured your living with prostitutes,
31 "He said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.
32 But it was appropriate to celebrate and be glad, because this,
 your brother, was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found.'"

18:9 He spoke also this parable to certain people
who trusted in themselves that they were righteousness,
and who looked down on others.

10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray;
one was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed:
'God, I thank you, that I am not like other people,
thieves, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all that I get.'

12 But the tax collector, standing at a distance,
wouldn't even lift up his eyes to heaven,
but kept beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

13 I tell you, this man went down to his house declared righteous rather than the other;
because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

18 A certain ruler asked him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
19 Jesus asked him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one—God.
20 You know the commandments:
 'Don't commit adultery,' 'Don't murder,'
 'Don't steal,' 'Don't give false testimony,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'"

21 He said, "I have observed all these things since I was a boy."
22 When Jesus heard these things, he said to him,
 "You still lack one thing.
 Everything - all that you have - Go and sell, and distribute it to the poor.
 You will have treasure in heaven. Come, follow me."

23 But when he heard these things, he turned away sorrowful, because he was very wealthy.

24 Jesus, seeing that he became sorrowful, said,
 "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter into the Kingdom of God!
25 Because it is easier for a camel to enter in through the eye of a needle,
 than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God."
26 Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?"
27 But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

28 Peter said, "Look, we have left everything, and followed you."
29 He said to them, "Most certainly I tell 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,
30 who will not receive many times more in this time,
 and in the world to come, eternal life."

31 He took the twelve aside, and said to them,
 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written
 through the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be completed.
32 Because he will be delivered up to the Gentiles,
 will be mocked, treated shamefully, and spit on.
33 They will scourge and kill him. On the third day, he will rise again."

34 They understood none of these things.
This saying was hidden from them, and they didn't understand the things that were said.

19:1 He entered and was passing through Jericho.
2 There was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector, and he was wealthy.
3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, and couldn't because of the crowd, because he was short.
4 He ran on ahead, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him,
 because he was to pass that way.
5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him,
 “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, because I must stay at your house today.”
6 He hurried, came down, and received him joyfully.
7 When they saw it, they all grumbled, saying,
 “He has gone in to stay with a man who is a sinner.”
8 Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor.
 If I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore four times as much.”
9 Jesus said to him,
 “Today, salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.
10 Because the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.”

29 It happened, when he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany,
30 at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,
31 saying, “Go your way into the village on the other side, as you enter it,
32 you will find a colt tied up, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it, and bring it here.
33 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say: ‘The Lord needs it.’”
34 They went and found things just as he had told them.
35 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,
 “Why are you untying the colt?”
36 They said, “The Lord needs it.”
37 They brought it to Jesus.
 They threw their cloaks on the colt, and set Jesus on them.
38 As he went, they spread their cloaks in the way.
39 As he was now getting near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives,
40 the whole crowd of the disciples began to rejoice
41 and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen,
42 saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
43 Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!”
44 Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”
45 He answered them, “I tell you that if these were silent, the stones would cry out.”

46 When he drew near, he saw the city and wept over it,
47 saying, “If you of all places had known today the things which belong to your peace!
48 But now, they are hidden from your eyes.
49 Because the days will come on you,
50 when your enemies will construct a barricade against you,
51 surround you, hem you in on every side,
52 and will dash you and your children within you to the ground.
53 They will not leave in you one stone on another,
54 because you didn't know the time of your visitation.”

45 He entered into the temple, and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,
46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house is a house of prayer,’
47 but you have made it a ‘den of thieves’!”
48 He was teaching daily in the temple, but the chief priests and the scribes
 and the leaders of the people sought to destroy him.
49 They couldn't find anything they could do,
 because all the people were hanging onto his every word.

20:1 It happened on one of those days,
as he was teaching the people in the temple and announcing the Good News,
that the priests and scribes came to him with the elders.
2 They asked him, "Tell us: by what authority do you do these things?
Or who is giving you this authority?"
3 He answered them, "I also will ask you one question.
Tell me: ⁴the baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men?"
5 They reasoned with themselves, saying,
"If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why didn't you believe him?'"
6 But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us,
because they are persuaded that John was a prophet."
7 They answered that they didn't know where it was from.
8 Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

20 They watched him, and sent out spies, who pretended to be righteous,
that they might trap him in his words,
so as to deliver him up to the power and authority of the governor.
21 They asked him, "Teacher, we know that you say and teach what is right,
and aren't partial to anyone, but truly teach the way of God.
22 Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"
23 But he perceived their duplicity, and said to them, "Why do you test me?
24 Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?"
They answered, "Caesar's."
25 He said to them, "Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's."
26 They weren't able to trap him in his words before the people.
They marveled at his answer, and were silent.

22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread, which is called the Passover, drew near.
2 The chief priests and the scribes were looking for some way to destroy him,
because they feared the people.
3 Satan entered into Judas, who was called Iscariot, who was numbered with the twelve.
4 He went away, and discussed with the chief priests and temple officers
about how he might deliver him to them.
5 They were delighted, and agreed to give him money.
6 He consented,
and looked for an opportunity to betray him in the absence of a crowd.

7 The day of unleavened bread came, on which the Passover must be sacrificed.
8 He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat."
9 They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare?"
10 He said to them, "Look, when you have entered into the city,
a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you.
Follow him into the house which he enters.
11 Tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you,
"Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'
12 He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there."
13 They went, found things as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

14 When the hour had come, he sat down with the twelve apostles.
15 He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer,
16 because I tell you,
17 I will not eat of it again until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

17 He received a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said,
18 "Take this, and share it among yourselves,
19 because I tell you, I will not drink at all again from the fruit of the vine,
20 until the Kingdom of God comes."

19 He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave to them,
21 saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

20 Likewise, he took the cup after supper, saying,
21 "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.
22 But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.
23 The Son of Man indeed goes, as it has been determined,
24 but woe to that man through whom he is betrayed!"

23 They began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

24 There arose also a dispute among them, which of them was considered to be greatest.
25 He said to them, "The kings of the nations lord it over them,
26 and those who have authority over them are called 'benefactors.'
27 But not so with you.
28 But one who is the greater among you, let him become as the younger,
29 and one who is governing, as one who serves.
30 Because who is greater, one who sits at the table, or one who serves?
31 Isn't it he who sits at the table? But I am in the midst of you as one who serves.
32 But you are those who have continued with me in my trials.
33 I bestow on you a kingdom, even as my Father bestowed on me,
34 that you may eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom.
35 You will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

31 The Lord said, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you all,
32 that he might sift you as wheat,
33 but I prayed for you, that your faith wouldn't fail.
34 You, once you have returned, strengthen your brothers."

33 He said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death!"
34 He said, "I tell you, Peter,
35 the rooster will not crow today until you deny that you know me three times."

39 He came out, and went, as his custom was, to the Mount of Olives,
40 with the disciples following him.
41 When he was at the place, he said to them, "Pray that you don't enter into temptation."
42 He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and he knelt down and prayed,
43 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me.
44 Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

43 An angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him.
44 Being in agony he prayed more earnestly.
45 His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.
46 When he rose up from his prayer, he came to the disciples,
47 and found them sleeping because of grief,
48 and said to them,
49 "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

47 While he was still speaking, a crowd appeared,
and the man named Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them.
He came near to Jesus to kiss him.

48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49 When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him,
"Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

50 One of them struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered, "Enough of this!"—and he touched his ear, and healed him.

52 Jesus said to the chief priests,
captains of the temple, and elders, who had come against him,
"Have you come out with swords and clubs, as if I were a thief?

53 When I was with you in the temple daily, you didn't lay a hand on me.
But this is your hour, and the authority of darkness."

54 They seized him, and led him away, and brought him into the house of the high priest.
But Peter followed from a distance.

55 When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard,
and had sat down together, Peter sat among them.

56 A servant girl saw him as he sat in the light,
and looking intently at him, said, "This man also was with him."

57 He denied Jesus, saying, "I don't know him, woman."

58 After a little while someone else saw him, and said,
"You also are one of them!"
But Peter answered, "Man, I am not!"

59 After about one hour passed, another one insisted, saying,
"Surely this man also was with him, because he is a Galilean!"

60 But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about!"
Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed.

61 The Lord turned, and looked at Peter.
Then Peter remembered the Lord's word, how he said to him,
"Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."

62 He went out, and wept bitterly.

63 The men who held Jesus mocked him and beat him.
Having blindfolded him, they struck him on the face and asked him,
"Prophesy! Who is the one who struck you?"

64 They spoke many other things against him, insulting him.

65 As soon as it was day, the assembly of the elders of the people was gathered together,
both chief priests and scribes, and they led him away into their council, saying,
"If you are the Messiah, tell us."

66 But he said to them, "If I tell you, you won't believe,
and if I ask a question, you will in no way answer.

67 From now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

68 They all said, "Then you are the Son of God?!"

69 He said to them, "You are saying that I am."

70 They said, "Why do we need any more witness?
Because we have heard from his own mouth!"

23:1 The whole company of them rose up and brought him before Pilate.
2 They began to accuse him, saying,
 "We found this man subverting the nation,
 forbidding paying taxes to Caesar,
 and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."
3 Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
He answered him, "You are saying so."
4 Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,
 "I find no basis for a charge against this man."
5 But they insisted, saying,
 "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea,
 beginning from Galilee even to this place."
6 But when Pilate heard Galilee mentioned, he asked if the man was a Galilean.
7 When he found out that he was in Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod,
 who was also in Jerusalem during that time.
8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly pleased,
 because he had wanted to see him for a long time,
 because he had heard many things about him.
 He hoped to see some miracle performed by him.
9 He questioned him with many words, but he answered him nothing.
10 The chief priests and the scribes stood, vehemently accusing him.
11 Herod with his soldiers humiliated him and mocked him.
 Dressing him in luxurious clothing, they sent him back to Pilate.
12 Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day,
 because before that they were enemies with each other.
13 Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,
14 and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one that subverts the people,
 and see, I have examined him before you,
 and found no basis for a charge against this man
 concerning those things of which you accuse him.
15 Neither has Herod, because he sent him back to us,
 and see, nothing worthy of death has been done by him.
 I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."
16 Now he had to release one prisoner to them at the feast.
17 But they all cried out together, saying, "Away with this man! Release to us Barabbas!"—
18 one who was thrown into prison for a certain revolt in the city, and for murder.
20 Then Pilate spoke to them again, wanting to release Jesus,
21 but they shouted, saying, "Crucify! Crucify him!"
22 He said to them the third time, "Why? What evil has this man done?
 I have found in him no crime deserving death,
 I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."
23 But they insisted with loud voices, demanding that he might be crucified.
And their voices prevailed.
24 Pilate decreed that what they demanded should be done.
25 He released him who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder,
 for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus up to their will.

26 When they led him away, they seized a man called Simon of Cyrene,
coming from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it after Jesus.
27 A great crowd of the people followed him,
including women who also mourned and lamented him.
28 But Jesus, turning to them, said,
"Daughters of Jerusalem,
don't weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.
29 Because, the days are coming in which they will say,
'Blessed are the barren women,
the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.'
30 Then they will begin to tell the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and tell the hills, 'Cover us.'
31 Because if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it's dry?"

32 There were also others, two criminals, led with him to be put to death.
33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull,
they crucified him there with the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.
34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, because they don't know what they are doing."
Dividing his garments among them, they cast lots.
35 The people stood watching. The rulers with them also scoffed at him, saying,
"He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"
36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him vinegar,
37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
38 An inscription was also written over him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew:
"THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

39 One of the criminals who was hanged insulted him, saying,
"If you are the Messiah, save yourself and us!"
40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said,
"Don't you even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?
41 And we indeed justly, because we receive the due reward for our deeds,
but this man has done nothing wrong."
42 He said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."
43 Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

44 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.
45 The sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.
46 Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"
Having said this, he breathed his last.

47 When the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying,
"Certainly this was a righteous man."
48 All the crowds that came together to see this,
when they saw the things that were done, returned home beating their breasts.
49 All his relatives, and the women who followed with him from Galilee,
stood at a distance, watching these things.

50 Now, a man named Joseph, who was a member of the council,
51 a good and righteous man
51 (he had not consented to their plan and action),
52 from Arimathaea, a city of the Jews,
52 who was also waiting for the Kingdom of God:
53 This man went to Pilate, and asked for Jesus' body.
53 He took it down, and wrapped it in a linen cloth,
53 and laid him in a tomb that was cut in stone, where no one had ever been laid.
54 It was the day of the Preparation, and the Sabbath was drawing near.
55 The women, who had come with him out of Galilee, followed after,
55 and saw the tomb, and how his body was laid.
56 They returned, and prepared spices and ointments.
56 On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

24:1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn,
2 they and some others came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.
2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
3 They entered in, and didn't find the Lord Jesus' body.
4 It happened, while they were greatly perplexed about this,
4 behold, two men stood by them with clothing gleaming like lightning.
5 Terrified, they bowed their faces down to the earth.
5 They said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?
6 He's not here, he's risen. Remember what he said to you when he was still in Galilee,
7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men,
7 and be crucified, and the third day rise again?"
8 They remembered his words,
9 returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest.
10 Now they were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James.
10 The other women with them told these things to the apostles.
11 These words seemed to them to be nonsense, and they didn't believe them.
12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb.
12 Stooping and looking in, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves,
12 and he departed to his home, wondering what had happened.

13 Now, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus,
13 which was about 11 kilometres from Jerusalem.
14 They talked with each other about all of these things which had happened.
15 It happened, while they talked and questioned together,
15 that Jesus himself came near, and went with them.
16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
17 He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk?"
17 The they stood still, looking dejected.
18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem
18 who doesn't know the things which have happened there in these days?"
19 He said to them, "What things?"
19 They said to him,
19 "The things concerning Jesus, the Nazarene,
20 who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people;
20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death,
20 and crucified him.
21 But we were hoping that it was he who would redeem Israel.
21 Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

22 Also, certain women of our company amazed us, having arrived early at the tomb;
23 and when they didn't find his body,
24 they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.
25 Some of us went to the tomb,
26 and found it just like the women had said, but they didn't see him."

He said to them,
26 "Foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!
27 Didn't the Messiah have to suffer these things and to enter into his glory?"

Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets,
28 he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

They drew near to the village, where they were going, and he acted like he would go further.

They urged him, saying,
29 "Stay with us, because it is almost evening, and the day is almost over."
He went in to stay with them.

It happened, that when he had sat down at the table with them,
30 he took the bread and gave thanks. Breaking it, he gave to them.

Their eyes were opened, and they recognised him, and he vanished out of their sight.

They said one to another, "Weren't our hearts burning within us,
31 while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?"

They rose up straight away, returned to Jerusalem,
32 and found the eleven gathered together, and those who were with them,
33 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

They retold about what happened along the way,
34 and how he was recognised by them in the breaking of the bread.

As they said these things, Jesus himself stood among them,
35 and said to them, "Peace to you all."

But they were terrified and filled with fear, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts?
36 See my hands and my feet, that it is truly me.
37 Touch me and see,
38 because a spirit doesn't have flesh and bones, as you see that I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While they still didn't believe for joy, and wondered, he said to them,
40 "Do you have anything here to eat?"

They gave him a piece of a cooked fish.

He took them, and ate in front of them.

He said to them, "This is what I told you, while I was still with you,
41 that all things which are written in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms,
concerning me must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds, that they might understand the Scriptures.

He said to them, "Thus it is written,
42 and thus it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,
43 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins
should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.

Now, I send forth the promise of my Father on you.
48 But wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high."

He led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

It happened, while he blessed them, that he departed from them,
50 and was taken up into heaven.

They worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

51 and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.