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ON HEARING THIS, JESUS SAID TO THEM, "IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY  
WHO NEED A DOCTOR, BUT THE SICK. I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL THE  
RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS."

JESUS QUESTIONED ABOUT FASTING  
18 NOW JOHN'S DISCIPLES AND THE PHARISEES WERE FASTING. SOME  
PEOPLE CAME AND ASKED JESUS, "HOW IS IT THAT JOHN'S DISCIPLES  
AND THE DISCIPLES OF THE PHARISEES ARE FASTING, BUT YOURS ARE  
NOT?"

JESUS ANSWERED, "HOW CAN THE GUESTS OF THE BRIDEGROOM  
FAST WHILE HE IS WITH THEM? THEY CANNOT, SO LONG AS THEY HAVE  
HIM WITH THEM. 20 BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE  
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ONE SLEWS A PATCH OF VIOLETS ON A FLOWERING  
FIELD, OTHERWISE, THE NEW PIECE WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE  
OLD, MAKING THE TEAR WINE." 22 AND NO ONE POURS NEW WINE  
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JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH  
23 ONE SABBATH JESUS WAS GOING THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS, AND  
AS HIS DISCIPLES WALKED ALONG, THEY BEGAN TO PICK SOME HEADS  
OF GRAIN. 24 THE PHARISEES SAID TO HIM, "LOOK, WHY ARE THEY  
DOING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL ON THE SABBATH?" 25 HE ANSWERED, "HAVE YOU NEVER READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE  
AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE HUNGRY AND IN NEED? 26 IN THE DAYS  
OF ABIAHAR THE HIGH PRIEST, HE ENTERED THE HOUSE OF GOD AND  
ATE THE CONSECRATED BREAD, WHICH IS LAWFUL ONLY FOR PRIESTS  
TO EAT, AND HE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HIS COMPANIONS." 27 THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT  
MAN FOR THE SABBATH. 28 SO THE SON OF MAN IS LORD EVEN OF THE  
SABBATH."

JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH  
1 ANOTHER TIME JESUS WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE, AND A MAN  
WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE. 2 SOME OF THEM WERE  
LOOKING FOR A REASON TO ACCUSE JESUS, SO THEY WATCHED HIM  
CLOSELY TO SEE IF HE WOULD HEAL HIM ON THE SABBATH. 3 JESUS  
SAID TO THE MAN WITH THE SHRIVELED HAND, "STAND UP IN FRONT  
OF EVERYONE."

THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, "WHICH IS LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH, TO  
DO GOOD OR TO DO EVIL, TO SAVE A LIFE OR TO KILL?" BUT THEY  
REMAINED SILENT.

JESUS HEALS A MAN WHO WAS BORN BLIND  
1 JESUS CAME TO BETHSAIDA, A PLACE NEAR JERUSALEM. THERE  
WAS A MAN WHO WAS BORN BLIND. 2 HIS PARENTS WERE ASKED  
HOW HE GOT HIS NAME. THEY SAID, "HE WAS BORN BLIND." 3  
JESUS SAID TO HIM, "GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK." 4  
HE TOOK HIS MAT AND WALKED. 5 THE PHARISEES WENT OUT AND  
BEGAN TO PLOT WITH THE HERODIANS HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS.

CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS  
7 JESUS WITHDREW WITH HIS DISCIPLES TO THE LAKE, AND A LARGE  
CROWD FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED. 8 WHEN THEY HEARD ABOUT ALL  
HE WAS DOING, MANY PEOPLE CAME TO HIM FROM JUDEA,  
JERUSALEM, IDUMEA, AND THE REGIONS ACROSS THE JORDAN AND  
AROUND TYRE AND SIDON. 9 BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HE TOLD HIS  
DISCIPLES TO HAVE A SMALL BOAT READY FOR HIM, TO KEEP THE  
PEOPLE FROM CROWDING HIM. 10 FOR HE HAD HEALED MANY, SO THAT  
THOSE WITH DISEASES WERE PUSHING FORWARD TO TOUCH HIM. 11  
WHENEVER THE IMPURE SPIRITS SAW HIM, THEY FELL DOWN BEFORE  
HIM AND CRIED OUT, "YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD." 12 BUT HE GAVE  
THEM STRICT ORDERS NOT TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM.

JESUS APPOINTS THE TWELVE  
13 JESUS WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND CALLED TO HIM THOSE  
HE WANTED, AND THEY CAME TO HIM. 14 HE APPOINTED TWELVE THAT  
THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO  
PREACH. 15 AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 16  
THESE ARE THE TWELVE HE APPOINTED: SIMON (TO WHOM HE GAVE  
THE NAME PETER), 17 JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN  
(TO THEM HE GAVE THE NAME BOANERGES, WHICH MEANS "SONS OF  
THUNDER"), 18 ANDREW, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW THE  
TAX COLLECTOR, JAMES SON OF ALPHAEUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON THE  
CANAANITE, JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM.

JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW  
20 THEN JESUS ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD GATHERED  
SO THAT HE AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO EAT. 21  
WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE  
OF HIM. FOR THEY SAID, "HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND."  
22 AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO CAME DOWN FROM  
JERUSALEM SAID, "HE IS POSSESSED BY BEELZEBUL, BY THE PRINCE  
OF DEMONS. HE IS DRIVING OUT DEMONS."

SO JESUS CALLED THEM OVER TO HIM AND BEGAN TO SPEAK TO  
THEM IN PARABLES. "HOW CAN SATAN DRIVE OUT SATAN? 24 IF A

HOUSE IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, IT CANNOT STAND. 25 IF A KINGDOM IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, IT CANNOT STAND. 26 AND IF SATAN OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIVIDED,  
HE CANNOT STAND. HIS END HAS COME. 27 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN  
ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TRYING HIM UP.  
HE CAN ONLY ENTER THE STRONG MAN'S HOUSE, 28 TRYING I TELL YOU,  
IF THE PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDER  
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30 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE SAYING, "HE HAS AN IMPURE  
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34 THEN HE LOOKED AT THOSE SEATED IN A CIRCLE AROUND HIM  
AND SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! 35 WHOEVER  
DONES GOD'S WILL IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER."

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER  
1 AGAIN JESUS BEGAN TO TEACH BY THE LAKE. THE CROWD THAT  
GATHERED AROUND HIM WAS SO LARGE THAT HE GOT INTO A BOAT  
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SAYING, "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!"

**JESUS CALLS LEVI AND EATS WITH SINNERS**  
13 ONCE AGAIN JESUS WENT OUT BESIDE THE LAKE. A LARGE CROWD  
CAME TO HIM, AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM. 14 AS HE WALKED  
ALONG, HE SAW LEVI SON OF ALPHEAUS SITTING AT THE TAX  
COLLECTOR'S BOOTH. "FOLLOW ME," JESUS TOLD HIM, AND LEVI GOT  
UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.

15 WHILE JESUS WAS HAVING DINNER AT LEVI'S HOUSE, MANY TAX  
COLLECTORS AND SINNERS WERE EATING WITH HIM AND HIS  
DISCIPLES. FOR THERE WERE MANY WHO FOLLOWED HIM. 16 WHEN  
THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO WERE PHARISEES SAW HIM EATING  
WITH THE SINNERS AND TAX COLLECTORS, THEY ASKED HIS  
DISCIPLES, "WHY DOES HE EAT WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS?"

17 ON HEARING THIS, JESUS SAID TO THEM, "IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY  
WHO NEED A DOCTOR, BUT THE SICK. I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL THE  
RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS."

**JESUS QUESTIONED ABOUT FASTING**  
18 NOW JOHN'S DISCIPLES AND THE PHARISEES WERE FASTING. SOME  
PEOPLE CAME AND ASKED JESUS, "HOW IS IT THAT JOHN'S DISCIPLES  
AND THE DISCIPLES OF THE PHARISEES ARE FASTING, BUT YOURS ARE  
NOT?"

19 JESUS ANSWERED, "HOW CAN THE GUESTS OF THE BRIDEGROOM  
FAST WHILE HE IS WITH THEM? THEY CANNOT, SO LONG AS THEY HAVE  
HIM WITH THEM. 20 BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE  
BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND ON THAT DAY THEY

ONE SLEWS A PATCH OF VIOLETS OR AN OLD  
CLOENT, OTHERWISE, THE NEW PIECE WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE  
OLD, MAKING THE TEAR WORSE." 22 AND NO ONE POURS NEW WINE  
INTO OLD WINESKINS. OTHERWISE, THE WINE WILL BURST THE SKINS,  
AND BOTH THE WINE AND THE WINESKINS WILL BE RUINED. NO, THEY  
POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS."  
JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH  
23 ONE SABBATH JESUS WAS GOING THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS, AND  
AS HIS DISCIPLES WALKED ALONG, THEY BEGAN TO PICK SOME HEADS  
OF GRAIN. 24 THE PHARISEES SAID TO HIM, "LOOK, WHY ARE THEY  
DOING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL ON THE SABBATH?"  
25 HE ANSWERED, "HAVE YOU NEVER READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE  
AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE HUNGRY AND IN NEED? 26 IN THE DAYS  
OF ABIAHAR THE HIGH PRIEST, HE ENTERED THE HOUSE OF GOD AND  
ATE THE CONSECRATED BREAD, WHICH IS LAWFUL ONLY FOR PRIESTS  
TO EAT, AND HE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HIS COMPANIONS."  
27 THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT  
MAN FOR THE SABBATH. 28 SO THE SON OF MAN IS LORD EVEN OF THE  
SABBATH."

**JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH**  
1 ANOTHER TIME JESUS WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE, AND A MAN  
WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE. 2 SOME OF THEM WERE  
LOOKING FOR A REASON TO ACCUSE JESUS, SO THEY WATCHED HIM  
CLOSELY TO SEE IF HE WOULD HEAL HIM ON THE SABBATH. 3 JESUS  
SAID TO THE MAN WITH THE SHRIVELED HAND, "STAND UP IN FRONT  
OF EVERYONE."

4 HE STOOD UP AND CAME FORWARD. 5 JESUS ASKED HIM, "DO YOU  
WANT TO BE HEALED?" 6 HE ANSWERED, "YES, LORD." 7 JESUS SAID  
TO HIM, "REACH OUT YOUR HAND." 8 HE REACHED OUT HIS HAND,  
AND IT WAS COMPLETELY HEALED. 9 THE PHARISEES AND ALL THE  
JEWRY WERE ASKING HIM, "WHAT SIGN OR MIRACLE DO YOU  
HAVE ON THE SABBATH TO DO THIS?" 10 BUT THEY

11 WERE JEALOUS. 12 JESUS SAID TO THEM, "I HAVE HEALED  
ONE HAND, BUT I CAN HEAL BOTH YOUR HANDS AND FEET. 13  
STRETCH OUT YOUR HANDS." 14 HE STRETCHED THEM OUT, AND HIS  
HANDS AND FEET WERE COMPLETELY HEALED. 15 THEN THE  
PHARISEES WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO PLOT  
WITH THE HERODIANS HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS.

**CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS**  
7 JESUS WITHDREW WITH HIS DISCIPLES TO THE LAKE, AND A LARGE  
CROWD FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED. 8 WHEN THEY HEARD ABOUT ALL  
HE WAS DOING, MANY PEOPLE CAME TO HIM FROM JUDEA,  
JERUSALEM, IDUMEA, AND THE REGIONS ACROSS THE JORDAN  
AND AROUND TYRE AND SIDON. 9 BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HE TOLD HIS  
DISCIPLES TO HAVE A SMALL BOAT READY FOR HIM, TO KEEP THE  
PEOPLE FROM CROWDING HIM. 10 FOR HE HAD HEALED MANY, SO THAT  
THOSE WITH DISEASES WERE PUSHING FORWARD TO TOUCH HIM. 11  
WHENEVER THE IMPURE SPIRITS SAW HIM, THEY FELL DOWN BEFORE  
HIM AND CRIED OUT, "YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD." 12 BUT HE GAVE  
THEM STRICT ORDERS NOT TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM.  
JESUS APPOINTS THE TWELVE  
13 JESUS WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND CALLED TO HIM THOSE  
HE WANTED, AND THEY CAME TO HIM. 14 HE APPOINTED TWELVE THAT  
THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO  
PREACH 15 AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 16  
THESE ARE THE TWELVE HE APPOINTED: SIMON (TO WHOM HE GAVE  
THE NAME PETER), 17 JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN  
(TO THEM HE GAVE THE NAME BOANERGES, WHICH MEANS "SONS OF  
THUNDER"), 18 ANDREW, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW THE  
TAX COLLECTOR, JAMES SON OF ALPHEAUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON THE  
CANAANITE, JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM.  
JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW  
20 THEN JESUS ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD GATHERED  
SO THAT HE AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO EAT. 21  
WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE  
OF HIM. FOR THEY SAID, "HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND."  
22 AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO CAME DOWN FROM  
JERUSALEM SAID, "HE IS POSSESSED BY BEELZEBUL, BY THE PRINCE  
OF DEMONS. HE IS DRIVING OUT DEMONS."

23 SO JESUS CALLED THEM OVER TO HIM AND BEGAN TO SPEAK TO  
THEM IN PARABLES. "HOW CAN SATAN DRIVE OUT SATAN? 24 IF A

HOUSE IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, IT  
CANNOT STAND. 25 AND IF SATAN OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIVI  
HE CANNOT STAND. HIS END HAS COME. 27 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN  
ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TRYING HIM UP.  
HE CAN PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN'S HOUSE. 28 TRULY I TELL Y  
PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDE  
UTTER. 29 BUT WHOEVER BLASPHEMES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIR  
WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN, THEY ARE GUILTY OF AN ETERNAL S  
30 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE SAYING, "HE HAS AN IMP  
SPIRIT."  
31 THEN JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING  
OUTSIDE. THEY SENT SOMEONE IN TO CALL HIM. 32 A CROWD WA  
SITTING AROUND HIM, AND THEY TOLD HIM, "YOUR MOTHER  
BROTHERS ARE OUTSIDE LOOKING FOR YOU."  
33 "WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS?" HE ASKED  
34 THEN HE LOOKED AT THOSE SEATED IN A CIRCLE AROUND HIM  
SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! 35 WHOEVER  
GOD'S WILL IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER."

**THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**  
1 AGAIN JESUS BEGAN TO TEACH BY THE LAKE. THE CROWD THAT  
GATHERED AROUND HIM WAS SO LARGE THAT HE GOT INTO A BO  
AND SAT IN IT OUT ON THE LAKE, WHILE ALL THE PEOPLE WERE  
ALONG THE SHORE AT THE WATER'S EDGE. 2 HE TAUGHT THEM M  
THINGS BY PARABLES, AND IN HIS TEACHING SAID: 3 "LISTEN! A  
FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED. 4 AS HE WAS SCATTERING  
SEED, SOME FELL ALONG THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND  
UP. 5 SOME FELL ON ROCKY PLACES, WHERE IT DID NOT HAVE M  
SOIL. IT SPANG UP QUICKLY BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW.  
WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED, AND TH  
WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 7 OTHER SEED FELL A  
THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS, SO THAT I  
DID NOT BEAR GRAIN. 8 STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL.  
CAME UP, GREW AND PRODUCED A CROP, SOME MULTIPLYING TH  
SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES."

9 THEN JESUS SAID, "WHOEVER HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM H  
10 WHEN HE WAS ALONE, THE TWELVE AND THE OTHERS AROUN  
ASKED HIM ABOUT THE PARABLES. 11 HE TOLD THEM, "THE SECR  
THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU, BUT TO THOSE  
THE OUTSIDE EVERYTHING IS SAID IN PARABLES. 12 SO THAT  
"THEY MAY BE EVER SEEING BUT NEVER PERCEIVING,  
AND EVER HEARING BUT NEVER UNDERSTANDING,  
OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT TURN AND BE FORGIVEN!"

13 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THIS  
PARABLE? HOW THEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND ANY PARABLE?  
FARMER SOWS THE WORD, 15 SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SEED ALON  
PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, SA  
COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEM.  
OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON ROCKY PLACES, HEAR THE WORD  
AT ONCE RECEIVE IT WITH JOY. 17 BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO RO  
THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUT  
COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY. 18 S  
OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD, 19  
THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AN  
THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH CHOKE THE WORD. 20 SOME ARE LI  
THEY HEAR THE WORD, BUT THE THORNS OF CARES AND WORRI  
PRODUCE A CROP—SOME THIRTY, SOME FIFTY, SOME A HUNDRE  
TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

21 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "WHOEVER HEARS THE WORD AND  
UNDERSTANDS IT, HE WILL GET A CROP—SOME SIXTY, SOME  
HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

22 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, "WHOEVER HEARS THE WORD AND  
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# LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth, as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us. And lead us not  
into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine  
is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

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