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- ✘ Man – Woman
- ✘ Rich – Poor (broke)
- ✘ Respected – Rejected (unclean)
- ✘ Leading the synagogue – Banned from the synagogue
- ✘ 12 yr old daughter – 12 yr old disease

Synagogue LEADER vs Synagogue SUPERVISORS

Jairus' faith

The interruption ~ the covert mission is outed

What Jesus asks of us is sometimes embarrassing
but His goal is never to embarrass us

The interruption was DEADLY

“stop fearing – keep on believing”

A Jewish funeral (wailing-tearing-fluting (ridiculing))

Death of the body is a TEMPORARY condition

Talitha kum – from the root word for LITTLE LAMB

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SOME OF THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WERE SITTING THERE, THINKING TO THEMSELVES, 7 "WHY DOES THIS FELLOW TALK LIKE THAT? HE'S BLASPHEMING! WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS BUT GOD ALONE?"

JESUS IMMEDIATELY KNEW IN HIS SPIRIT THAT THIS WAS WHAT THEY WERE THINKING IN THEIR HEARTS, AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE YOU THINKING THESE THINGS? WHICH IS EASIER, TO SAY TO THIS PARALYZED MAN, 'YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN,' OR TO SAY, 'GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK?' 10 BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS." 11 SO HE SAID TO THE MAN, "GET UP, GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO HOME!" 12 THE MAN GOT UP, TOOK HIS MAT AND WALKED OUT IN FULL VIEW OF THEM ALL. THIS AMAZED EVERYONE, AND THEY PRAISED GOD, SAYING, "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!"

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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. 10 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

WILL FAST. 21 SO JESUS CALLED THEM OVER TO HIM AND BEGAN TO SPEAK TO THEM IN PARABLES. "HOW CAN SATAN DRIVE OUT SATAN? 22 IF A KINGDOM DIVIDES AGAINST ITSELF, IT CANNOT STAND. 23 AND IF SATAN OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIVIDED, HE CANNOT STAND. HIS END HAS COME. 24 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TYING HIM UP. 25 THEN HE CAN PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN'S HOUSE. 26 TRULY I TELL YOU, PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDER UTTERED. 27 BUT WHOEVER BLASPHEMES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN. THEY ARE GUILTY OF AN ETERNAL SIN. 28 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE SAYING, 'HE HAS AN IMPURE SPIRIT.' 29 THEN JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING OUTSIDE. THEY SENT SOMEONE IN TO CALL HIM. 30 A CROWD WAS SITTING AROUND HIM, AND THEY TOLD HIM, 'YOUR MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARE OUTSIDE LOOKING FOR YOU.' 31 'WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS?' HE ASKED. 32 THEN HE LOOKED AT THOSE SEATED IN A CIRCLE AROUND HIM AND SAID, 'HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! 33 WHOEVER DOES GOD'S WILL IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER.'"

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

5 HE LOOKED AROUND AT THEM IN ANGER AND DEEPLY DISTRESSED AT THEIR STUBBORN HEARTS, SAID TO THE MAN, "STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND." HE STRETCHED IT OUT, AND HIS HAND WAS COMPLETELY RESTORED. 6 THEN THE PHARISEES WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO PLOT WITH THE HERODIANS HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS.

CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS
JESUS WITHDREW WITH HIS DISCIPLES TO THE LAKE, AND A LARGE CROWD FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED. 2 WHEN THEY HEARD ABOUT ALL HE WAS DOING, MANY PEOPLE CAME TO HIM FROM JUDEA, JERUSALEM, BETHSaida, AND THE REGIONS ACROSS THE JORDAN AND AROUND TYRE AND SIDON. 3 BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HE TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO HAVE A SMALL BOAT READY FOR HIM, TO KEEP THE PEOPLE FROM CROWDING HIM. 4 FOR HE HAD HEALED MANY, SO THAT THOSE WITH DISEASES WERE PUSHING FORWARD TO TOUCH HIM. 5 WHENEVER THE IMPURE SPIRITS SAW HIM, THEY FELL DOWN BEFORE HIM AND CRIED OUT, "YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD." 6 BUT HE GAVE THEM STRICT ORDERS NOT TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM. 7 JESUS APPOINTED THE TWELVE. 8 JESUS WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND CALLED TO HIM THOSE HE WANTED, AND THEY CAME TO HIM. 9 HE APPOINTED TWELVE THAT THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO PREACH. 10 AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 11 THESE ARE THE TWELVE HE APPOINTED: SIMON (TO WHOM HE GAVE THE NAME PETER), 12 JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN (TO THEM HE GAVE THE NAME BOANERGES, WHICH MEANS 'SONS OF THUNDER'), 13 ANDREW, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW (WHOM HE CALLED LEVI), 14 JAMES SON OF ALPHAEUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON THE KANAANITE (WHO WAS AN ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED JESUS), 15 JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW. 16 WHEN JESUS ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD GATHERED SO THAT HE AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO EAT. 17 WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE OF HIM, FOR THEY SAID, "HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND." 18 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."

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THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER
4 AGAIN JESUS BEGAN TO TEACH BY THE LAKE. THE CROWD THAT GATHERED AROUND HIM WAS SO LARGE THAT HE GOT INTO A BOAT 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 MANY 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 EAT IT UP. 5 SOME FELL ON ROCKY PLACES, WHERE IT DID NOT HAVE MUCH SOIL. IT SPRANG UP QUICKLY, BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW. 6 WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED, AND THEY WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 7 OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THE THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS, SO THAT THEY DID NOT BEAR GRAIN. 8 STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL. IT CAME UP, GREW AND PRODUCED A CROP, SOME MULTIPLYING THIRTY TIMES, SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES."

9 THEN JESUS SAID, "WHOEVER HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR."

10 WHEN HE WAS ALONE, THE TWELVE AND THE OTHERS AROUND ASKED HIM ABOUT THE PARABLES. 11 HE TOLD THEM, "THE SECRET OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU, BUT TO THOSE 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? A FARMER SOWS THE SEED. 14 SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SEED ALONG THE PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN, AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, SATAN COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEM. 15 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON ROCKY PLACES, HEAR THE WORD AT ONCE, RECEIVE IT WITH JOY, 16 BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOT, THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY. 17 AS FOR OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD, 18 BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AND THE DESIRE FOR OTHER THINGS CHOKE THE WORD, AND IT DOES NOT BEAR FRUIT. 19 OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HEAR THE WORD, ACCEPT IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP--SOME THIRTY, SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

20 JESUS STOOD UP AND WENT INTO A BOAT, AND THE CROWD FOLLOWED HIM. 21 HE SAID TO THEM, "DO NOT FOLLOW ME IN A BOAT TO PUT ME TO THE TEST. FOR I AM NOT HUMAN. 22 WHOEVER WANTS TO BE A MAN TO BELONG TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD MUST LEAVE ALL AND FOLLOW ME. 23 WHOEVER HATES HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND COMES TO ME AND LOVES ME, I WILL LOVE HIM, AND I WILL COME AND EAT WITH HIM AND DRINK WITH HIM, AND HE WILL BE MY FELLOW CITIZEN. WHOEVER DOES NOT DO THIS CANNOT COME TO ME."

24 "CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHAT YOU HEAR," HE CONTINUED. "THE MEASURE YOU USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU--AND MORE."

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25 HE ANSWERED, "HAVE YOU NEVER READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE
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SPIRIT."
31 THEN JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING
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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
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ALONG THE SHORE AT THE WATER'S EDGE. 2 HE TAUGHT THEM MANY
THINGS BY PARABLES, AND IN HIS TEACHING SAID, 3 "LISTEN! A
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SEED, SOME FELL ALONG THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND
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WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 7 OTHER SEED FELL AMONG
THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS, SO THAT IT
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10 WHEN HE WAS ALONE, THE TWELVE AND THE OTHERS AROUND
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OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU, BUT TO THOSE
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THE DESIRE FOR OTHER THINGS CHOKE THE WORD, AND IT
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ON GOOD SOIL, HEAR THE WORD, ACCEPT IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP--SOME THIRTY,
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AL LAMP ON A STAND
21 HE SAID TO THEM, "NO ONE LIGHTS A LAMP TO PUT IT UNDER
A BUSH OR UNDER A BED, OR TO COVER IT WITH A TUB. 22
HOW CAN IT BE THAT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS? 23
WHAT IS DARKER THAN THIS? MAN TO BE DISCLOSED AND HATE
CONCEALING HIS LIGHT. 24 BUT YOU, WHO ARE CALLED BY THE GOSPEL,
WHEN YOU HAVE A LAMP, LET IT BURN ON A STAND, ON A
TABLE, OR ON A LAMP, SO THAT IT CAN LIGHT THE FEET OF
ANYONE WHO ENTERS THE HOUSE."

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Luke 1:52 – he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

Contrast:

- Man – Woman
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- Respected – Rejected (unclean)
- Leading the synagogue
- Banned from the synagogue (due to uncleanness)
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AT TIME JESUS WENT INTO GALILEE AND WAS
ED BY JOHN. 3 THE NEXT DAY HE SAW TWO OF HIS BROTHERS
THE WATER OF THE JORDAN. 4 HE SAID TO THEM, "COME, FOLLOW ME."
DESCENDING INTO THE JORDAN, HE BAPTIZED THEM. 5
N, "YOU ARE MESSIAH, THE SON OF DAVID, THE KING OF ISRAEL."
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R JOHN WAS PREPARING THE WAY, JESUS WENT INTO GALILEE
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OD NEWS TO THEM. 3 HE SAID, "THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT
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SPIRIT CRIED OUT, 14 "WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US, JESUS OF
EIH? HAVE YOU COME TO DESTROY US? I KNOW WHO YOU
THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"
QUET!" SAID JESUS STERNLY. "COME OUT OF HIM!" 16 THE
SPIRIT SHOOK THE MAN VIOLENTLY AND CAME OUT OF HIM.
SHRIEK.
PEOPLE WERE ALL SO AMAZED THAT THEY ASKED EACH OTHER
IS THIS A NEW TEACHING--AND WITH AUTHORITY! HE EVEN
ORDERS TO IMPURE SPIRITS AND THEY OBEY HIM." 18 NEWS
HIM SPREAD QUICKLY OVER THE WHOLE REGION OF GALILEE.

HEALS MANY
ON AS THEY LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE, THEY WENT WITH JAMES

40 JOHN THE LEPROSY-STRICKEN CAME TO HIM AND BEGGED
HIM TO HEAL HIS KNEES. "IF YOU ARE WILLING, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN."
41 JESUS WAS INDIGNANT. "HE REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND
TOUCHED THE MAN." I AM WILLING," HE SAID. "BE CLEAN!"
42 IMMEDIATELY THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM AND HE WAS CLEANSED.
43 JESUS SENT HIM AWAY AT ONCE WITH A STRONG WARNING:
44 "SEE THAT YOU DON'T TELL THIS TO ANYONE. BUT GO, SHOW
YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST AND OFFER THE SACRIFICES THAT MOSES
COMMANDED FOR YOUR CLEANSING, AS A TESTIMONY TO THEM."
45 INSTEAD HE WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO TALK FREELY, SPREADING
THE NEWS. AS A RESULT, JESUS COULD NO LONGER ENTER A TOWN,
OPENLY BUT STAYED OUTSIDE IN LONELY PLACES.
46 YET THE PEOPLE STILL CAME TO HIM FROM EVERYWHERE.

JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS A PARALYZED MAN
A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN JESUS AGAIN ENTERED CAPERNAUM, THE
PEOPLE HEARD THAT HE HAD COME HOME. 7 THEY GATHERED IN SUCH
LARGE NUMBERS THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT, NOT EVEN
OUTSIDE THE DOOR, AND HE PREACHED THE WORD TO THEM. 8 SOME
MEN CAME, BRINGING TO HIM A PARALYZED MAN CARRIED BY FOUR
OF THEM. 9 SINCE THEY COULD NOT GET HIM TO HIM, THEY
WENT TO THE ROOF OF THE HOUSE AND CUT A HOLE IN IT. 10
THEY LOWERED THE PARALYZED MAN DOWN TO JESUS.
11 JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH AND SAID TO THE PARALYZED MAN,
"BE GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO HOME." 12 THE MAN
IMMEDIATELY GOT UP AND WENT HOME.

13 NOW SOME TEACHERS OF THE LAW WERE SITTING THERE, THINKING
TO THEMSELVES, 17 "WHY DOES THIS FELLOW TALK LIKE THAT? HE'S
BLASPHEMING! WHO CAN FORGIVE SIN'S BUT GOD ALONE?"
18 IMMEDIATELY JESUS KNEW IN HIS SPIRIT THAT THIS WAS WHAT THEY
WERE THINKING IN THEIR HEARTS, AND HE SAID TO THEM, "AND ARE
YOU THINKING THIS IN YOUR HEARTS?
19 I SAY TO YOU, ALL SINS WILL BE FORGIVEN THEM, AND THEY
WILL LIVE."
20 THEN HE SAID TO THE PARALYZED MAN, "GET UP, TAKE YOUR
MAT AND GO HOME." 21 THE MAN GOT UP AND WENT HOME.
22 ALL THE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED AND THEY PRASED GOD,
SAYING, "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!"

JESUS CALLS LEVI AND EATS WITH SINNERS
1 ONCE AGAIN JESUS WENT OUT BESIDE THE LAKE. A LARGE CROWD
CAME TO HIM, AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM. 4 AS HE WALKED
ALONG, HE SAW LEVI SON OF ALPHAEUS SITTING AT THE TAX
COLLECTOR'S BOOTH. "FOLLOW ME," JESUS TOLD HIM, AND LEVI GOT
UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.
5 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. 6 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
WILL FAST."

ONE SLEWS A PATCH OF CLOTHING ON AN OLD
GMENT. OTHERWISE, THE NEW PIECE WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE
OLD, MAKING THE TEAR WORSE. 12 AND NO ONE POURS NEW WINE
INTO OLD WINE SKINS. OTHERWISE, THE WINE WILL BURST THE SKINS,
AND BOTH THE WINE AND THE WINE SKINS WILL BE RUINED. NO, THEY
POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINE SKINS."
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 ABIAHATH 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
29 ANOTHER TIME JESUS WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE, AND A MAN
WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE. 30 SOME OF THEM WERE
WATCHING HIM TO SEE IF HE WOULD HEAL HIM ON THE SABBATH. 31 JESUS
SAID TO THE MAN WITH THE SHRIVELED HAND, "STAND UP IN FRONT
OF THE CROWD."
32 THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, "WHICH IS LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH: TO
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21 JESUS SAID TO THEM, "NO ONE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD
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HEALS MANY
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50 YET THE PEOPLE STILL CAME TO HIM FROM EVERYWHERE.

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A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN JESUS AGAIN ENTERED CAPERNAUM, THE
PEOPLE HEARD THAT HE HAD COME HOME. 2 THEY GATHERED IN SUCH
LARGE NUMBERS THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT, NOT EVEN
OUTSIDE THE DOOR, AND HE PREACHED THE WORD TO THEM. 3 SOME
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MEN, WAS THERE. 5 THEY GOT HIM TO JESUS BECAUSE OF
THE CROWD. 6 Lying IN THE ROOF ABOVE JESUS BY
CRAWLING ON HIS HANDS, HE CRIED OUT, "SIR, I HAVE FAITH."
7 HE SAID TO THE PARALYZED MAN, "SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

8 NOW SOME TEACHERS OF THE LAW WERE SITTING THERE, THINKING
TO THEMSELVES, 9 "WHY DOES THIS FELLOW TALK LIKE THAT? HE'S
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ALONG, HE SAW LEVI, SON OF ALPHAEUS, SITTING AT THE TAX
COLLECTOR'S BOOTH. "FOLLOW ME," JESUS TOLD HIM, AND LEVI GOT
UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.

13 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
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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
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23 ONE SABBATH JESUS WAS GOING THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS, AND
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OF GRAIN. 24 THE PHARISEES SAID TO HIM, "LOOK, WHY ARE THEY
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25 HE ANSWERED, "HAVE YOU NEVER READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE
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27 THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT
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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 THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, "WHICH IS LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH: TO
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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,
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AROUND TYRE AND SIDON. 9 BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HE TOLD HIS
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19 WHEN 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
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25 STAND, 26 IF A HOUSE IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT HOUSE
CANNOT STAND. 27 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 TYING HIM UP.
HE CAN PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN'S HOUSE. 28 TRULY I TELL YOU,
PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDER
UTTER. 29 BUT WHOEVER BLASPHEMES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIR
WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN. THEY ARE GUILTY OF AN ETERNAL SIN.
30 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE SAYING, "HE HAS AN IMPU
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 AND
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 THA
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 AROUND
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 SO
OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD. 19
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21 HE SAID TO THEM, "NO ONE LIGHTS A LAMP TO PUT IT UNDER
HOW CAN IT BE HIDDEN FROM YOU? 22 IF YOU HAVE EARS TO HEAR,
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APTISM AND TESTING OF JESUS
AT TIME JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH AND WAS
ED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN. 10 IT WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS
THE WATER, HE SAW HEAVEN BEING TORN AND
DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. 11 HE WAS SAYING
N, "YOU ARE MY SON, WHOM I LOVE, WITH YOU I AM WELL
ED"

NCE THE SPIRIT SENT HIM OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS. 11 AND
IN THE WILDERNESS FOR 40 DAYS, BEING TEMPTED BY SATAN
WITH THE WILD ANIMALS, AND ANGELS ATTENDED HIM

ANNOUNCES THE GOOD NEWS
R JOHN WAS PUT IN PRISON, JESUS WENT INTO GALILEE
ANNOUNCING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD. 15 "THE TIME HAS COME," HE
SAID, "THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR. REPENT AND BELIEVE
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CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES
JESUS WALKED BESIDE THE SEASIDE OF GALILEE. HE SAW SIMON AND
OTHER ANDREW CASTING A NET INTO THE LAKE, FOR THEY
WAS FISHMEN. 17 "COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL
YOU OUT TO FISH FOR PEOPLE." 18 AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR
NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM.

N HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, HE SAW JAMES SON OF
ZEBEDE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, PREPARING THEIR NETS
OUT OF THE BOAT. HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHERS
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15 WHEN JESUS HAD SAID THIS, HE WENT AWAY TO NAZARETH.

HEALS MANY
ON AS THEY LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE, THEY WENT WITH JAMES
AND JOSEPH TO NAZARETH. 16 WHEN THEY CAME TO THE
SYNAGOGUE, HE TOOK THE BOOK, UNROLLED IT, AND BEGAN
TO READ. 17 HE FOUND THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS WRITTEN,
"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS
ANointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me
to proclaim that the kingdom of God is near. He has anointed me
to heal the sick, to proclaim the good news to the poor, to
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HE CANNOT STAND. HIS END HAS COME. 27 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN
ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TYING HIM UP.
HE CAN PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN'S HOUSE. 28 TRULY I TELL YOU,
PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDER
UTTERED. 29 BUT WHOEVER BLASPHEMES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT
WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN, THEY ARE GUILTY OF AN ETERNAL SIN.
30 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE SAYING, "HE HAS AN IMPURE
SPIRIT."
31 THEN JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING
OUTSIDE. THEY SENT SOMEONE IN TO CALL HIM. 32 A CROWD WAS
SITTING AROUND HIM, AND THEY TOLD HIM, "YOUR MOTHER AND
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
4 AGAIN JESUS BEGAN TO TEACH BY THE LAKE. THE CROWD THAT
GATHERED AROUND HIM WAS SO LARGE THAT HE GOT INTO A BOAT
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 MANY
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 MUCH
SOIL. IT SPANG UP QUICKLY, BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW.
WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED, AND THEY
WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 7 OTHER SEED FELL AMONG
THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS, SO THAT IT
DID NOT BEAR GRAIN. 8 STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL.
CAME UP, GREW AND PRODUCED A CROP, SOME MULTIPLYING THIRTY
SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES."

9 THEN JESUS SAID, "WHOEVER HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR."
10 WHEN HE WAS ALONE, THE TWELVE AND THE OTHERS AROUND
ASKED HIM ABOUT THE PARABLES. 11 HE TOLD THEM, "THE SECRET
OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU, BUT TO THOSE
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 ALONG
THE PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN, AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, SATAN
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 ROOT,
THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION
COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY. 18
OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD. 19
THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AND
THE DESIRE FOR OTHER THINGS CHOKE THE WORD, AND IT DOES NOT
PRODUCE A CROP. 20 BUT THE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HE
HEARS THE WORD, ACCEPTS IT, AND PRODUCES A CROP--SOME THIRTY,
SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

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21 JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO PUT THE
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THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS THE MESSIAH,
OF GOD. 7 AS IT IS WRITTEN IN ISAIAH THE PROPHET:
"I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU,
WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY --
A VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE WILDERNESS
TO MAKE THE WAY FOR THE LORD,
AND TO STRAIGHTEN PATHS FOR HIM."

SO JOHN THE BAPTIST CAME IN THE WILDERNESS,
PREPARING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR ALL THE
JEWELRY OF THE WHOLE JORDAN VALLEY. HE WAS
WAS WEARING A GARMENT MADE OF CAMEL'S HAIR,
WITH A LEATHER BELT AROUND HIS WAIST.
HE WAS EATING LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY.
AFTER ME COMES THE ONE WHO IS MORE POWERFUL
THAN I AM. WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT WORTHY
TO UNLACE. I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER,
BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT."

AT THE BAPTISM AND TESTING OF JESUS
AT THE TIME JESUS WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE
JORDAN, THE WHOLE HEAVEN OPENED UP.
THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDED LIKE A DOVE
AND REMAINED OVER HIM. A VOICE FROM HEAVEN
SAID, "YOU ARE MY SON, WHO LOVES ME, AND
I AM WELL PLEASED WITH YOU."

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ALEM WENT OUT
ED BY HIM IN THE JORDAN RIVER. 8 JOHN WORE CLOTHING
OF CAMEL'S HAIR, WITH A LEATHER BELT AROUND HIS WAIST.
E LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY. 9 AND THIS WAS HIS
AFTER ME COMES THE ONE
OF WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT
10 I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER, BUT
11 HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

APTISM AND TESTING OF JESUS
AT TIME JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE AND
ED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN. 10 JUST AS JESUS WAS
THE WATER, HE SAW HEAVEN BEING TORN OPEN AND
DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. 11 AND A VOICE
N: "YOU ARE MY SON, WHOM I LOVE. WITH YOU I AM
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ANCE THE SPIRIT DROVE HIM INTO THE WILDERNESS
IN THE WILDERNESS HE WAS TESTED
WITH THE DEVIL
ANNOUNCES THE GOOD NEWS
R JOHN WAS PUT IN PRISON. JESUS WENT INTO GALILEE
ANNOUNCING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD. 15 "THE TIME HAS COME," HE
KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR. REPENT AND BELIEVE
OD NEWS!"

CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES
JESUS WALKED BESIDE THE SEA OF GALILEE. HE SAW SIMON AND
OTHER ANDREW CASTING A NET INTO THE LAKE. FOR THEY
FISHERMEN. 17 "COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL
OU OUT TO FISH FOR PEOPLE." 18 AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR
ND FOLLOWED HIM.

N HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, HE SAW JAMES SON OF
E AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, PREPARING THEIR NETS
OUT DELTA. HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHERS
EE IN THE BOAT WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.

DRIVES OUT AN IMPURE SPIRIT
JESUS WENT TO CAPERNAUM, AND WHEN THE SABBATH CAME, HE
WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND BEGAN TO TEACH. 10 THE PEOPLE
AMAZED AT HIS TEACHING, BECAUSE HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE
AD AUTHORITY, NOT AS THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW. 11 JUST
A MAN IN THEIR SYNAGOGUE WHO WAS POSSESSED BY AN
E SPIRIT CRIED OUT. 14 "WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US, JESUS OF
EIH? HAVE YOU COME TO DESTROY US? I KNOW WHO YOU
THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"

QUIET!" SAID JESUS STERNLY. "COME OUT OF HIM!" 16 THE
E SPIRIT SHOOK THE MAN VIOLENTLY AND CAME OUT OF HIM.
SHRIEK.

PEOPLE WERE ALL SO AMAZED THAT THEY ASKED EACH OTHER
IS THIS A NEW TEACHING--AND WITH AUTHORITY! HE EVEN
ORDERS TO IMPURE SPIRITS AND THEY OBEY HIM." 18 NEWS
HIM SPREAD QUICKLY OVER THE WHOLE REGION OF GALILEE.

HEALS MANY
ON AS THEY LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE, THEY WENT WITH JAMES

40 JOHN THE LEPROVISED CAME TO HIM AND BEGGED
HIM TO HEAL HIS KNEES. "IF YOU ARE WILLING, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN."
AT JESUS WAS INDIGNANT IN HE REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND
TOUCHED THE MAN. "I AM WILLING," HE SAID, "BE CLEAN!"
42 IMMEDIATELY THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM AND HE WAS CLEANSED.
43 JESUS SENT HIM AWAY AT ONCE WITH A STRONG WARNING:
44 "SEE THAT YOU DON'T TELL THIS TO ANYONE. BUT GO, SHOW
YOURSELF
TO THE PRIEST AND OFFER THE SACRIFICES THAT MOSES
COMMANDED FOR YOUR CLEANING, AS A TESTIMONY TO THEM."
45 WHEN JESUS HAD FINISHED SAYING THIS, HE WENT AWAY AND
BEGAN TO TALK FREELY, SPREADING
THE GOSPEL. HE COULD NO LONGER ENTER A TOWN,
VILLAGE, OR COUNTRY, BECAUSE HE WAS SO WELL KNOWN.
HE WENT INTO LONELY PLACES,
AND HE PREACHED THE WORD TO THEM. 2 SOME
MEN WERE BRINGING TO HIM A PARALYZED MAN, CARRIED BY FOUR
OF THEM. SINCE THEY COULD NOT GET HIM UP TO JESUS BECAUSE OF
THE CROWD, THEY PUT HIM ON A MAT AND LAYED HIM ABOVE JESUS.
3 AS HE SAW THE FAITH OF THE MAN, JESUS SAID TO THE
PARALYZED MAN, "YOUR SONS ARE FORGIVEN."

4 NOW THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW AND THE PHARISEES WERE
SITTING THERE, THINKING, "WHY DOES HE SAY THIS? HE IS SAYING
THINGS THAT HE HAS NO AUTHORITY TO SAY. WE KNOW THAT THE
SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS." 5 SO HE
SAID TO THE MAN, "I TELL YOU, GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO
HOME." 6 THE MAN GOT UP, TOOK HIS MAT, AND WALKED OUT IN FULL VIEW
OF THEM ALL. THIS AMAZED EVERYONE, AND THEY PRAISED GOD,
SAYING, "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!"

JESUS CALLS LEVI AND EATS WITH SINNERS
11 ONCE AGAIN JESUS WENT OUT BESIDE THE LAKE. A LARGE CROWD
CAME TO HIM, AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM. 12 AS HE WALKED
ALONG, HE SAW LEVI SON OF ALPHAEUS SITTING AT THE TAX
COLLECTOR'S BOOTH. "FOLLOW ME," JESUS TOLD HIM, AND LEVI GOT
UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.
13 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. 14 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?"

15 JESUS ANSWERED 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
16 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?"

17 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. 18 BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE
BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND ON THAT DAY THEY

41 ONE Sews A PATCH OF NEW CLOTH ON AN OLD
GMENT. OTHERWISE, THE NEW PIECE WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE
OLD, MAKING THE TEAR WORSE. 42 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 ABIAHATH 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 THEY SAID TO HIM, "IS IT LAWFUL FOR A MAN NOT
TO WORK ON THE SABBATH?" 28 HE ANSWERED THEM, "IT IS LAWFUL
TO DO GOOD AND TO SAVE LIVES, NOT TO DO HARM OR TO DESTROY."

JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH
29 ANOTHER TIME JESUS WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE, AND A MAN
WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE. 30 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. 31 JESUS
SAID TO THE MAN WITH THE SHRIVELED HAND, "STAND UP IN FRONT
OF EVERYONE."

32 THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "WHICH IS EASIER TO SAY, 'YOUR
HANDS ARE HEALED,' OR TO SAY, 'YOUR HANDS ARE PARALYZED,' BUT THEY
WANTED TO KILL HIM BECAUSE HE WAS SAYING THIS. 33 BUT THEY
WERE THINKING IN THEIR HEARTS, "WHY DOES HE SAY THIS? HE IS SAYING
THINGS THAT HE HAS NO AUTHORITY TO SAY. WE KNOW THAT THE
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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, COUMEA, AND THE REGIONS AROUND 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 APPOINT 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, THOMAS
JAMES SON OF ALPHAEUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON THE ZEBULON, JUDAS
ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM.
JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW
20 WHEN 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

STAND, 25 IF A MAN IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT HOUSE
CANNOT STAND. 26 AND IF SATAN OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIV
HE CANNOT STAND. HIS END HAS COME. 27 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN
ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TYING 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 IMPU
SPIRIT."

31 THEN JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING
OUTSIDE. THEY SENT SOMEONE IN TO CALL HIM. 32 A CROWD W
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
4 AGAIN JESUS BEGAN TO TEACH BY THE LAKE. THE CROWD TH
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 AROUND
ASKED HIM ABOUT THE PARABLES. 11 HE TOLD THEM, "THE SECH
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 DESIRE FOR OTHER THINGS CHOKE THE WORD. 21 SO THE
WORD DOES NOT TAKE ROOT, AND IT DOES NOT PRODUCE A CROP. 22
SOME THIRTY, SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

AL AMONG A STAND
23 JESUS SAID TO THEM, "DO NOT THINK IT LAWFUL TO PUT THE
HOW OFTEN WE READ JOHN 1:12. IT SAYS, 'TO WHOMSOEVER
22' WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS? IT SAYS, 'TO WHOMSOEVER
23' CONCERNING THIS, IT SAYS, 'TO WHOMSOEVER YOU GIVE
ANYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BECOME A SON OF GOD, AND HE
WILL GLADLY ACCEPT HIM.'"

24 "CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHAT YOU HEAR. HE CONTINUED
THE MEASURE YOU USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU--AND

“Daughter/son,
your faith has made you well;
go in peace,
and be healed of your disease.”

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APTISM AND TESTING OF JESUS
1 AT THAT TIME JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE AND WAS
BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN. 2 JUST AS JESUS WAS COMING UP
OUT OF THE WATER, HE SAW HEAVEN BEING TORN OPEN AND THE
SPIRIT DESCENDING ON HIM LIKE A DOVE. 3 AND A VOICE CAME FROM
HEAVEN, SAYING, "YOU ARE MY SON, WHOM I LOVE. WITH YOU I AM WELL
PLEASSED."
4 THE SPIRIT SENT HIM OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS. 5 AND
HE WAS IN THE WILDERNESS FOR 40 DAYS, BEING TEMPTED BY SATAN.
6 WITH THE WILDERNESS ANIMALS, AND ANGELS ATTENDING HIM.

ANNOUNCES THE GOOD NEWS
1 JOHN WAS PUT IN PRISON. JESUS WENT INTO GALILEE
ANNOUNCING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD. 2 "THE TIME HAS COME," HE
SAID. "THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR. REPENT AND BELIEVE
THE GOOD NEWS!"

CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES
1 JESUS WALKED BESIDE THE SEAS OF GALILEE. HE SAW SIMON AND
ANDREW CASTING A NET INTO THE LAKE. FOR THEY
WAS FISHERMEN. 2 "COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL
MAKE YOU FISH FOR PEOPLE." 3 AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR
NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM.

ON HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, HE SAW JAMES SON OF
ZEBOEDAI AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, PREPARING THEIR NETS.
4 HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHERS
IN THE BOAT WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.

DRIVES OUT AN IMPURE SPIRIT
1 JESUS WENT TO CAPERNAUM, AND WHEN THE SABBATH CAME, HE
WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND BEGAN TO TEACH. 2 THE PEOPLE
WERE AMAZED AT HIS TEACHING, BECAUSE HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE
HAVING AUTHORITY, NOT AS THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW. 3 JUST
THEN A MAN IN THEIR SYNAGOGUE WHO WAS POSSESSED BY AN
IMPURE SPIRIT CRIED OUT, 4 "WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US, JESUS OF
NAZARETH? HAVE YOU COME TO DESTROY US? I KNOW WHO YOU
ARE--THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"

QUIET!" SAID JESUS STERNLY. "COME OUT OF HIM!" 5 THE
IMPURE SPIRIT SHOOK THE MAN VIOLENTLY AND CAME OUT OF HIM
WITH A SHRIEK.

PEOPLE WERE ALL SO AMAZED THAT THEY ASKED EACH OTHER
"WHAT IS THIS? A NEW TEACHING--AND WITH AUTHORITY! HE EVEN
COMMANDS THE IMPURE SPIRITS AND THEY OBEY HIM!" 8 THE NEWS
OF JESUS SPREAD QUICKLY OVER THE WHOLE REGION OF GALILEE.

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JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS A PARALYZED MAN
1 A FEW DAYS LATER, WHEN JESUS AGAIN ENTERED CAPERNAUM, THE
PEOPLE HEARD THAT HE HAD COME HOME. 2 THEY GATHERED IN SUCH
LARGE NUMBERS THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT, NOT EVEN
OUTSIDE THE DOOR, AND HE PREACHED THE WORD TO THEM. 3 SOME
MEN CAME, BRINGING TO HIM A PARALYZED MAN, CARRIED BY FOUR
OF THEM. 4 SINCE THEY COULD NOT GET HIM TO JESUS BECAUSE OF
THE CROWD, THEY MADE AN OPENING IN THE ROOF ABOVE JESUS BY
DIGGING THROUGH IT AND THEN LOWERED THE MAN, THE MAN WAS
LYING ON A MAT. 5 WHEN JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID TO THE
PARALYZED MAN, "SON, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

6 NOW SOME TEACHERS OF THE LAW WERE SITTING THERE, THINKING
TO THEMSELVES, 7 "WHY DOES THIS FELLOW TALK LIKE THAT? HE'S
BLASPHEMING! WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS BUT GOD ALONE?"

8 IMMEDIATELY JESUS KNEW IN HIS SPIRIT THAT THIS WAS WHAT THEY
WERE THINKING IN THEIR HEARTS, AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE
YOU THINKING THESE THINGS? WHICH IS EASIER, TO SAY TO THIS
PARALYZED MAN, 'YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN,' OR TO SAY, 'GET UP,
TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK?' 9 BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE
SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS," SO HE
SAID TO THE MAN, 10 "GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO HOME!" 11 THE MAN GOT UP, TOOK HIS MAT AND WALKED OUT IN FULL VIEW
OF THEM ALL. THIS AMAZED EVERYONE AND THEY PRAISED GOD,
SAYING, "WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!"

JESUS CALLS LEVI AND EATS WITH SINNERS
1 JESUS AGAIN WENT OUT BESIDE THE LAKE. A LARGE CROWD
CAME TO HIM, AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM. 2 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.

3 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. 4 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?"

5 JESUS ANSWERED THEM, "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
1 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?"

2 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. 3 BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE
BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND ON THAT DAY THEY

ONE SLEWS A PATCH OF UNSKINNED CLOTH ON AN OLD
GMENT, OTHERWISE, THE NEW PIECE WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE
OLD, MAKING THE TEAR WORSE. 12 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." 13 JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH
13 ONE SABBATH JESUS WAS GOING THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS, AND
HIS DISCIPLES WERE PICKING SOME HEADS OF GRAIN. 14 THE
PHARISEES ASKED HIM, "WHY ARE YOU PICKING SOME HEADS
OF GRAIN ON THE SABBATH? THAT IS AGAINST THE LAW."
15 JESUS ANSWERED THEM, "THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT
MAN FOR THE SABBATH. 16 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 THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, "WHICH IS LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH: TO
DO GOOD OR TO DO EVIL, TO SAVE LIFE OR TO KILL?" BUT THEY
REMAINED SILENT.

5 HE LOOKED AROUND AT THEM IN ANGER AND DEEPLY DISTRESSED
AT THEIR STUBBORN HEARTS, SAID TO THE MAN, "STRETCH OUT YOUR
HAND." HE STRETCHED IT OUT, AND HIS HAND WAS COMPLETELY
RESTORED. 6 THEN THE PHARISEES WENT OUT AND BEGAN TO PLOT
WITH THE HERODIANS HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS.

CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS
1 JESUS WITHDREW WITH HIS DISCIPLES TO THE LAKE, AND A LARGE
CROWD FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED. 2 WHEN THEY HEARD ABOUT ALL
HE WAS DOING, MANY PEOPLE CAME TO HIM FROM JUDEA,
JERUSALEM, IDUMEA, AND THE REGIONS AROUND THE JORDAN AND
AROUND TYRE AND SIDON. 3 BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HE TOLD HIS
DISCIPLES TO HAVE A SMALL BOAT READY FOR HIM, TO KEEP THE
PEOPLE FROM CROWDING HIM. 4 FOR HE HAD HEALED MANY SO THAT
THOSE WITH DISEASES WERE PUSHING FORWARD TO TOUCH HIM. 5
WHenever the IMPURE SPIRITS SAW HIM, THEY FELL DOWN BEFORE
HIM AND CRIED OUT, "YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD." 6 BUT HE GAVE
THEM STRICT ORDERS NOT TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM. 7 JESUS APPOINTED THE TWELVE
11 JESUS WENT UP ON A MOUNTAINSIDE AND CALLED TO HIM THOSE
HE WANTED, AND THEY CAME TO HIM. 12 HE APPOINTED TWELVE THAT
THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO
PREACH, 13 AND TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS. 14
THESE ARE THE TWELVE HE APPOINTED: SIMON (TO WHOM HE GAVE
THE NAME PETER), 15 JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN
(TO THEM HE GAVE THE NAME BOANERGES, WHICH MEANS "SONS OF
THUNDER"), 16 ANDREW, PHILIP, BARTHOLOMEW, MATTHEW, THOMAS
JAMES SON OF ALPHEAUS, THADDAEUS, SIMON THE CANNER, AND
JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO BETRAYED HIM. 17 JESUS ACCUSED BY HIS FAMILY AND BY TEACHERS OF THE LAW
17 WHEN JESUS ENTERED A HOUSE, AND AGAIN A CROWD GATHERED
SO THAT HE AND HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO EAT. 18
WHEN HIS FAMILY HEARD ABOUT THIS, THEY WENT TO TAKE CHARGE
OF HIM, FOR THEY SAID, "HE IS OUT OF HIS MIND."
19 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."

20 SO JESUS CALLED THEM OVER TO HIM AND BEGAN TO SPEAK TO
THEM IN PARABLES. "HOW CAN SATAN DRIVE OUT SATAN? 21 IF A

STAND, 22 IF A MAN IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT MAN
CANNOT STAND. 23 AND IF SATAN OPPOSES HIMSELF AND IS DIV
HE CANNOT STAND, HIS END HAS COME. 24 IN FACT, NO ONE CAN
ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE WITHOUT FIRST TYING HIM UP.
25 HE CAN PLUNDER THE STRONG MAN'S HOUSE. 26 TRULY I TELL YOU,
PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN ALL THEIR SINS AND EVERY SLANDER
UTTERED, 27 BUT WHOEVER BLASPHEMES AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT
WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN. THEY ARE GUILTY OF AN ETERNAL SIN.
28 HE SAID THIS BECAUSE THEY WERE SAYING, "HE HAS AN IMPURE
SPIRIT."

29 THEN JESUS' MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARRIVED, STANDING
OUTSIDE. THEY SENT SOMEONE IN TO CALL HIM. 30 A CROWD WAS
SITTING AROUND HIM, AND THEY TOLD HIM, "YOUR MOTHER AND
BROTHERS ARE OUTSIDE LOOKING FOR YOU." 31 "WHO ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS?" HE ASKED.
32 THEN HE LOOKED AT THOSE SEATED IN A CIRCLE AROUND HIM
SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS! 33 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 BOAT
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 MANY
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
EAT IT UP. 5 SOME FELL ON ROCKY PLACES, WHERE IT DID NOT HAVE MUCH
SOIL. IT SPRANG UP QUICKLY, BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW.
WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED AND
WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 7 OTHER SEED FELL AMONG
THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS, SO THAT IT
DID NOT BEAR GRAIN. 8 STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL.
IT CAME UP, GREW AND PRODUCED A CROP, SOME MULTIPLYING THIRTY
SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES."

9 THEN JESUS SAID, "WHOEVER HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR."

10 WHEN HE WAS ALONE, THE TWELVE AND THE OTHERS AROUND
ASKED HIM ABOUT THE PARABLES. 11 HE TOLD THEM, "THE SECRET
OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU, BUT TO THOSE
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 SEED. 14 SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SEED ALONG
THE PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN, AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, SATAN
COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEM. 15
OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON ROCKY PLACES, HEAR THE WORD
AT ONCE, RECEIVE IT WITH JOY, 16 BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOT,
THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION
COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY. 17
OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD, 18
BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AND
THE DESIRE FOR OTHER THINGS CHOKE THE WORD, AND IT DOES NOT
PRODUCE A CROP. 19 SOME, LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HEAR
THE WORD, ACCEPT IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP--SOME THIRTY, SOME
SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN."

AL LAMP ON A STAND
19 JESUS SAID TO THEM, "NO ONE LIGHTS A LAMP TO PUT IT UNDER
A BUSH OR UNDER A BED, OR TO COVER IT WITH A TUB. 20
HOW CAN IT BE THAT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS? 21
WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD? IT IS SAID IN
PARABLES, BUT TO YOU IT IS NOT IN PARABLES, BUT IN TRUTH. 22
WHOEVER HEARS AND UNDERSTANDS, HE WILL OBTAIN ABUNDANTLY
MORE. WHOEVER DOES NOT, HE WILL LOSE WHAT HE HAS. 23
WHOEVER HEARS AND DOES NOT UNDERSTAND, HE WILL BE
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“stop fearing – keep on believing”

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THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY MARK

A Jewish funeral wailing (family, friends, professionals) tearing the clothes fluting ridiculing – “mocking to scorn”

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Jesus' words remind us:

Death of the body is a TEMPORARY condition

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The Gospel of Jesus by Mark

MB IN CAME UP THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED, AND THE CAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 7 OTHER SEED FELL A H GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS. SO THAT T GRADUALLY, OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOI

9 THEN JESUS SAID, "WHOEVER HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR."

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, BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOTS THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY. 18 SOME OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD, BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AND THE DESIRE FOR OTHER THINGS CHOKED THE WORD, SO IT DOES NOT TAKE ROOT AND BEAR FRUIT. 19 GOOD SOIL, HOWEVER, HEARS THE WORD, UNDERSTANDS IT, AND BECAUSE OF THIS IT BEAR

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