

Read the Bible in A Year: Chronological
Readings for September Oct 11-17, 2020

Selections from Matthew 8, 15-18; Mark 7-9; Luke 9-13

The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the story of Jesus' birth, life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. While they are all written semi-chronologically, large portions of each gospel are arranged thematically. So, the exact order in which certain stories or teachings occur in the gospels may not match. Also, depending on the emphasis of the writer of the gospel, certain accounts may be included in one or more gospels, but not in all. As we continue our way through the gospels, we will read the various accounts in as close to a chronological order as possible and will read similar accounts from the different gospels together.

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

Mark 7:24-30 From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. He entered a house and would have no one know it. Yet He could not be hidden. For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of Him, and came and fell at His feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by race. And she begged Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. Jesus said to her, "Let the children first be filled. For it is not fitting to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She answered, "Yes, Lord. Yet the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then He said to her, "For this answer, go your way. The demon has gone out of your daughter." When she had come to her house, she found the demon had gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

Matt 15:21-28 Then Jesus went from there and departed into the regions of Tyre and Sidon. There, a woman of Canaan came out of the same regions and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David. My daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, help me." But He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and to throw it to dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith. Let it be done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Deaf and Mute Man Healed

Mark 7:31-37 Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decapolis. They brought to Him one who was deaf and had difficulty speaking. And they pleaded with Him to put His hand on him. He took him

aside from the crowd, and put His fingers into his ears, and spat and touched his tongue. Looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “*Ephphatha*,” that is, “Be opened.” Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosened, and he spoke correctly. He ordered them to tell no one. But the more He ordered them, the more they greatly proclaimed it. They were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Healing of Many People

Matt 15:29-31 Jesus departed from there, and passed by the Sea of Galilee, and went up on a mountain and sat down there. Great crowds came to Him, having with them those who were lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others, and placed them down at Jesus’ feet, and He healed them, so that the crowds wondered when they saw the mute speak, the maimed made whole, the lame walk, and the blind see. And they glorified the God of Israel.

The Feeding of the Four Thousand

Mark 8:1-10 In those days, the crowds being very great with nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have now been with Me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint on the way, for some of them have come from afar.” His disciples answered, “Where can one get bread to feed these men here in the wilderness?” He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.”

He commanded the people to sit down on the ground. Taking the seven loaves and giving thanks, He broke them and gave them to His disciples to serve. And they served the crowd. And they had a few small fish. And blessing them, He commanded that these also be served them. So they ate and were filled. And they collected seven baskets of the broken pieces that were left. There were about four thousand who had eaten, and He sent them away. He immediately entered a boat with His disciples and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

Matt 15:32-39 Then Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have remained with Me now for three days and have nothing to eat. I will not send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.” His disciples said to Him, “Where will we get enough bread in the wilderness to feed such a great crowd?” Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven and a few little fish.” He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. He took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to His disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowd. They all ate and were filled. And they collected seven baskets full of the broken pieces that were left. Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. He sent the crowd away, and got into the boat, and went to the region of Magdala.

The Demand for a Sign

- Matt 16:1-4** The Pharisees and Sadducees came and, testing Him, asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and overcast.' O you hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." So He left them and departed.
- Mark 8:11-13** The Pharisees came up and began to debate with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven to test Him. He sighed deeply in His spirit and said, "Why does this generation look for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation." Then He left them and, entering the boat again, departed to the other side.
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The Yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod

- Mark 8:14-21** Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread and did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. He warned them, "Take heed. Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod." They reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have no bread." Being aware of it, Jesus said to them, "Why do you reason that you have no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? Having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?" They said to Him, "Twelve." "And the seven among the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?" They said, "Seven." He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"
- Matt 16:5-12** But when His disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." They reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread." But when Jesus perceived it, He said to them, "O you of little faith, why reason among yourselves, that it is because you have brought no bread? Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you collected? Or the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many baskets you collected? How is it that you do not understand that I spoke to you not concerning bread, but that you should beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees?" Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
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The Healing of a Blind Man at Bethsaida

Mark 8:22-26 He came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Him and entreated Him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. When He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said, "I see men as trees, walking." Then again, He put His hands on his eyes and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. He sent him home away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell it to anyone in the town."

Peter's Declaration About Jesus

Mark 8:27-30 Jesus and His disciples went out into the towns of Caesarea Philippi. On the way He asked His disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist, but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him, "You are the Christ." He warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

Matt 16:13-20 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" They said, "Some say that You are John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then He commanded His disciples to tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Luke 9:18-20 As He was alone praying, His disciples were with Him. And He asked them, "Who do the people say that I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist. But some say Elijah. And others say that one of the old prophets has risen." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Mark 8:31-9:1 He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said this openly. And Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him. But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." When He had called the people to Him, with His disciples, He said to them, "If any man

would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it. But whoever would lose his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? Whoever therefore is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Matt 16:21-28 From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised on the third day. Then Peter took Him and began rebuking Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall not happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things that are of God, but those that are of men." Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man shall come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay every man according to his works. Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Luke 9:21-27 Jesus strictly commanded them to tell no one of this, saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." Then He said to them all, "If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever will save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, yet loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His own glory and in the glory of His Father and of the holy angels. "But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

The Transfiguration

Mark 9:2-13 After six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain, alone by themselves. And He was transfigured before them. His garments became shiny, extremely white as snow, such as no launderer on earth could whiten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses. And they were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three sanctuaries: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, because they were very afraid

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him." Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus only. As they came down the mountain, He warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They kept that statement to themselves, questioning each other what the rising from the dead meant. And they asked Him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must first come?" He answered, "Elijah indeed comes first to restore all things. Yet how is it written of the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I say to you that Elijah has indeed come, and they have done to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him."

Matt 17:1-13 After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother and brought them up to a high mountain alone, and was transfigured before them. His face shone as the sun, and His garments became white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You wish, let us make three tabernacles here: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Rise, and do not be afraid." When they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. As they came down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead." His disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" Jesus answered, "Elijah truly does first come and will restore all things. But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased. Likewise, the Son of Man will also suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that He was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Luke 9:28-36 About eight days after these sayings, He took Peter and John and James and went up onto a mountain to pray. As He prayed, the appearance of His countenance was altered, and His clothing was white and glistening. And suddenly two men were talking with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure which He was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep. But waking thoroughly, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. As they departed from Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three sanctuaries: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not knowing what he said. While he was speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed them. And they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him." When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They kept silent and told no one in those days anything they had seen.

The Healing of a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

Mark 9:14-29 When He came to His other disciples, He saw a great crowd around them, and the scribes disputing with them. Immediately when all the people saw Him, they were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. He asked the scribes, "What are you debating with them?" One in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. Wherever it takes hold on him, it dashes him to the ground. And he foams at the mouth and gnashes with his teeth and becomes rigid. And I told Your disciples so that they would cast it out, but they could not." He answered, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." So they brought the boy to Him. When he saw Him, immediately the spirit dashed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. He asked his father, "How long has it been since it came to him?" He said, "From childhood. Often it has thrown him into the fire and into the water to kill him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears, "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter him no more." The spirit cried out and convulsed him greatly. But it came out of him, and he was as dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. When He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "This kind cannot come out except by prayer and fasting."

Matt 17:14-21 When they came to the crowd, a man came to Him and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers terribly. He often falls into the fire and often into the water. I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not heal him." Then Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." Jesus rebuked the demon, and he came out of him. And the child was healed instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast him out?" Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. And nothing will be impossible for you. But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Luke 9:37-43 The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a great crowd met Him. Suddenly a man cried out from the crowd, saying, "Teacher, I beg You, look upon my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth, and bruises him, and scarcely leaves him. I begged Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and returned him to his father. And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God.

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

- Mark 9:30-32** They departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He was teaching His disciples, saying, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. After He is killed, He will rise the third day." But they did not understand the teaching and were afraid to ask Him.
- Matt 17:22-23** While they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day." And they were extremely sorrowful.
- Luke 9:43-45** But while everyone marveled at all the things Jesus did, He said to His disciples, "Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men." But they did not understand this statement, and it was hidden from them, so that they did not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.
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Payment of the Temple Tax

- Matt 17:24-27** When they came to Capernaum, those who collected tax money came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the tax?" He said, "Yes." And when he came home, Jesus stopped him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take custom or taxes? From their own sons or from strangers?" Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. However, lest we offend them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. And when you open its mouth, you will find a coin. Take it and give it to them for you and Me."
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Who Is the Greatest?

- Mark 9:33-37** He came to Capernaum. And being in the house, He asked them, "What was it that you disputed among yourselves on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had disputed among themselves who was the greatest. He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." He took a child and set him in their midst. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever receives one of these children in My name receives Me. And whoever receives Me receives not Me, but Him who sent Me."
- Matt 18:1-6** At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus called a little child to Him and set him in their midst, and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like little children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this little child is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one such little child in My name receives Me. But whoever misleads one of these little ones who believe in Me, it would be better for him to have a millstone hung about his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Luke 9:46-48 A dispute arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child and put him by Him, and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."

He Who Is Not Against Us Is for Us

Mark 9:38-41 John answered Him, "Teacher, we saw one who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who does a miracle in My name can quickly speak evil of Me. For he who is not against us is for us. Truly I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, will not lose his reward."

Luke 9:49-50 John answered, "Master, we saw a man casting out demons in Your name and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us." Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for he who is not against you is for you."

Temptations to Sin

Mark 9:42-50 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the fire of hell, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' Everyone will be salted with fire, and every sacrifice will be salted with salt. "Salt is good. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves and have peace with one another."

Matt 18:7-9 Woe to the world because of temptations! For it must be that temptations come, but woe to that man by whom the temptation comes! Therefore if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life lame or maimed than having two hands or two feet to be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than having two eyes to be thrown into the fire of hell."

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Matt 18: 10-14 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go in search for the one which went astray? And if he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine which never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

The Brother Who Sins

Matt 18:15-20 “Now if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, then take with you one or two others, that by the testimony of two or three witnesses every word may be established. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are assembled in My name, there I am in their midst.”

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matt 18:21-35 Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. “Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle the accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But since he was not able to pay, his master ordered that he be sold with his wife, their children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, pleading with him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that same servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii.²⁸ He laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and entreated him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ But he would not and went and threw him in prison until he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what took place, they were very sorry and went and told their master all that had taken place. Then his master, after he had summoned him, said to him, ‘O you wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, even as I had pity on you?’ His master was angry and delivered him to the jailers until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to each of you, if from your heart you do not forgive your brother for his trespasses.”

The Unbelief of Jesus' Brothers

John 7:1-9 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee. He would not walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You do. For no one does anything in secret, while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, reveal Yourself to the world." For even His brothers did not believe in Him. Therefore Jesus told them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always fitting. The world cannot hate you. But it hates Me, because I testify concerning it, that its works are evil. You go up to this feast. I am not going up to this feast yet, because My time has not yet fully come." Having said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

Luke 9:51-56 When the time came for Him to be received up, He was steadfastly set to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers ahead of Him. They went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make things ready for Him, but they did not receive Him, because He was set to go to Jerusalem. When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elijah did?" But He turned and rebuked them and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

The Would-Be Followers of Jesus

Matt 8:18-22 Now when Jesus saw large crowds around Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." Jesus replied, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head." Another of His other disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their dead."

Luke 9:57-62 As they went along the way, a man said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests. But the Son of Man has no place to lay His head." He said to another man, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But you go and preach the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go bid farewell to those at my house." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back at things is fit for the kingdom of God."

Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles

John 7:10-24 After His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He also went up, not publicly, but secretly. Then the Jews looked for Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" There was much complaining among the people concerning Him. For some said, "He is a good Man." Others said, "No, He deceives the people." Yet no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. The Jews marveled, saying, "How has this Man become educated, having never been taught?" Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If any man desires to do His will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory. But He who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. Did Moses not give you the law, and yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"

The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision, you circumcise a man on the Sabbath day (although it did not come from Moses, but from the Patriarchs). If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath day, so that the Law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry at Me because I completely healed a man on the Sabbath day? Do not judge according to appearance, but practice righteous judgment."

Is He the Christ?

John 7:25-31 Then some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? Look! He speaks publicly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers indeed know that this is really the Christ? But we know where this Man is from. When the Christ comes, no one will know where He is from." Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple, cried out, "You know Me and you likewise know where I am from. I have not come on My own authority, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me." So they tried to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him, because His hour had not yet come. Still, many of the people believed in Him and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?"

Officials Sent to Arrest Jesus

John 7:32-36 The Pharisees heard the people murmuring these things concerning Him. So the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to arrest Him. Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. You will look for Me and you will not find Me. And where I am, you cannot come." The Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He

intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What kind of saying is this which He said, 'You will look for Me and you will not find Me. And where I am, you cannot come'?"

Rivers of Living Water

John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water." By this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believe in Him would receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Division Among the People

John 7:40-44 Therefore when they heard these words, many of the people said, "Truly, this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has the Scripture not said that the Christ comes from the seed of David, out of the town of Bethlehem where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

The Unbelief of Those in Authority

John 7:45-53 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man has ever spoken like this Man." Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? Not at all. This crowd who does not know the law is accursed." Nicodemus, being one of them who came to Jesus by night, said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" They answered him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee." Then everyone went to his own house.

The Woman Caught in Adultery

John 8:1-11 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning He returned to the temple. All the people came to Him, and He sat down and taught them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery. When they had put her in the middle, they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of adultery. Now Moses in the law commanded us to stone such, but what do You say?" They said this, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear them. So when they continued asking Him, He stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." Again He

stooped down and wrote on the ground. Being convicted by their conscience, those who heard it went out one by one, beginning with the eldest even to the last. Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had stood up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are your accusers? Did no one condemn you?" She said, "No one, Lord." Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

Jesus the Light of the World

John 8:12-20 Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me shall not walk in the darkness but shall have the light of life." The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself. Your testimony is not true." Jesus answered them, "Though I bear witness of Myself, My testimony is true. For I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I came from or where I am going. You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one. Yet if I do judge, My judgment is true. For I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. Even in your law it is written that the testimony of two men is true. I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father that sent Me bears witness of Me." Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also." Jesus spoke these words in the treasury, as He taught in the temple. No one arrested Him, for His hour had not yet come.

Where I Am Going You Cannot Come

John 8:21-30 Again, Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and you will die in your sins. Where I am going, you cannot come." So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself? For He said, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'" He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins. For unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." They said to Him, "Who are You?" Jesus said to them, "Just who I have been telling you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true. So I tell the world what I heard from Him." They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father. So Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing of Myself. But I speak these things as My Father taught Me. He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

The Truth Will Set You Free

John 8:31-59 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you remain in My word, then you are truly My disciples. You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." They answered Him, "We are Abraham's seed and have never been in bondage to anyone."

Why do You say, 'You shall be set free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. Now a slave does not remain in the house forever, but a son remains forever. Therefore if the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed. I know that you are Abraham's seed. But you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. I am telling what I have seen with My Father, and you are doing what you have seen with your father."

Your Father the Devil

John 8:39-47 They answered Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. You are doing the works of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father: God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and proceeded into the world. I did not come of My own authority, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speaking? Because you cannot bear to hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words. Therefore, you do not hear them, because you are not of God."

The Preexistence of Jesus

John 8:48-59 The Jews answered Him, "Do we not rightly say that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon. But I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. I do not seek glory for Myself. There is One who seeks it and judges. Truly, truly I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he shall never see death." Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham and the prophets died, and You say, 'If a man keeps My word, he shall never taste death.' "Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets are dead! Who do You make Yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. If I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you. But I know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day. He saw it and was glad." Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old. Have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him. But Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple. Going through their midst, He passed by.

The Mission of the Seventy

Luke 10:1-12 After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two by two ahead of Him into every city and place where He Himself was about to come. He said to them, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your ways. Listen, I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no shoes, and greet no one on the road. When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' If a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him; but if not, it will return upon you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they give, for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Do not go from house to house. When you enter a city and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But when you enter a city and they do not receive you, go your way out into their streets and say, 'Even the dust of your city which clings to us, we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near to you.' But I say to you, it will be more tolerable on that Day for Sodom than for that city."

Unrepentant Cities

Luke 10:13-20 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which have been done for you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be thrust down to hell. He who listens to you listens to Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

The Return of the Seventy

Luke 10:17-20 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us through Your name." He said to them, "I saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Look, I give you authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Rejoicing of Jesus

Luke 10:21-24 At that time Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for it was Your good pleasure. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father. And no one knows who the Son is but the Father, and who the Father is but the Son and he to whom the Son desires to reveal Him." Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see what you see. ²⁴For I tell you, many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37 Now, a lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?” He answered, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”

He said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus answered, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing and wounded him and departed, leaving him half dead. By chance a priest came down that way. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to that place, looked at him and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine. Then he set him on his own donkey and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day when he departed, he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said to him, ‘Take care of him. I will repay you whatever else you spend when I return.’ Now which of these three do you think was a neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Visiting Martha and Mary

Luke 10: 38-42 As they went, He entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she came to Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Then tell her to help me.” Jesus answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed. And Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken from her.”

Teaching About Prayer

Luke 11:1-13 He was praying in a certain place, and when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.” Then He said to them, “Which of you has a friend and shall go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine on his journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my

children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give you anything'? I say to you, though he will not rise and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as much as he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any of you who is a father, will you give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will you give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will you offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

Jesus and Beelzebub

Luke 11:14-23 He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the crowd marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons through Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." Others, testing Him, asked Him for a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is made desolate. And a house divided against itself falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons through Beelzebub. Now if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, no doubt the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are peacefully kept. But when a stronger man than he attacks and overpowers him, he seizes all the armor in which the man trusted and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters."

The Return of the Unclean Spirit

Luke 11:24-26 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, it goes through dry places seeking rest. Finding none, it says, 'I will return to my house, from which I came.' When it comes, it finds it swept and furnished. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that man is worse than the first."

True Blessedness

Luke 11:27-28 As He spoke these things, a woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the woman who gave You birth and nursed You." But He said, "Indeed, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

The Demand for a Sign

Luke 11:29-32 When the crowds pressed upon Him, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It looks for a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. The Queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon. And now one greater than Solomon is here. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah. And now one greater than Jonah is here."

The Light of the Body

Luke 11:33-36 "No one, when he has lit a candle, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a candlestick, that those who come in may see the light. The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore lest the light which is in you is darkness. If your whole body, then, is full of light, no part being dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the shining candle gives you light."

The Denouncing of the Pharisees and Lawyers

Luke 11:37-54 As He spoke, a Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat. When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and the dish. But inside you are full of extortion and wickedness. You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? But give alms from what is within. And then all things are clean to you. Woe to you, Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb and pass over justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. Woe to you, Pharisees! For you love the prominent seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like unseen graves, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them."

One of the lawyers answered, "Teacher, by saying these things You insult us also." He said, "Woe to you also, you lawyers! For you load men with burdens difficult to carry, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. So you are witnesses and entirely approve the deeds of your fathers, because they killed them, and you build their tombs. Therefore also the wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,' that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the beginning of the world, may be required from this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it shall be required from this generation. Woe to you, lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

As He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to incite Him vehemently and angrily draw Him out concerning many things, lying in wait for Him and seeking to catch something out of His mouth, that they might accuse Him.

A Warning Against Hypocrisy

Luke 12:1-3 Meanwhile, when thousands of the crowd were assembled so as to trample on one another, He began to say to His disciples first, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed or hidden that will not be known. Therefore what you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light. And what you have whispered in the ear in private rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

Whom to Fear

Luke 12:4-7 “I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that can do no more. But I will warn you whom you shall fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell. Yes, I say to you, fear Him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not fear. You are more valuable than many sparrows.

Confessing Christ Before Men

Luke 12:8-12 “I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him will the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God. But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they bring you to the synagogues, rulers, and authorities, do not be anxious how you will answer or what you will say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21 Someone in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed Me a judge or an arbitrator between you?” Then He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness. For a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And He told a parable to them, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘This I will do: I will pull down my barns and build greater ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take rest. Eat, drink, and be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This night your soul will be required

of you. Then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Care and Anxiety

Luke 12:22-34 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you will eat, nor for your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouses nor barns. Yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds? Who of you by worrying can add one cubit to his height? If you then cannot do what is least, why are you anxious about the other things? Consider how the lilies grow. They neither spin nor weave. Yet I say to you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? And do not seek what you will eat or what you will drink, nor be of an anxious mind. For the nations of the world seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be given to you. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Provide yourselves purses that do not grow old, an unfailing treasure in the heavens, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Watchful Servants

Luke 12:35-48 "Let your waist be girded and your lights be burning, and you be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door immediately for him when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master will find watching when he comes. Truly I say to you, he will dress himself and have them sit down to dine, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or comes in the third watch, and finds them so, blessed are those servants. But know this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not have allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You telling this parable to us, or to everyone?" The Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his house servants, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will appoint him over all his possessions. But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master delays his coming,' and begins to beat the house servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not look for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him to pieces and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. That servant who knew his master's will but did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who unknowingly committed acts worthy of punishment shall

be beaten with few stripes. For to whom much is given, of him much shall be required. And from him to whom much was entrusted, much will be asked.

Jesus the Cause of Division

Luke 12:49-53 “I have come to send fire upon the earth and wish that it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how pressed I am until it is accomplished! Do you suppose that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For there will be from now on five divided in one house, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, and mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

Discerning the Appointed Time

Luke 12:54-56 Then He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rise out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming,’ and so it is. And when a south wind blows, you say, ‘There will be heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth. But why do you not know how to discern this time?”

Settling with Your Accuser

Luke 12:57-59 “Why even among yourselves do you not judge what is right? When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, as you are on the way, diligently try to settle matters with him, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the officer, and the officer will throw you into prison. I tell you, you shall not come out from there until you have paid the very last penny.”

Repent or Perish

Luke 13:1-5 There were present at that time some who told Him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all men living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

Luke 13:6-9 Then He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came and looked for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the vinedresser of his vineyard, 'Now these three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it deplete the soil?' He answered him, 'Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you shall cut it down.'"

Healing a Woman on the Sabbath

Luke 13:10-17 He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years and was bent over and could not straighten herself up. When Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." Then He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, and said to the people, "There are six days in which men ought to work. Therefore come and be healed on those days, but not on the Sabbath day." The Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead it away to water it? Then should not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan has bound these eighteen years, be loosed from this bondage on the Sabbath?" When He said this, all His adversaries were ashamed. And all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

Luke 13:18-21 Then He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? To what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches." Again He said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in sixty pounds of meal until all of it was leavened."

The Healing of a Man Born Blind

John 9:1-41 As Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned. But it happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. I must do the works of Him who sent Me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When He had said this, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva. He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). So he went away and washed, and returned seeing.

The neighbors and those who had previously seen that he was blind said, "Is this not he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." But he said, "I am he." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered, "A Man called Jesus made clay, anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went away and washed, and I received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath day." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" So there was division among them. Then they said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of the one who had received his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, whom you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees, we do not know, or who opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age. Ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said this, because they feared the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed that He was the Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age. Ask him."

So again they called the man who was blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this Man is a sinner." He said, "I do not know if He is a sinner. I know one thing: I was blind, but now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they insulted him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God has spoken to Moses. As for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered, "Well, here is an amazing thing! You do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. But if anyone is a worshipper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began, it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of someone born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were completely born in sin. Are you teaching us?" And they threw him out.

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when He found him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped Him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains."