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CHAPTER 1

The Christ

1. In the beginning was the Christ, and the Christ was in God, and the Christ was God.
2. He was with God in the beginning.
3. Through him, all things came into being and without him, no created thing came into existence.
4. All that through him came into being was life, and that life was the light of mankind.
5. And the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has never overcome it.
6. There appeared a man who was sent from God; his name was John who was an Esselian master and the first of the Christ personalities. The Essenians called themselves the Children of the Light.
7. He came to bear witness and to testify to the light, so that through him all might become believers.
8. He was not the light himself; he came to bear witness to the light.
9. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
10. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, but the world knew him not.
11. He came into his own house, and they that were his own received him not.



12. But those who received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God because they believed in his name,
13. and they were not born of blood, nor of the will of man, but were of God.

14. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, who was full of goodness and truth.

15. John bore witness to him and cried out, “this was he of whom I said ‘He who cometh after me has been before me, because he was before I existed.’

16. For we have all received from his fullness unmerited grace upon grace.

17. For the law was given through Moses; unmerited grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”

The testimony of John

19. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, “Who art thou?”
20. He acknowledged and did not deny, and answered, “I am not the Messiah.”

21. And they asked him, “What then? Art thou Elijah?” He replied, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He replied, “No.”

22. Therefore they said to him, “Who are you? We must give answer to those who sent us. What account do you give of yourself?”



23. He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: make straight the way of Jehovah, as the Prophet Isaiah instructed."

24. The envoy was from the Pharisees.

25. They asked him, "If you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet, then why are you baptizing?"

26. John answered them and said, "I baptize in water. Among you is one whom you do not know

27. who is to come after me. I am not worthy to unfasten the strap of his sandal."

28. These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan where John was baptizing.

29. The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him, and he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world."

30. "He it is of whom I said; he who cometh after me has been before me, for he was, before I existed."

31. And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel; for this cause I came, baptizing him in water."

32. John testified again and said, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from Heaven, and it came to rest on him.

33. Even then I knew him not, but he who sent me to baptize in water told me: the man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is to baptize in the Holy Spirit.

34. I have borne witness; this is the Son of God."



The appointment of the first disciples

35. Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples

36. looking towards Jesus, who was approaching. He said, “Behold the Lamb of God, go and follow him”.

37. When the two disciples heard what he had said, they followed Jesus.

38. Jesus turned as he saw them following and said, “What are you seeking?” They answered, “Rabbi (which means teacher of the Torah), where do you abide?” *

39. He said unto them, “Come and you will see”. And so they went with him to where he was staying and spent the day with him; it was about the tenth hour.

40. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who had heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

41. He found Simon Peter, his own brother, without delay and said to him: “We have found the Messiah.” (which means The Anointed King).

42. He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John; because you are so firm, I shall call you Cephas” (which means The Rock [Latin: Peter]).

*Commentary: *Rabbuni* is the Aramaic word for Rabbi. A Rabbi (Hebraic) in order to be a teacher of the Torah, was required by law, to be married.



43. The next day as Jesus decided to leave for Galilee, he met Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

44. Philip came from Bethsaida, as did Andrew and Simon (Peter).

45. Philip found Nathanael, who was later called Bartholomew, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses wrote in the law, the man foretold by the prophets: Jesus, son of Joseph, the Nazarene.*

46. Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

47. Philip said to him: Come and see, he is a worthy Israelite.

48. Nathanael asked him, "How is it that you know me?" Jesus replied: Before Philip even spoke to you under the fig tree, I saw you there."

49. Nathanael answered, "Rabbi, you are the son of Light, you are the future King of Israel."

50. Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this."

51. Jesus added, "In truth I say unto you: you will see heaven wide open and God's angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man".

*Commentary: The Nazarenes (Hebraic) were known to be especially peace-loving followers among the Essenes. In Aramaic, which was the mother tongue of Jesus, they called themselves the Nazarenes. The town of Nazareth, which is mentioned in many translations of the Bible and has become famous because of its association with Jesus, did not actually exist at that time. The town came into existence almost 300 hundred years later. Jesus came from Beth-Shearim, not Nazareth.



CHAPTER 2

The wedding at Cana

1. On the third day there was a wedding feast in Cana, in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there while Joshua, the brother of Jesus, was to be married to Mary from Magdala.
2. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding feast. Jesus met his brother's bride here for the first time.
3. When the wine gave out Jesus's mother said to him, "They have no wine left."
4. But Jesus said to her, "Woman, what do you want me to do? My hour has not yet come."
5. His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you to."
6. Now there were six stone water-jars standing nearby, in accordance with Jewish purification rites; each held from twenty to thirty gallons.
7. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them to the brim.
8. And he told them, "Now draw some off and take it to the master of the feast." And they did so.
9. Now as the master of the feast tasted the water now turned into wine, not knowing from where it came, though the servants who had drawn the water knew, he hailed the bridegroom



10. and said to him, “Everyone else serves the best wine first and the poorer after the guests have drunk freely, but you have kept the best wine till now.”

11. Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee the first of the signs revealing his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

12. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brother and his disciples. They stayed there for only a few days.

The clearing of the Temple

13. Now the time of the Jewish Passover was approaching, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14. And he found in the temple the dealers in cattle, sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers seated at their places.

15. After he had made a scourge of cords and drove them, cattle and sheep, out of the temple, he overturned the tables of the money-changers and scattered their coins.

16. And then he addressed the dealers in pigeons, “Take them out of here! Do not turn my Fathers house into a market.”

17. His disciples remembered the written words which said, “The zeal for your house will consume me.”

18. The Jews therefore asked him, “What sign can you show to justify these actions?”



19. In reply Jesus said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up again.”
20. The Jews said, “It took forty-six to build this temple, and you will raise it up again in three days?”
21. But the temple he was speaking of was his body.
22. After his resurrection his disciples recalled that he had said this many times; and they believed in the scriptures and in the words that Jesus had spoken*
23. While he was in Jerusalem for the Passover, many people believed in his name when they saw the signs that he performed.
24. But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew them all
25. and had no need of their testimony, for he himself knew what was in people.

* *Commentary: His disciples believed that he had died. They did not know that he, as an Essene Master was capable, with the help of a special technique, of inducing a death-like state, called Samadhi in the Indian language, in which the heart-beat is reduced to one beat per minute; for the uninitiated the body appears to be dead.*



CHAPTER 3

The revelation to Nicodemus

1. One of the Pharisees, Nicodemus by name, was a prominent member of the Jewish Council and later an Essene Master.
2. He came to Jesus in the night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent to us by God; no one could perform these signs unless God were with him.”
3. Answering him Jesus said, “In truth I say unto you; no one can see the kingdom of God unless he has been born again.”
4. Nicodemus asked, “How can one be born when one is old and still alive? He can not enter his mother's womb a second time and be born!”
5. Jesus answered, “In truth I say unto you; no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born from water and spirit.
6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.
7. Do not be astonished when I say unto you, you must all be born again.”
8. “The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know from where it comes nor where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the spirit”.



9. Nicodemus asked, "How can this be possible?"
10. In answer Jesus said, " You are a teacher of Israel and do not know these things?
11. In truth I say unto you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, and yet you all reject our testimony.
12. If you do not believe me when I talk to you about earthly things, how are you to believe me when I talk about heavenly things?
13. No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.
14. Just as the children of Israel, in the wilderness with Moses, lifted up the serpent in the form of a calf , so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
15. so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.
16. Because God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not perish but have eternal life.
17. For God did not send his Son into the world so that through him the world would be saved.
18. Those who have faith in him will not be judged. But the unbeliever has already been judged because he has not put his faith in God's only Son.
19. This is the basis of judgement; the light has come into the world, but the people love the darkness more than the light because their works are evil.
20. Wrongdoers hate the light and avoid it, for fear their misdeeds will be exposed.



21. Those who do what is right come to the light, and their works are seen to be in harmony with God.

The baptist's last testimony regarding Jesus

22. After these things Jesus went with his disciples to Judaea and stayed there for some time with them and baptized.

23. John too was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, while the water was plentiful there. All the time people were coming for baptism;

24. this was before John's imprisonment.

25. John's disciples became engaged in a debate with a Jew about purification.

26. So they came to John and said unto him: "Rabbi, there was a man with you on the other side of the Jordan to whom you bore witness. Now he is baptizing and everyone is going to him."

27. John answered: "One cannot have a single thing, unless it is given to one from heaven.

28. You yourselves can testify that I said; I am not the Messiah, I have been sent ahead of him.

29. It is the bridegroom who marries the bride. When the bridegroom's friend stands and listens to him, he is overjoyed at hearing the bridegroom's voice. This is my joy and now it is complete.

30. He must grow greater, I must become less.

31. He who comes from above is above all others. He who



is from the earth belongs to the earth and uses earthly speech. He who comes from heaven is above all others.

32. He bears witness to what he has seen and what he has heard, even though no one accepts his witness.

33. To accept his witness is to affirm that God is truth.

34. For he whom God has sent speaks the word of God, he gives of the spirit freely, without measure.

35. The father loves the Son and has given him complete authority.

36. Whoever believes in the Son shall have eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see that life; God's wrath rests upon him"

CHAPTER 4

Jesus in Samaria



1. As the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John
2. he left Judaea and set out once more for Galilee.
3. He had to pass through Samaria.
4. And so he came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, which lay near the plot of ground which Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
5. Jacob's well was there. Tired from his journey Jesus sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.
6. Meanwhile a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her: "Give me a drink."
7. (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)
8. The samaritan woman said to him: "How can it be that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from a Samaritan woman?" (The Pharisees and the Suducees do not have dealings with Samaritans)
9. Jesus replied: "If you only knew the gift of God, and who it is that asked: "Give me a drink," you would have given, and he would have given you living water."
10. She said to him: " Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw water with, and the well is deep. So how can you get this 'living water'?"
11. "Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself along with his sons and his cattle?"



12. In reply Jesus said to her: “ Everyone who drinks from this well will become thirsty again.
13. But whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again, for the water that I give will become a spring within him, welling up and bringing eternal life.”
14. The woman said to him: “Sir, give me this water so that I may not thirst, nor have to come here to draw water.”
15. He said to her: “Go and call your husband, and then come back here.”
16. “I have no husband,” she answered. Jesus said: “You are right in saying that you have no husband,
17. because you have had five husbands, but the man you are now living with is not your husband. You have spoken the truth.”
18. The woman said to him: “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet.
19. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that Jerusalem is the proper place to worship.”
20. Jesus said to her: “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
21. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know because salvation comes from within us.
22. But the time is coming, indeed it is already here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, in fact these are the worshippers the Father wants.
23. God is a SPIRIT, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”



24. The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah, called Christ, is coming. When he comes he will declare all things to us.”

25. Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

26. In the meantime the disciples had returned. They were astonished to find him talking to a woman. Naturally none of them asked, “why are you talking with her?”

27. The woman left her water-jar and went off to the town, where she said to the people,

28. “Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did. Might this not be the Christ?”

29. They left the town and made their way towards him.

30. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, have something to eat.”

31. But he said to them, “I have a food to eat of which you know nothing.”

32. The disciples began to say to each other, “Has someone brought him food perhaps?”

33. Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who has sent me until I have finished his work.

34 . Do you not say: four months more until the harvest? Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, they are ripe for harvest.

35. The reaper is drawing pay and harvesting a crop for eternal life so that the sower and reaper may rejoice together.

36. Herein lies the truth of the saying: One sows, another reaps.

37. I have sent you out to reap a crop for which you have not laboured. Others have laboured hard and you have come for the harvest of their labour.”



38. Many Samaritans of that town came to believe in him because of the woman's testimony when she said, "He has told me everything I ever did."

39. When the Samaritans came to him they asked him to abide awhile with them; and he stayed with them two days.

40. Many more became believers because of what he said

41. and they told the woman, "It's no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard him ourselves, and we now know that he is the Messiah."

Healing the son of a king's servant

42. After two days he left there for Galilee.

43. Jesus himself declared that a prophet receives no honour in his own country.

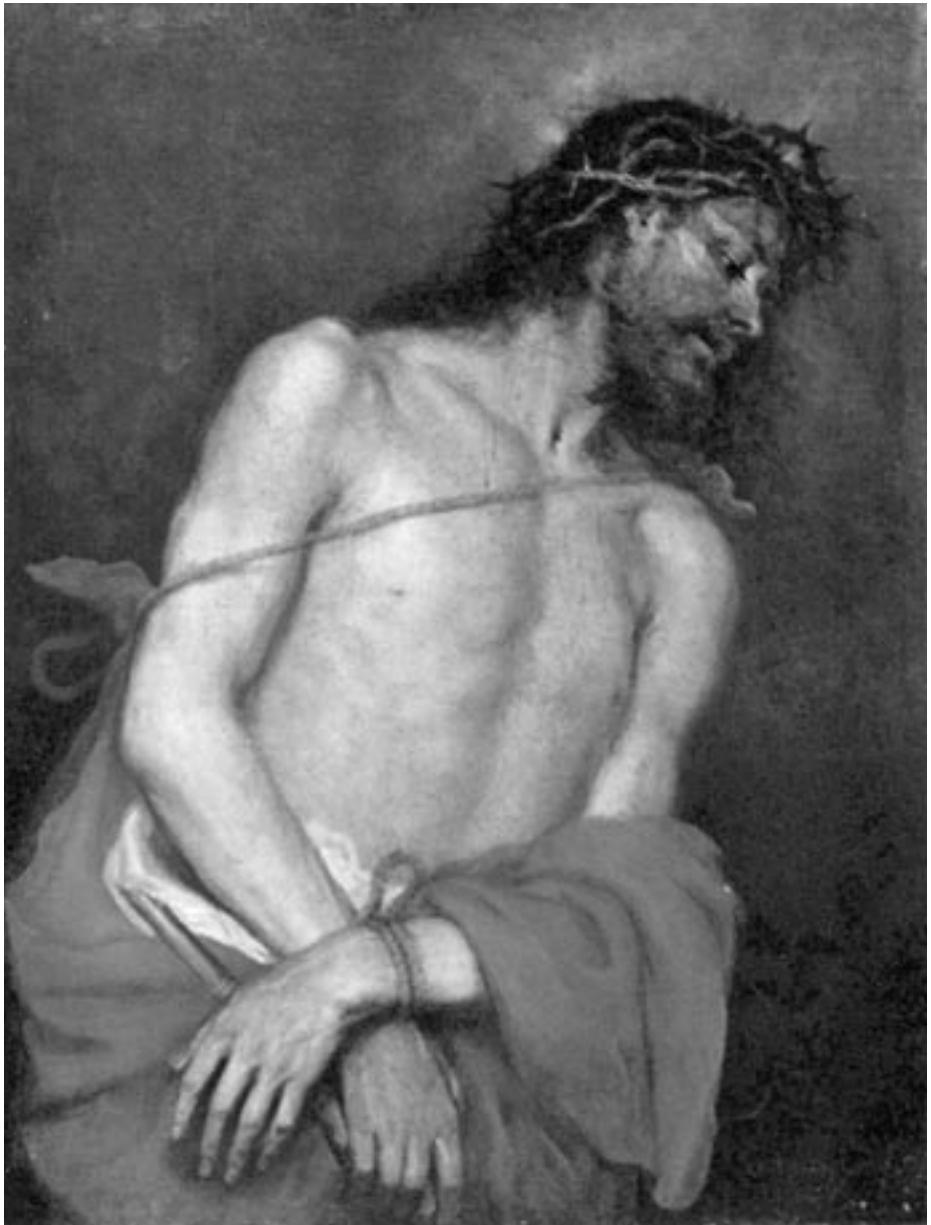
44. On his arrival the Galileans made him welcome, for they had seen all he did at the festival in Jerusalem because they had been at the festival themselves.

45. And so once again he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned water into wine. There was a king's servant whose son was sick in Capernaum.

46. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judaea into Galilee, he went to him and begged him to go down and cure his son, who was dying.



47. Jesus said to him, “Will none of you believe without seeing signs and miracles?”
48. The king’s servant said to him, “Sir, please come down before my son dies.”
49. Jesus answered, “Go; your son lives.” The man believed what Jesus said. “If you say it, then it is so.” And he set off for home.
50. While he was on his way, his slaves came towards him and said that the boy was alive.
51. And so he asked them at what time he began to recover, and they told him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour his fever left him.”
52. The father realised that this was the time at which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” He and all his household became believers.
53. This was the second sign which Jesus performed after coming from Judaea into Galilee.



Chapter 5

Healing the sick on the Sabbath

1. After these things a Jewish festival took place and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
2. Now, at the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool with five pillared halls, whose Hebrew name is Bethesda.
3. In them lay a large number of sick people - blind, lame, some with withered limbs - who were waiting for the waters to move.
4. There was an angel who at certain times descended on the pool bringing great movement upon the water; the first person to enter the pool after the movement was cured, regardless of whatever sickness afflicted them.
5. Among them was a certain person who had been afflicted with a sickness for thirty-eight years.
6. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been sick for such a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to get well?"
7. The man replied, "Sir, I have no one to carry me to the pool; when the waters start to move, someone else steps into the pool before me."
8. Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your bed and walk."
9. The man recovered instantly, took up his bed and began to walk. That day was the Sabbath.



10. So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, it is forbidden for you to carry your bed.”

11. He answered, “The man who cured me told me to take my bed and walk.”

12. They asked him, “Who is it that told you to take up your bed and walk?”

13. But the man who had been cured did not know who it was, for there was a large crowd and Jesus had moved away.

14. Some time later Jesus found him in the Temple and said to him, “See you have been healed. Sin no more or something worse may happen to you.”

15. The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had cured him.

The justification and revelation of Jesus

16. Because these things were done on the Sabbath, the Jews began to take action against Jesus.

17. He replied, “My father continues to work, and I must continue to work also.”

18. This made the Jews even more determined to kill him, not only was he breaking the Sabbath but, by calling God his own father, as all Essenes do, he was claiming equality with God.



19. And so Jesus continued, and said to them, “In truth I say to you: the Son can do nothing by himself, he does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son does.

20. Because the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing, and will show him even greater deeds to fill you with wonder.

21. As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life as he chooses.

22. Because the Father does not judge anyone, but has given full jurisdiction to the Son, so that everyone honours the Son.

23. To deny honour to the Son, honours not the Father who sent him.

The Father equal

24. In truth I say unto you: The time is coming, indeed it is already here, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son, and those who hear shall live.

25. For as the Father has life in himself, so by his gift the Son also has life in himself.

26. And He has given him authority to pass judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

27. Do not be surprised at this; the hour is coming in which all those who are in the thought realms shall hear his voice.



28. Those who have done good will rise to life and those who have done wrong will rise to judgement.

29. I can of myself do nothing; as I hear, I judge: and my sentence is just, for I seek not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me.

The Father's testimony

30. If I testify on my own behalf, that testimony is not valid.

31. There is another who testifies for me, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

32. You sent messengers to John, and he testified for the truth.

33. I do not rely on the testimony of any man, rather I say these things so that you may find salvation.

34. He was a brightly shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to shine in his light.

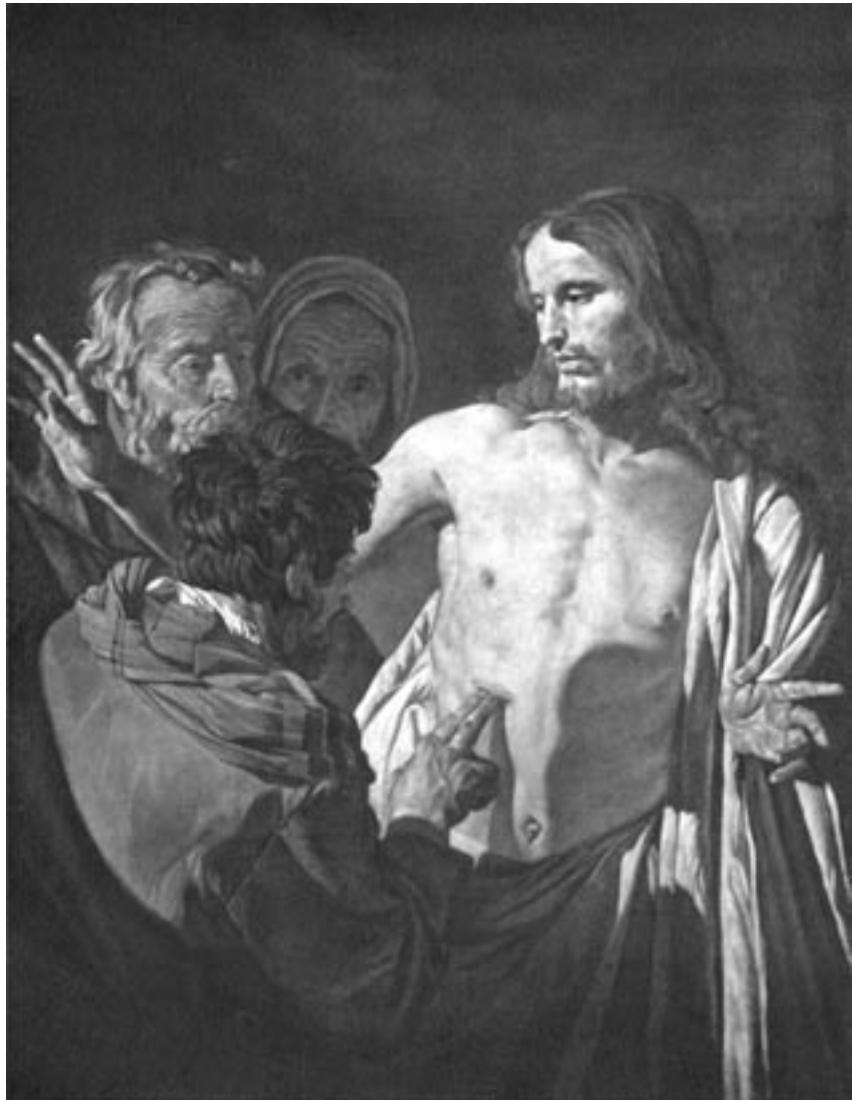
35. But I bear witness to a testimony, that is greater than John's; it is the very work I do which testifies that the Father has sent me.

36. And the Father who has sent me has testified on my behalf; you have neither seen his form nor have you heard his voice,

37. and his word does not abide in you because you do not even believe the one whom He has sent.

38. You study the scriptures because you think that through them you will gain eternal life, even though they bear witness to me.

39. And yet you refuse to come to me, to have this life.



40. I do not look to men for honour,
41. but I know that you do not have the love of God in you.
42. I have come in the name of my Father, but you do not welcome me; if someone else came in his own name, you would welcome him.
43. How can you believe, when you honour one another yet do not seek the honour that comes from God?
44. Don't think that it is I who will be your accuser before the Father; there is one who will accuse you: Moses, in whom you have put your hope.
45. In fact, if you believed Moses, then you would believe me, for it was of me that he wrote.
46. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how are you to believe my words?



Chapter 6

The feeding of the five thousand

1. After these things Jesus went away, over the sea of Galilee or Tiberias.
2. He was followed by a great multitude because they had seen the signs he performed in healing the sick.
3. And Jesus went up onto a mountain, and sat there with his disciples.
4. The passover, a Jewish festival, was approaching.
5. Jesus therefore lifting up his eyes, and seeing that a great multitude was gathering, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread so that these may eat?"
6. Now he said this to test him because he knew himself what he meant to do.
7. Philip replied, "Bread worth two hundred denari would not be sufficient to feed them so that every one may have a little."
8. One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,
9. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what is that among so many?"
10. Jesus said, "Let the people sit down and arrange themselves for a meal." Now there was a great area of grass and it was there that the men and women arranged themselves, about five thousand in number.



11. Then Jesus took the loaves, and after he gave thanks he distributed them to the people as they sat there, as much as they wanted. He did the same with the small fish.

12. When everyone was satisfied, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the pieces that are left over, so that nothing goes to waste."

13. And so they gathered the leftovers and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that were left uneaten.

14. When the people saw the signs that he performed they started to say, "This is surely the prophet that is meant to come into the world."

15. Now when Jesus realized that they meant to come and seize him and proclaim him king, he withdrew back to the mountain, alone.

Jesus walks on the sea

16. At nightfall his disciples went down to the sea

17. and boarded a boat, setting off for Capernaum. Although it was dark Jesus had not yet returned to them.

18. Because of the strong winds, the sea became rough.

19. As they had sailed out five or six kilometers, they saw Jesus walking on the sea, coming towards them; they became very frightened.

20. But he called out: "It is I; do not be afraid."

21. And so they were ready to take him on board, immediately the boat reached the shore they had been sailing for.

The bread and water of life



22. The next day the crowd, which was standing on the other side of the shore, saw only one boat there, and they knew that Jesus had not embarked with his disciples, who had set off by themselves;
23. however boats from Tiberias had come ashore near the place where they, after Jesus had given thanks, had eaten the bread.
24. When the crowds saw that both Jesus and his disciples had departed, they boarded their boats and set out for Capernaum in search of him.
25. When they found him on the other side they asked him: "Rabbi, when did you come here?"
26. Jesus answered and said to them, "In truth I say to you: you looked for me because you have eaten the bread and have become satisfied.
27. Work not for the food that is transient, but for the food of everlasting life that the Son of Man will give you; for on him the Father, God, has set the seal of his pleasure."
28. They asked him, "What should we do to undertake God's work?"
29. Jesus answered, "God's work is that you believe in the one whom he has sent."
30. And so they said to him, "What sign can you give us, so that we may see it and believe in you? What is the work you are doing?



31. Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”

32. Jesus said to them, “In truth I say to you: it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

33. Because the bread that God gives comes down from heaven and brings life to the world.”

34. And so they said to him, “Sir, give us this bread now and always.”

35. Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me, will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

36. But as I have told you: even though you have seen me you still do not believe.

37. Everything that the Father gives me, will come to me, and anyone who comes to me, I will not turn away;

38. for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of Him who has sent me.

39. It is the will of Him who has sent me, that I should not lose one of those he has given me, but should rise them all up on the last day.

40. Because it is my Fathers will that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will rise them up on the last day.”

41. At this the Jews began to grumble, because he said: “I am the bread which came down from heaven”

42. And they started to say, “Is this not Jesus, Joseph’s son, whose mother and father we know? How can he say: I have come down from heaven?”



43. Jesus answered them, “Stop all this grumbling among yourselves.

44. No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up on the last day.

45. It is written in the prophets: “And they will all be taught by Jehovah; everyone who has listened and learned from the Father, comes to me.”

46. Not that anyone has seen the Father; unless he who has come from God, this one has seen the Father.

47. In truth I say to you: “whoever believes has eternal life.”

The communion through bread and wine

48. “I am the bread of life.

49. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but died anyway.

50. This is the bread that comes down from heaven; whoever eats it will never die.

51. I am the living bread that has come down from heaven; if anyone eats this bread, he will live forever; the bread which I will give is myself, given for the life of the world.”

52. At this the Jews began to argue amongst themselves saying, “How can he give us himself to eat?”

53. Therefore Jesus said to them, “In truth I say unto you; unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his wine you can have no life within yourselves.

54. Whoever nourishes themselves with my bread and



drinks my wine will gain eternal life and I will raise them up on the last day;

55. for my bread is real food, and my wine is real drink.

56. Those who nourish themselves from me are part of me and I am part of them.

57. Just as the living Father sent me out, and I live because of the Father, so shall he who nourishes himself from me live because of me.

58. This is the bread that has come down from heaven. It is not like the bread which your fathers ate; they are dead. Whoever eats this bread shall live forever."

59. With this he did not mean his body, but rather the Communion of Love of the Essene Masters in which God allows his love to flow in the form of bread and wine so that all people together can share his love made visible.

60. He said these things as he taught at a public meeting in Capernaum, but those who were not Essenes did not understand his words.

61. Upon hearing this, some of his disciples, who were not yet Essenes, said, "This talk is offensive, how can anyone listen to such talk?"

62. Jesus, aware that the disciples were grumbling about this, spoke to them, " Does this lead you astray?

63. Then what if you see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

64. It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is worthless. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

65. Yet there are some among you who do not believe."



Jesus knew, from the beginning, who was without faith and who would betray him.

66. And so he continued, “That is why I have said to you; no one can come to me unless it was granted to him by the Father.”

67. Because of this, a great number of the more than two hundred disciples turned to that which lay behind them and followed him no more.

68. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you not also wish to leave?”

69. Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life;

70. we believe and know that you are God’s Holy One.”

71. Jesus answered them, “Have I not chosen the twelve of you? Yet one of you is a slanderer.”

72. In fact he spoke of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. It was he who meant to betray him, even though he was one of the twelve.



Chapter 7

Departure for the Feast of Shelters

1. After these things Jesus travelled around within Galilee; he decided to avoid Judaea because the Jews sought to kill him.
2. The Jewish Feast of the Shelters was at hand.
3. And so his brothers said to him, “You should leave this place and go to Judaea so that your disciples may also see the works you are doing.
4. Because no one does anything in secret if he wants to become widely known. If you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.”
5. His brothers, in fact, did not believe in him.
6. So Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is already there.
7. The world has no reason to hate you, but it hates me because I testify to the evil of its ways.
8. Go up to the festival yourselves; I am not going up to this festival for my time has not yet come.”
9. After saying these things, he stayed in Galilee.
10. When his brothers had gone to the festival, he went up too; not openly, but in secret.
11. At the festival the Jews were looking for him, saying, “Where is this person?”
12. There was murmuring about him in the crowds. Some said, “He is a good man.” Others said, “No, he is not; he is leading the people astray.”



13. However, no one talked freely about him for fear of the Jews.

Jesus's declaration at the Festival

14. When the festival was half over, Jesus went up to the Temple and began to teach.

15. And the Jews were astonished, and said, "How can it be that this man has such learning, since he has not studied in our schools?"

16. Jesus replied, "What I teach is not my own, but belongs to He who has sent me.

17. When someone seeks only to do his own will, the learned one will know if it comes from God or if it is his own.

18. He who speaks of himself seeks his own glory; whoever seeks the glory for the one who sent him is sincere and there is no unrighteousness in him.

19. Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you obey this law.

20. Why are you trying to kill me?" The crowd answered, "You are possessed by a demon. Who seeks to kill you?"

21. Jesus replied in answer, "I did one deed and you are all taken aback.

22. Moses gave you the law of circumcision - not that it originated with Moses, but from the forefathers - and you circumcise on the Sabbath.



23. If someone can be circumcised on the Sabbath without breaking the Law of Moses, then why are you indignant with me for curing someone completely on the Sabbath?
24. Stop judging by appearances; be just in your judgements."
25. Some inhabitants of Jerusalem began to say, "Is this not the man they want to put to death?
26. Yet he speaks here in public and they do not say a word to him. Can it be that our rulers have decided that this is the Messiah?
27. However, we know where this man comes from, but when the Messiah comes, no one will know from where he comes."
28. And so Jesus called louder as he taught in the temple, and said, "You know me, and you know where I come from. Yet I have not come of my own accord; He who has sent me is true yet you know him not."
29. At this they tried to seize him, but no one could lay hands on him for his hour had not yet come.

Differences of opinion

31. Among the people there were many who believed in him; and they started to say, "When the Messiah comes, surely he will perform more signs than this man has?"
32. The Pharisees overheard these comments among the people, so the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him.



33. And so Jesus said to them, “I will stay with you just a little longer before I go to him who sent me.

34. You will look for me, but you will not find me, and where I am, you cannot come.”

35. So the Jews said among themselves, “Where does he intend to go that we should not be able to find him? Or will he go to the scattered Greek Jews and teach the Greeks?”

36. What does he mean by saying, “You will look for me, but you will not find me, and where I am, you cannot come?”

Towards the end of the Festival

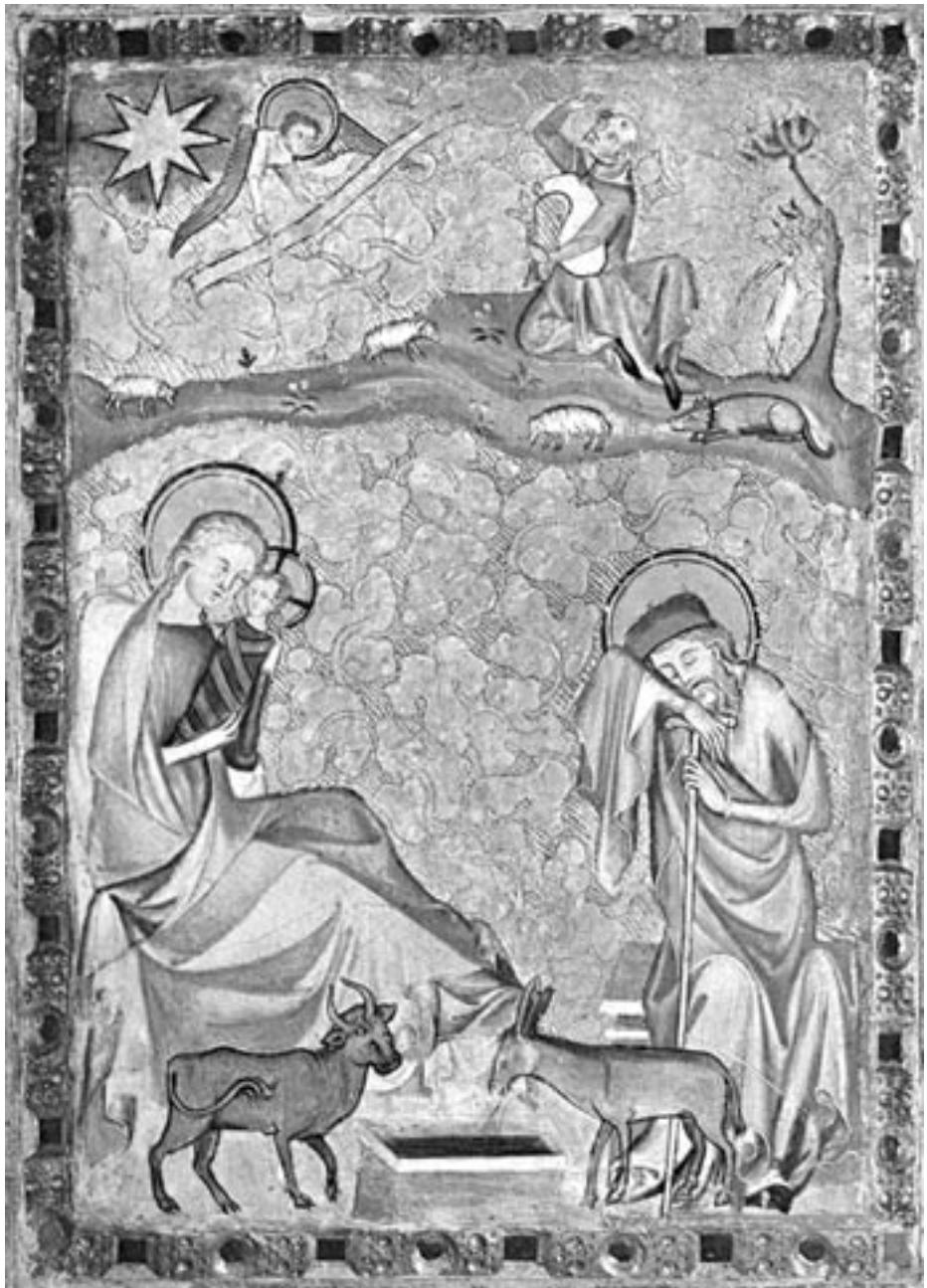
37. Now on the last day, after the greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood up and, cried out, said, “If someone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

38. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says, “streams of living water shall flow from within him.”

39. He was speaking of the spirit which believers in him would later receive, for the spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

40. Upon hearing his words, some of the crowd said, “This must surely be the Prophet.”

41. Others said, “This is the Messiah.” And others again, “The Messiah would never be an Essene Master!” Some said, “Surely the Messiah would never come from Galilee?



42. Does the scripture not say that the Messiah is to be of the family of David, from David's village of Bethlehem?"

43. And because of him there was great division among the people.

44. There were some who wanted to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him.

45. The temple guards went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why have you not arrested him?"

46. The temple guards said, "No one has ever spoken as this man speaks."

47. The Pharisees replied: "Have you also been led astray?

48. Has even one of our rulers believed in him, or any of the Pharisees?

49. As for these people, who care nothing for the Law, a curse is on them."

50. Nicodemus, who had visited Jesus, and was one of them, said,

51. "Surely our Law does not permit us to pass judgement on someone without first giving him a hearing and seeing what he has done?"

52. They answered, "Are you not from Galilee also? Study the scriptures and you will see that no Prophet has ever come out of Galilee."



Chapter 8

The Light of the World

1. And so Jesus continued to speak with them and said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness; he shall have the light of life.”
2. Because of this the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness to your own cause, your testimony is not valid.”
3. Jesus answered, “Even though I bear witness to myself, my testimony is true, because I know where I come from and where I am going. But you do not know where I come from, nor where I am going.
4. You pass judgement on the flesh, I pass judgement on no one.
5. And if I should pass judgement then my judgement is just, for I am not alone; the Father who has sent me is with me.
6. In your own law it is written that the testimony of two people is valid.
7. I testify for myself and the Father who has sent me testifies for me.”
8. And so they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You do not know me or my Father; if you knew me then you would know my Father too.”
9. He spoke these words in the Treasury as he taught in the Temple. But no one laid hands on him, for his hour had not yet come.



The Sin of Unbelief

10. Again he said to them, “I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.”

11. At this the Jews said, “Surely he is not going to kill himself? For he says: Where I am going, you cannot come.”

12. Jesus continued, “You belong to this world below, I belong to the world above. You belong to this world; I am not from this world.

13. This is why I say: you will die amidst your mistakes. Because if you do not believe that I am, then you will die amidst your mistakes.”

14. “And who are you?” They asked him. Jesus answered, “Why am I talking with you at all?

15. I have a lot to say to you and a lot to judge. In fact, He who sent me is real and true, and it is the things I have heard from Him, that I tell the world.”

16. They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.

17. So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am what I am, and that I do nothing of my own will, but as my Father has taught me, I speak of these things.

18. He who has sent me is present within me; he has not left me on my own because I always do what pleases him.”

In Truth Free



19. When he said these things, many put their faith in him.
20. And Jesus continued to the Jews who believed in him, “If you follow my words, then you are truly my disciples; 21. and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
22. They replied, “We are the descendants of Abraham and have never been anyone’s slaves; what do you mean when you say, we will be free?”
23. Jesus answered, “In truth I say, everyone who has sinned is a slave of these sins.
24. On top of this, the slave does not always belong to the house, but the son belongs to it forever.
25. And so if the son sets you free, then you will be truly free.
26. I know that you are the descendants of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me, because my words do not make any headway with you.
27. I tell you what I have seen in my Father’s presence, and you do the things you have learned from your fathers.”
28. They answered, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus answered, “If you were Abraham’s children, then you would do as Abraham did.
29. Now, you seek to kill me because I have spoken the truth which I have heard from God. Abraham would not do that.
30. You do not do the work of your fathers.” They said to him, “We are not illegitimate; we have a father, God.”



31. Jesus answered: “If God were your father then you would love me, because I have been sent from God and am here. Furthermore, I have not come of my own will; I have been sent.

32. Why is it that you do not understand what I am saying? It is because you do not wish to listen.

33. You are from your father, the devil, and your actions are born out of your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning who knew not truth, for there was no truth in him. When he tells lies, then he is speaking according to his own tendencies, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

34. But because I speak the truth, you do not believe me.

35. Which of you can accuse me of a sin? Why do you not believe, when I speak the truth?

36. Whoever comes from God listens to the word of God. Yet you do not listen because you are not from God.”

37. The Jews answered, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan who is possessed by a demon?”

38. Jesus answered, “I am not possessed; I am honouring my Father, but you dishonour me.

39. I do not care about my own glory; there is one who seeks and passes judgement.

40. In truth I say to you: those who adhere to my teaching will never see death.”

41. “Now we are certain that you are possessed with a demon. Abraham is dead, and so are the Prophets, but you say, ‘those who adhere to my teaching will never see death.’



42. Surely you are not greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? The Prophets are also dead. Who do you claim to be?"

43. Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, then that glory is worthless. It is the Father who glorifies me, He of whom you say: He is our God,

44. and yet you do not know him. But I know him. And if I said that I did not know him, then I would be a liar like you. I know him, and I obey his word.

45. Abraham, your father, was filled with joy to see my day, and he saw it and was glad."

46. So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet forty years old, and yet you have seen Abraham?"

47: "In truth I say to you," Jesus replied, " Before Abraham came into existence, I was."

48. And so they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus avoided them and left the temple.



Chapter 9

Healing the blind

1. As he went on his way, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.
2. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who has sinned, his parents or he himself that he has been born blind?”
3. Jesus answered, “No one has sinned, neither he nor his parents; he was born blind so that in his case God’s work might be done.
4. While it is daylight, we must do the work of Him who has sent me, because night is coming and no-one will be able to work.
5. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world”
6. After saying these things, he spat on the ground and made a paste with the spittle and spread it on the mans eyes
7. and said to him, “Go and wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “sent out”). And so he went off, washed himself and came back able to see.
8. His neighbours and those who knew him as a beggar said, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Someone said, “It is he.”
9. Others said, “No, that cannot be, but he looks like him.” The man said, “I am he.”
10. Because of this they asked him, “How were your eyes opened?”



11. He answered, “The man called Jesus made a paste and rubbed it on my eyes and said to me, “Go and wash in the pool of Siloam.” I went and washed and was able to see”.

12. “Where is this man?” they asked. He said, “I do not know.”

The questioning by the Pharisees

13. The man who had been blind was brought before the Pharisees.

14. As it happened, it was Sabbath on the day that Jesus mixed the earthen paste and healed his eyes.

15. And so the Pharisees began to question the man about how he gained his sight. He told them. “He spread a paste on my eyes; then I washed and now I can see.”

16. Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can such signs be produced by a sinful man?” There was division among them.

17. And so they asked the man who had been blind, “What do you say about him, you who can see; it was your eyes he opened?” The man said, “He is a prophet.”

18. The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and could now see until they summoned his parents.

19. And they questioned them, “Is this your son who says he was born blind? How is it that he can see now?”

20. The parents replied, “We know that he is our son, and that he was born blind.



21. But how it is that he can now see, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him, he is of age. He should speak for himself."

22. His parents answered so because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had agreed that anyone who acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah would be banned from the synagogue.

23. That was why his parents answered, "He is of age, ask him."

24. And so for a second time they summoned the man whom had been blind, and asked him, "Honour God; we know that this man is a sinner."

25. He answered, "Whether or not he is a sinner, I do not know. All I know is that I was blind and now I can see."

26. And so they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

27. He answered, "I have already told you, but you take no notice. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

28. Then they became abusive and said, "You are a disciple of that man, but we are disciples of Moses.

29. We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

30. The man answered, "It really is surprising; he has opened my eyes, yet you do not know where he comes from.

31. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but He listens to those who are devout and who obey His will.



32. No-one, since time began, has ever heard of anyone who has opened the eyes of one born blind.

33. If this man was not from God, he could not do anything.”

34. “You were born and bred in sin, who are you to lecture us?” They answered. Then they turned him out.

The faith of the healed

35. Jesus heard that they had turned him out; after finding him he asked: “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

36. The man answered, “And who is it, Sir, so that I may believe in Him?”

37. Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, indeed it is He who is speaking to you.”

38. The man answered, “I believe in you Lord,” and he paid homage to him.

39. And Jesus said, “It is for judgement that I have come into this world; to give sight to those who cannot see, and make blind those who see.”

40. Some of the Pharisees heard these things, and said to him, “Do you mean that we too are blind?”

41. Jesus said, “If you are blind, then you have no sin. But you say ‘We see’, so your sin remains.”

Chapter 10

The good Shepard



1. In all truth, I tell you: “He who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a plunderer.
2. But he who enters by the gate is shepherd of the sheep.
3. The gatekeeper admits him, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.
4. When he has brought them all out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice.
5. They would never follow a stranger; they will run away from him because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.”
6. Jesus told them this in the form of a parable, but they did not understand what he meant by this.
7. So Jesus continued,: “In all truth I tell you: I am the gate.
8. All those who came in my place were thieves and plunderers, but the sheep did not follow them.
9. I am the gate and anyone who comes into the fold through me will be saved, and he will go in and out and find pasture.
10. The thief comes only to steal, slaughter and destroy. I have come that they may have life in all its fullness.
11. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.
12. The hired man, who is not a shepherd, and does not own the sheep, abandons the sheep when he sees a wolf



coming and will run away, and the wolf harries and scatters them

13. because he is a hired man and does not care about the sheep.

14. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep, and my sheep know me,

15. as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16. And I have other sheep, that do not belong to this fold, I must lead them as well, and they too will listen to my voice. There will be one flock and one shepard.

17. The Father loves me because I lay down my life, to receive it back again.

18. No-one has taken it away from me; I lay it down of my own free will. I have the right to lay it down, and the right to receive it back again. I have received this law from the Father."

19. These words caused, once again, division amongst the Jews.

20. Many of them said, "He is possessed with a demon and out of his mind. Why listen to him?"

21. Others said, "No one possessed by a demon could speak words like this. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind."



Declaration at the Festival of Inauguration

22. At that time in Jerusalem the festival of inauguration was taking place. It was wintertime,
23. and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the Portico of Solomon.
24. The Jews gathered around him and asked, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, then tell us plainly.”
25. “I have told you,” Jesus said, “and you do not believe me. The deeds which I have done in my Father’s name bear witness to me.
26. But you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep.
27. My sheep listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me.
28. I give them eternal life and they will never perish; no one will snatch them from my care.
29. That which my Father has given me is greater than everything else, and no one can snatch them from my Father’s care.
30. The Father and I are one.”
31. Once again the Jews picked up stones to stone him.
32. At this Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good deeds from the Father. For which of these deeds are you stoning me?”



33. The Jews answered, “We are not stoning you for any good deeds, we are stoning you for blasphemy; yes, because you, a man, are claiming to be God.”

34. Jesus answered: “Is it not written in your law: “I said: You are Gods?”

35. It is those to whom God’s word came who are called gods—and scripture cannot be set aside,

36. so why do you charge me with blasphemy for saying ‘I am the son of my Father?’

37. If I do not do the deeds of my Father, then do not believe me.

38. But if I do them, then believe in the deeds, even if you do not believe me, so that you may recognize and know that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.”

39. And so they made another attempt to seize him, but he moved out of their reach.

40. He withdrew again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptising and he stayed there.

41. And many people came to him and said, “Although John did not give us a single sign,

42. everything he said about this man was true.” And many came to believe in him there.



Chapter 11

The Death of Lazarus

1. Now there was a certain man who was ill, Lazarus of Magdala, who now lived with his sisters Mary and Martha in the village of Bethany.
2. This Mary, whose brother Lazarus had fallen ill, was the woman who anointed the Lord with scented oil and wiped his feet with her hair.
3. The sisters sent a message to him to say: "Sir, you should know that your friend lies ill."
4. When Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness is not to end in death; through it God's glory will be revealed and the Son of God will be glorified."
5. Now Jesus loved Mary and her sister Martha, and their brother Lazarus.
6. However, he stayed where he was for two days after hearing of the illness.
7. He said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judaea."
8. "Rabbi," his disciples said, "not long ago the Jews sought to stone you. And you are going there again?"
9. Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone can walk in the daylight without stumbling because he has this world's light to see by."
10. But if he walks after nightfall he stumbles because the light is not in him."
11. After saying this he added, "Our friend Lazarus has



fallen asleep, but I shall go there to wake him from his sleep."

12. His disciples said to him, "If he is sleeping, then he will recover."

13. Jesus had been speaking of his death. But they thought that he meant restful sleep.

14. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,

15. but I am glad on your sake that I was not there, for it will make you believe; come let us go to him."

16. Thomas, who was called 'the twin', said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go and die with him."

Jesus in Bethany

17. On his arrival Jesus found that Lazarus had already been four days in the tomb.

18. Bethany lay near Jerusalem, about two miles away.

19. And so, many Jews came to Mary and Martha to console them on the death of their brother.

20. So Martha, hearing that Jesus was coming, went out to meet him. Mary stayed in the house.

21. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

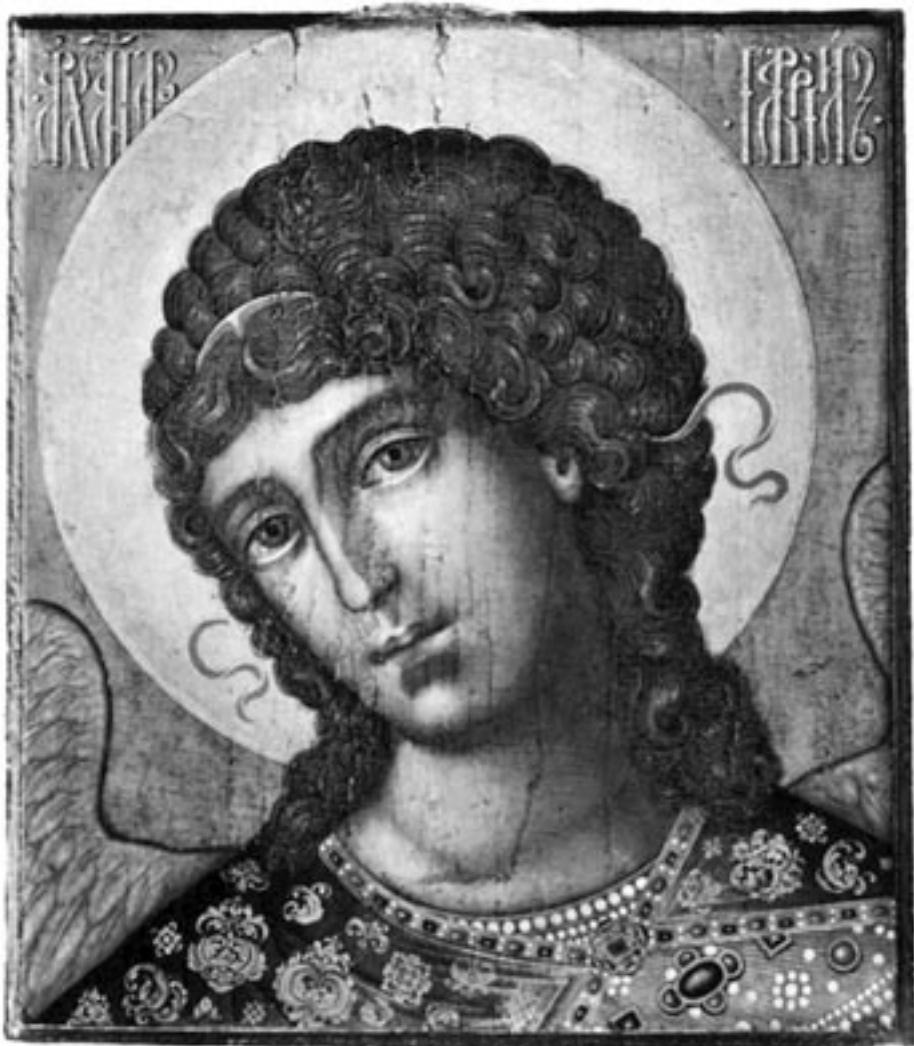
22. Even now I know that God will grant you whatever you ask of him."

23. Jesus answered, "Your brother will rise again."



24. Martha said, "I know that he will rise again, at the resurrection on the last day."
25. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever has faith in me will live, even though he dies;
26. and no one who lives and has faith in me will ever die. Do you believe this?"
27. And she said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who has come into the world."
28. When she said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying, "The Master is here and asking for you."
29. Hearing this, Mary rose up and went out to meet him.
30. Jesus had not yet entered the village and was still at the place where Martha had met him.
31. Now when the Jews who were in the house comforting her, saw her quickly hurry out, they went after her, thinking she was going to the tomb to weep there.
32. When Mary came to where Jesus was, seeing him she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

Raising the dead



33. When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he was deeply moved and distressed
34. and said, "Where have you laid him?" They answered, "Lord, come and see."

35. Jesus wept.

36. The Jews said, "Look, how dearly he must have loved him."

37. But some of them said, "Could this man, who opened the eyes of the blind, not have done something to keep Lazarus from dying?"

38. After weeping alone, Jesus came before the tomb. It was a cave with a stone rolled over the entrance.

39. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench, because he has been dead for four days."

40. Jesus said, "Have I not told you that if you believe, then you will see the glory of God?"

41. Then they removed the stone. Jesus lifted up his eyes to the sky and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me.

42. I know that You always hear me, but I speak for the sake of the people gathered here, that they may believe it was You who sent me."

43. After saying this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

44. The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound



with bandages, his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The seizure of Jesus is agreed upon

45. Many of the Jews who had come to Mary and had seen what he had done believed in him;
46. but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them of the things that Jesus had done.
47. Thereupon the High Priests and the Pharisees of the Sanhedrin convened a meeting, and began to ask, "What are we to do since this man is performing many signs?
48. If we let him continue, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away not only our cities, but also our nation.
49. But one of them, Caiaphas, who was High Priest that year, said, "None of you understand anything,
50. and you do not realize that it is in your interest that one man should die for the people instead of the whole nation being destroyed."
51. He did not say this of his own accord, but because he was the antichrist
52. and he intended to hold on to his power.
53. So from that day on, they plotted his death.
54. Therefore Jesus no longer went openly among the



Jews, but withdrew to a land near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and stayed there with his disciples.

55. The Jewish Passover was at hand, and many people went from the country to Jerusalem to take part in the ceremonial cleansing before the feast.

56. They were on the look out for Jesus, and asked one an-other, "What do you think? Perhaps he is not coming to the festival?"

57. The High Priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where he was must report it, so that they might arrest him.



Chapter 12

The anointing of Jesus in Bethany

1. Six days before the Festival of the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
2. They gave a supper in his honour at which Martha served, and Lazarus was among the guests with Jesus.
3. Mary, Jesus's sister in-law, believed that Jesus was the Messiah and wanted to anoint him as the King of Israel, for his parents were both descended from house of David, in direct lineage.
4. According to the law of the Prophets, Jesus was the legitimate Prince of Israel.
5. Mary brought a bowl full of a very costly fine smelling ointment, pure oil of nard, and anointed Jesus's hair and feet and dried his feet with her hair. Jesus allowed this in order to fulfill scripture. The fragrance of the oil began to fill the whole house.
6. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who would later betray him, said,
7. "Could this fine smelling ointment not be sold for three hundred denarii and the money be given to the poor?"
8. He did not say this out of pity for the poor, but because he was a thief, and was in charge of the money purse, and planned to steal whatever it contained.
9. Therefore Jesus said, "Leave her alone; let her keep it



for the day of my burial rather than for the day of my coronation.

10. The poor have always been among you, but you will not always have me.”

11. A great amount of people came, having found out where he was, not only to see Jesus, but also to see Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead.

12. The High Priests then decided to kill Lazarus as well,
13. for because of him many Jews were going to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

Entering Jerusalem

14. The next day the great crowd of people who had come to the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

15. They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him. They started to shout, “Save us! Blessed is he who comes in the name of Jehovah, yes, the king of Israel!”

16. Jesus found a donkey, and mounted it, in accordance with the words of scripture:

17. “Have no fear, daughter of Zion. See, your king is coming, mounted on a donkey’s foal.”

18. At the time his disciples did not understand this, but after Jesus had been glorified they remembered what had been written about him and what had happened to him.

19. And so, the people who had been present when he



called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness to what they had seen.

20. This was why the crowds went out to meet him, because they had heard of the deeds he had performed.

21. The Pharisees, seeing this, said to one another, "You can see that we are getting nowhere. See, the whole world has gone after him."

The Judgement of the World

22. Among those who had come up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

23. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

24. Philip went and told Andrew. And Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus.

25. Jesus answered them and said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

26. In truth I say to you; if a grain of wheat does not fall on the ground and die,

27. it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it bears a rich harvest. Whoever loves his soul in this world destroys it; whoever hates his soul in this world will keep it safe for eternal life.

28. If anyone is to serve me, then he will follow me, and



where I am, there will my servant be. Whoever serves me will be honoured by the Father.

29. Now my soul is in turmoil, and what am I to say—Father save me from this hour? It is for this that I have come to this hour.

30. Father, glorify your name.” A voice came from heaven, “I have glorified him, and I will glorify him again.”

31. The crowd who were standing around said it was thunder they heard; others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

32. Jesus replied, “This voice spoke for your sake, not for mine.

33. Now is the time of judgement of this world; it is now that the ruler of this world will be driven out.

34. And yet when I am lifted up above this world, I will draw all people to myself.”

35. And the crowds answered, “Our Law teaches us that the Christ remains forever. What do you mean by saying that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”

36. Jesus said to them, “The light is among you but for a short while. Change, as long as you have the light, so that the darkness will not overcome you; He who journeys in the dark, does not know where he is going.

37. As long as you have the light, testify your belief in the light so that you may become children of the light”. After saying these words, Jesus went away and hid himself from them.



Jesus, Saviour of the World

38. Even though he had shown them many signs, they would not believe in him, for the words of the Prophet Isaiah's words had to be fulfilled: Jehovah, who has believed in that which we have reported? And to whom is Jehovah's power revealed?"

39. The reason they could not believe was, as Isaiah said:
40. "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes or perceive with their hearts and turn to me to heal them."

41. Isaiah said these things, for he saw the glory of Jesus, and spoke about him.

42. For all that, in fact many of those in positions of authority believed in him, but would not acknowledge him on account of the Pharisees, for fear of being banned from the synagogue;

43. for they valued human reputation more than the honour which comes from God.

44. Jesus called out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not only in me, but also in Him who sent me;

45. To see me is to see Him who sent me.

46. I have come into the world as light, so that no one who has faith in me should remain in darkness.

47. Anyone who hears my words and disregards them, I will not judge him, for I have not come to judge the world, but to save the world.



48. For those who disregard me and reject my words, there is one who will judge them. The word I have spoken will be their judge on the last day;

49. because I do not speak on my own authority; the Father who sent me has Himself commanded me what to say and how to speak.

50. I also know that His commands are eternal life. That is why I say the things I say, just as the Father has told them to me.”



CHAPTER 13

The washing of Feet

1. Now, before the Festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come, and that he must leave this world and go to the Father; he loved his own who were in the world, and he loved them until the end.
2. During supper the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray him;
3. Jesus was aware that the Father had entrusted everything to him, and that he had come from God and was going back to God.
4. He rose from the supper table and removed his outer garments. He took a linen cloth and tied it around himself.
5. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash his disciples' feet and to dry them with the linen cloth he had tied around himself.
6. He came then to Simon Peter, who asked him, "You, Lord, washing my feet?"
7. Jesus answered, "You do not yet understand what I am doing, but afterwards you will."
8. Simon Peter said to him, "You cannot, as my master, wash my feet!" Jesus answered: "If I do not wash you, then you have no part with me."
9. "Then, Lord," Simon Peter said, "not only my feet; wash my hands and (head?) as well."



10. Jesus said to him, “Anyone who has bathed needs no further washing; he is clean all over. You are clean, although not all of you are.”

11. Because he knew who was going to betray him, he said, “Not every one of you is clean.”

12. After he had finished washing their feet and had put on his outer garments, he sat down at the table and said to them, “Do you know what I have done for you?

13. You call me Lord and Teacher, and you are right, for that is what I am.

14. Then if I, your Lord and Teacher, wash your feet, you are obliged to wash each others feet.

15. For I have set you an example; you are to do as I have done for you.

16. In truth, I tell you; a slave is no greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

17. If you know this, happy are you if you can act upon it.

18. I do not speak about you all, I know who I have chosen. There is a text of scripture yet to be fulfilled: “He who eats bread with me, has turned against me.”

19. I tell you this now, before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe that I am what I am.

20. In truth, I tell you: whoever receives any messenger of mine receives me. And whoever receives me, receives also Him who has sent me.”



The Traitor Judas

21. After Jesus said these things he became troubled and distressed; he testified and said, "In truth I tell you: one of you is going to betray me."
22. The disciples looked at one another, they were unsure of whom he was speaking.
23. Sitting close beside him was John, whom Jesus loved.
24. Simon Peter signalled to him and said, "Tell me, who is it of whom he speaks?"
25. So John leaned back close to Jesus and asked him: "Lord, who is it?"
26. Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece after I have dipped it in the dish." After dipping the piece, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.
27. As soon as Judas had received it, Satan entered him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly, what you have to do."
28. No one at the table understood what he meant by this.
29. In fact, some thought that, since Judas was in charge of the common purse, Jesus had said to him: "Buy what we need for the festival", or to make a gift to the poor.
30. After he had taken the piece, he went out. It was night.



The approaching Farewell

31. After he had gone out, Jesus spoke, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and in him God is glorified.

32. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in Himself now.

33. Children, I am with you for a little while longer. Then you will look for me, and as I told the Jews, I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

34. I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you; that you love one another.

35. If there is love among you, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

36. Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow, but you will follow later.”

37. Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”

38. Jesus answered, “You will lay down my life for me? In truth I tell you; before the cock crows you will have denied me three times.”

Chapter 14

The Way, the Truth and the Life



1. “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Demonstrate your belief in God always; demonstrate also your belief in me.
2. There are many dwellings in my Father’s house. If it were not so I would have told you, for I am going to prepare a place for you.
3. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.
4. And where I am going, you know the way.”
5. Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”
6. Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except by me.
7. If you knew me, then you would know the Father too; from now on you know him, you have seen him.”
8. Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, we ask no more.”
9. Jesus said to him, “Have I been all this time with you, Philip, and still you do not know me? Anyone who has seen me, has seen the Father. Then how can you say, “show us the Father?
10. Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? I am not myself the source of the words I



speak to you, it is the Father who dwells in me doing his own work.

11. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father in me, or else accept the evidence of the deeds themselves.

12. In truth I say to you, whoever has faith in me will do the work that I am doing; indeed he will do greater things still, because I am going to the Father.

13. Anything you ask in my name, I will do it, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

14. If you love me, then you will obey my commandments;
15. and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another to be your advocate, who will be with you for ever;

16. the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept him, because the world neither see nor knows him. But you know him, because he is in you and will stay with you.

17. I will not leave you to suffer. I am coming back to you.

18. In a little while, the world will see me no longer, but you will see me because I live; you too will live.

19. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me and I in you.

20. Anyone who has received my commands and obeys them, he it is who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and disclose myself to him."



21. The other Judas, not Iscariot, said, "Lord, how has it come about that you mean to disclose yourself to us and not to the world?"

22. Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will heed what I say, then my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

23. Whoever does not love me, does not obey my word; and the word you hear is not my own, it is the word of the Father who sent me.

24. I have told you these things, while I am still among you.

25. But the advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have told you.

26. Peace is what I leave you, my peace I give to you. I do not give it like the world does. Set your troubled hearts at rest and banish your fears.

27. You heard me say: I am going away and coming back to you. If you loved me then you would be glad that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I.

28. I have told you now, before it happens, so that you may have faith when it happens.

29. I shall not talk that much longer with you, for the ruler of this world approaches. He has no rights over me,

30. but the world must be shown that I love the Father and am doing what he commands. Come, stand up and let us go from here.



Chapter 15

The True Vine

1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.
2. Any branch of mine that is barren, he cuts away, and he cleans and prunes any fruiting branch to make it more fruitful still.
3. You are already clean because to you I have spoken the word.
4. Dwell in me, as I dwell in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself, but only if it remains united with the vine; no more can you bear fruit unless you remain united with me.
5. I am the vine and you are the branches. Anyone who dwells in me, as I dwell in him, bears much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
6. Anyone who does not dwell in me is thrown away like a withered branch. The withered branches are then gathered up, thrown in the fire and burnt.
7. If you dwell in me and I dwell in you, then ask whatever you want, and you shall have it.
8. This is how the Father is glorified, you are to bear fruit in plenty and so be my disciples.



Love one another

9. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; dwell in my love.
10. If you obey my commands then you will dwell in my love, as I have obeyed my Fathers commands and dwell in His love,
11. I have spoken thus to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy be made complete.
12. This is my commandment; love one another as I have loved you.
13. No one has a greater love than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends.
14. You are my friends, if you follow my commands.
15. No longer do I call you slaves, for a slave does not know what his master does. I have called you friends because I have disclosed to you everything that I heard from my Father.
16. You did not choose me, rather I have chosen you, and I have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father may give to you whatever you ask in my name.
17. This is my commandment to you; love one another.



The Hate of the World

18. If the world hates you, then know that it hated me first.
19. If you were a part of this world, the world would love its own. But you do not belong to this world, now that I have chosen you out of this world. For that reason the world hates you.
20. Remember what I have said to you: A slave is no greater than his master. If they have persecuted me then they will also persecute you; if they have followed my teaching, then they will follow yours.
21. All this they will do to you because of me, because they do not know the One who sent me.
22. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.
23. Whoever hates me, hates my Father also.
24. If I had not done such deeds among them, that no one else has ever done, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.
25. This is so in order that the word in their Law be fulfilled: "They hated me without reason."
26. When the advocate comes, whom I will send from the Father, the Spirit of Truth that comes from the Father – he will bear witness to me;
27. and you too will bear witness to me, because you have been with me since the beginning.



Chapter 16

The coming Suffering

1. I have told you all this so that you may not be led astray.
2. They will ban you out of the synagogue. Indeed, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think that he is serving god.
3. They will do these things because they do not know me and they do not know the Father.
4. I have told you these things so that when they happen, you may remember what I have said. I did not tell you this at first, because then I was among you.

The significance of the Holy Spirit

5. But now I am going back to Him who sent me, yet none of you has asked: "Where are you going?"
6. Yet your hearts are full of grief at what I have told you.
7. Nevertheless it is true when I say to you: It is in your interest that I am leaving you. If I do not go then the advocate will not come; whereas if I go, then I will send him to you.
8. And when he comes, he will bring convincing proof of justice:



9. in the first place, because they refuse to believe in me;
10. of justice, because I go to the Father and you will not see me;
11. of judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.
12. There is much more that I could say to you, but the burden would be too great for you now.
13. However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, because he will not speak on his own authority, but will speak only what he hears, and he will make known to you what is to come.
14. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and make it known to you.
15. All that the Father has is mine, that is why I said: He will take what is mine and make it known to you.

Separation and Reunion

16. In a little while you will look upon me no more, yet after a little while you will see me."
17. Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does it mean, in a little while you will not see me, yet after a little while you will see me and then I go to the Father?"
18. We don't know what he is talking about."
19. Jesus, knowing that they wanted to question him, said, "Are you discussing what I have just said: in a little while you will not see me, and yet after a little while you will see me again?



20. In all truth I say to you: you will weep and mourn, but the world will be glad; You will be full of grief, but your grief will be turned to joy.

21. A woman grieves when she gives birth, because her hour has come, but when her baby is born she forgets her grief in her joy that a child has been born into the world.

22. And so it is with you now; at the moment you are sad, but I shall see you again and then your hearts will be full of joy, and no one can take this joy away from you.

23. And on that day you will ask me nothing more. In all truth I say to you: If you ask the Father for anything in my name, he will give it to you.

24. So far you have asked for nothing in my name. Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be made complete.

Future Prospects and Farewells

25. I have spoken in figures of speech. The hour approaches when I will no longer use figures of speech, but will tell you of the Father in plain words.

26. When that day comes you will make your request in my name, and I do not say that I will request from the Father for you.

27. Because the Father himself has affection for you; because you have affection for me and believe in me and that I have been sent from God.

28. I have come from the Father and have come into the



world. Now I am leaving the world again and am going to the Father."

29. His disciples said: "See, now you are speaking plainly, and not in figures of speech.

30. Now we know, that you know everything and do not need to be questioned. Because of this, we believe that you have come from God."

31. Jesus answered, "Do you now believe?

32. Look, the hour is coming, indeed it has already come, when you are to be scattered, each to his own home, leaving me alone; yet I am not alone for the Father is with me.

33. I have told you all this so that in me you may find peace. In the world you will have suffering, but take heart! I have conquered the world."



Chapter 17

The Son's Prayer

1. Jesus lifted his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son, that the Son may glorify You,
2. for You have given him power over the flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those whom You have entrusted into his care.
3. This is eternal life, that they may continue to gain insight through You, the one true God, and through him whom You have sent, the Christ.
4. I have glorified You on earth, and have finished the work which You have given me to do.
5. And now, Father, glorify me by Your side, with the glory I had with You before the world began.
6. I have made known Your name to mankind, who You gave me out of the world. They were Yours and You gave them to me and they have received Your word.
7. Now they know that all You have given me has come from You;
8. because the words You have given me, I have given them and they have received them and know with certainty that I have come from You as Your representative, and they have believed that You have sent me.
9. I pray for them; I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given me, because they belong to You,



10. and all that is mine is Yours, and what is Yours is mine; among them I have been glorified.

11. I also am not much longer in the world, but they are here in this world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, watch over them, by the power of Your name; those who you have given me, that they may be one, as we are one.

12. When I was with them, I protected them, those who you have given me, and kept them safe by the power of Your name. Not one of them has been lost, except the one doomed to be lost, so that scripture is fulfilled.

13. Now I am coming to You, but while I am still in this world I speak these words, so that You will have the full measure of my joy within You.

14. I have given them Your word, but the world hates them, because they are no longer part of the world, just as I am not part of this world.

15. I do not pray You to take them out of the world, but to protect them from the evil one.

16. They are part of this world, as I am not part of this world.

17. Consecrate them by the truth; Your word is truth.

18. As You have sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

19. And I consecrate myself for their sake, that they too may be consecrated by the truth.

20. It is not for these alone that I pray, but also for all those who through their words put their faith in me,



21. so that they all may be one; as You, Father, are in me, and I am in You, so also may they be in us, that the world may believe that You have sent me.

22. The glory which You have given me, I have given to them, that they may be one, as we are one,

23. I am in You and You are in me, so that they may be perfectly one; so that the world will know that You sent me and that You love them and You love me.

24. Father, they are Your gift to me; my wish is that they may be with me, where I am, so that they may look upon my glory which You have given me because You loved me before the world began.

25. Righteous Father, the world did not recognize You; but I have recognized You, and they have recognized that You have sent me.

26. And I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love You had for me will be in them, and I in them.”

Chapter 18

The Imprisonment of Jesus



1. After Jesus had said these things, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where he and his disciples entered a garden.
2. Now Judas, his betrayer, knew of this place, because Jesus often went there with his Disciples.
3. So Judas made his way there with a detachment of soldiers and Temple guards provided by the High Priests and the Pharisees; they were equipped with lanterns and torches and weapons.
4. Now Jesus, who knew everything that was going to happen, stepped forward and asked them, “Who is it you are looking for?”
5. They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” He said to them, “I am he.” Now Judas the traitor was standing there with them.
6. When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.
7. Again he asked, “Who is it you are looking for?” They answered, “Jesus the Essene.”
8. Jesus answered, “I have told you that I am he. If I am the man you want, then let the others go”;
9. so that his words become true when he said, “I have not lost one of those who you have given me.”



10. Now Simon Peter, who had a sword like everyone else, drew it and struck at the captain of the High Priest's servants, and cut his right ear off. The captain's name was Malchus.

11. But Jesus said to Peter "Put your sword back in its sheath. This is the cup the Father has given me, should I not drink it?"

12. He picked up the captain's ear and pressed it back where it belonged; it healed instantly.

13. Everyone was overcome with fear and no one dared to lay a hand on Jesus.

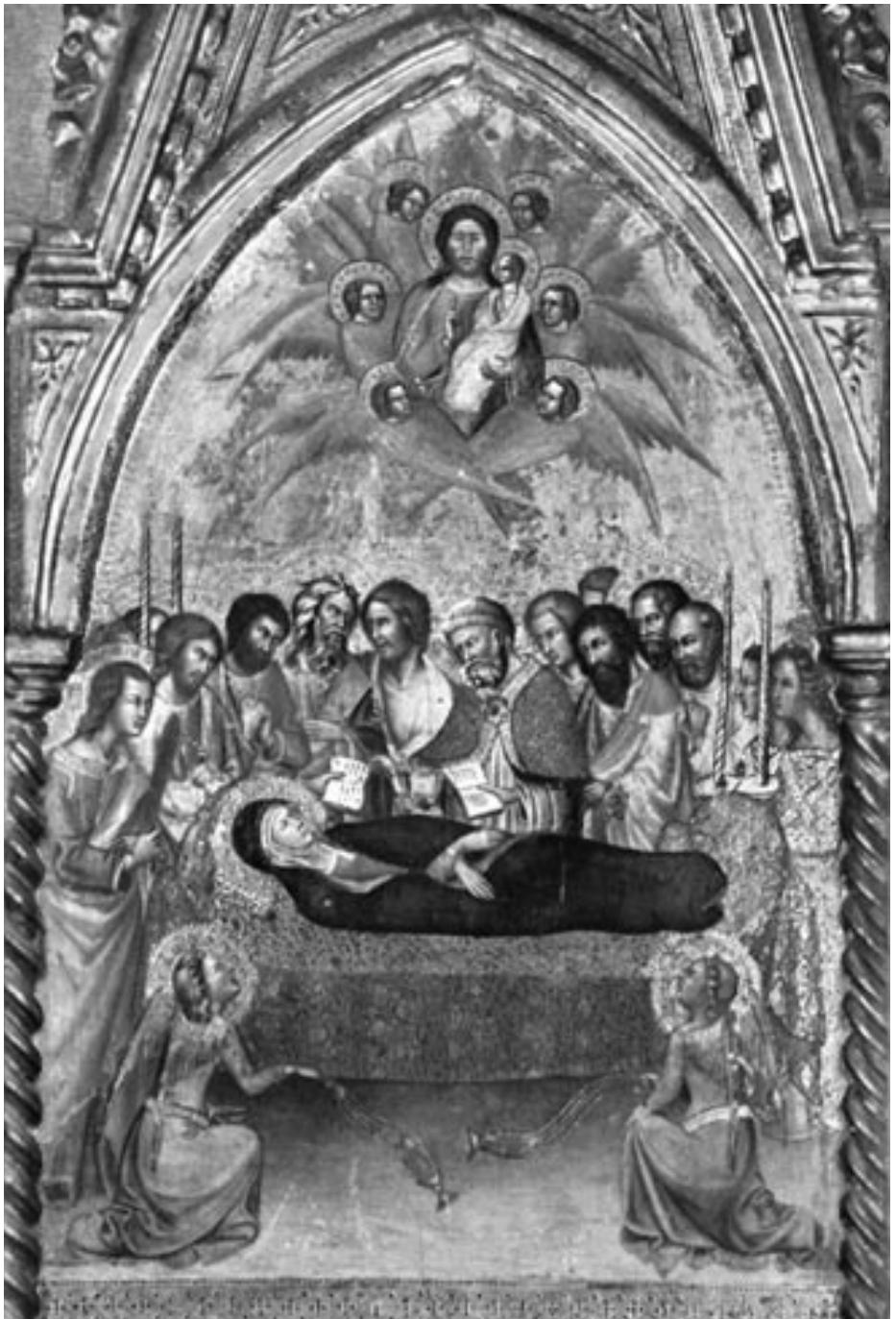
14. He spoke to the captain and said, "See, I have done you good. Now do me good as well, and carry out your duty." Jesus held out his arms to the captain, so that they might be bound.

Before Annas: Peter's Denial

15. A detachment of Roman soldiers and their captain, sent by Pilate to make sure that Jesus was not mistreated, together with the Temple guards, apprehended Jesus and bound him.

16. The Temple guards brought him first before Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was for that year High Priest.

17. Caiaphas was the one who advised the Jews that it would be in their interest if one man died for the sake of the whole people.



18. Jesus was followed by Simon Peter and another disciple by the name of Matthew. These disciples were known to the High Priests and accompanied Jesus into the courtyard of the High Priest.

19. Peter was standing outside beside the door. So Matthew, who was known by the High Priests, went and spoke with the door-keepers and brought Peter into the courtyard.

20. Some woman servants of the door-keepers said to Peter, "Are you not another of his disciples?" He answered, "No I am not."

21. As it was cold, the servants and the Temple guards had made a charcoal fire and were standing around it, warming themselves. Peter too was standing with them, warming himself.

22. The High Priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

23. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly for all the world to hear. I have always taught in synagogues or in the Temple, where all Jews congregate, and I have said nothing in secret.

24. Why are you questioning me? Question those who have heard what I have said. You see, these know what I have said."

25. After he had said these things, one of the guards standing next to him struck him in the face, saying, "Is that the way to talk to the High Priest?"

26. Jesus answered, "If what I have said is not correct, then give evidence to prove it; if it is correct, then why do you strike me?"



27. With that, Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high Priest.

28. Simon Peter was standing there, warming himself. He was asked, “Are you not also one of his disciples?” But he denied it. “I am not”, he said.

29. One of the temple guards, a relative of him whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?”

30. Peter denied it again, and at that moment a cock crowed.

31. Peter was ashamed to the depths of his soul, for he remembered his master’s words.

Trial before Pilate

32. Then they led him from Caiaphas to the governor’s palace. It was early in the morning. The Jews themselves did not enter the palace for fear that they would become unclean for they wanted to eat the Passover meal.

33. So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charge do you bring against this person?”

34. They answered, “If this person were not a criminal we would not have brought him before you.”

35. And so Pilate said to them, “Then take him yourselves and pass judgement on him by your own Law.” Pilate said this full of scorn and disrespect, for he well knew that they



were not allowed to put Jesus to death. The Jews then said to him, "We are not allowed to put anyone to death."

36. And so they ensured the fulfilment of the words by which Jesus indicated the kind of death he was about to die.

Pilate Interrogates Jesus

37. Pilate then went back into his palace, summoned Jesus and said, "You are the king of the Jews?"

38. Jesus answered, "Does this question come from you yourself, or have others told you about me?"

39. Pilate answered, "Your uncle and essenian brother, Joseph of Arimathaea, has told me about you. But look, your own nation and the High Priests have turned you over to me. What have they got against you, their king?"

40. Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not part of this world. If my kingdom were part of this world, then my followers would be fighting to save me from being turned over by the Jews. My kingdom belongs elsewhere."

41. And so Pilate said to him, "So, you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You yourself say that I am a king. For this I was born and for this I have come into the world, so that I bear witness to the truth. All those who stand by the truth, listen to my voice."

42. "What is truth?" Pilate said, and after saying this went back out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no fault in him.



43. Go and bring him to Prince Herod Antipas." The Jews began to murmur among themselves, for they thought it would be easier than this.

Before Herod Antipas

44. And so they brought him to Herod Antipas, but neither did he want to take proceedings against Jesus, for he had great fear of him.

45. Because the Temple guards had stripped Jesus almost bare, Herod robed him in his kingly garment in order that he be covered.

46. Then he asked him, "Are you the reincarnation of John?" Jesus answered, "No, I am not."

47. Herod was relieved and said, "Know this, that I will not pass judgement upon you. My father died by God's hand as he sought after you. I do not wish the same fate."

48. But Jesus said to him, "You have covered my nakedness; because of this I wish you well."

Chapter 19

The Scourging and Mockery



1. Herod sent Jesus back to the High Priest Caiaphas. He went into a rage when he saw Jesus robed in the kingly garment, and sentenced Jesus to be scourged, in the hope that he might, through this, find his death.
2. The Temple guards struck Jesus, and set a crown of thorns on his head and hit them down with a ring so that the thorns would be driven deep into his head.
3. They mocked him, saying to each other, "Hail, king of the Jews."
4. But Jesus did not die, and so Caiaphas sent him again to Pilate, with the words, "Confirm our sentence, for this man deserves to die because of his blasphemy against God."
5. However, Pilate declined to do this.

In the Prison

6. He put him in his prison, because he was bound to do so by the law; Caiaphas however sent a delegation to the Emperor in Rome in order to acquire a decree on the death sentence.
7. In the meantime Jesus was interned in the Roman jail house, as the law decreed; Pilate however, made sure he received kingly treatment.



8. Jesus received visits from his Essenean brothers and sisters on a daily basis. His mother, his siblings, his wife Mary and his daughter Galizia also came to visit him, for he had married again a few years previously.

9. When Jesus was 18 years old, he met Miriam whom he married. However, after seven years, God took Miriam from him, with whom he had no children, in order that he might take up and fulfill his task.

10. When Jesus's brother, in the course of a sermon, was stoned to death by an outraged Jewish crowd, he left behind Mary of Magdala, his childless widow.

11. According to Law, Jesus took Mary as his wife and had with her their daughter, who was called Galizia. Because it is written: "Upon the death of a brother whose wife is widowed, his unmarried brother is bound to take her as his wife."

The Roman Emperor's Decree

12. Almost a year later the High Priest's delegation returned from Rome and brought the Emperor's decree to Pilate.

13. It stated, fulfilling the words of the prophets, "Confirm the sentence of the High Priest and keep yourself out of Jewish religious matters. We do not want any trouble in Judea."



Pilate's attempt to save Jesus

14. Pilate, however, did not wish that Jesus be put to death, and so he went out to the Jews who had gathered, and said, "You have a custom of releasing a prisoner at Passover. Barabbas or the king of the Jews, which one do you want me to release?"

15. They shouted again, saying: Not him, but Barabbas!"

16. Pilate said "Barabbas" as a trick in order to save Jesus; as he said this he tried to deceive the Jews in that he, using their language, referred to Jesus as "Bar Abba's" – Son of the Father.

17. But they meant Barabbas, who was a thief.

18. Pilate went inside in order to set Jesus free.

19. The followers of Caiaphas reckoned with a trick from Pilate, because they were aware that Pilate had become one of Jesus's students. And so they put a watch on all of the exits from the palace.

20. Pilate, however, went out to them again and said, "Look, I will bring him out to you, so that you may see that I find no fault with him."

21. And Jesus came out. And he said to them, "Here is the man."

22. When the High Priests and guards saw him they shouted, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no fault with him."



23. The Jews answered, "We have a Law, and according to that Law he must die, because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

24. When Pilate heard this, he was more afraid for Jesus than ever;

25. he went back into the governor's palace and said to Jesus, "What am I to do?" But Jesus gave no answer.

26. And so Pilate asked him, "You will not speak with me?"

27. Jesus answered, "You would not have any authority over me if it was not granted to you by my Father. Rather, those who have handed me over to you have the deeper guilt. Do your duty, as is the will of my Father."

28. Because of this, Pilate sought for a way in which he might set Jesus free. But the Jews were shouting, saying, "If you let this man free then you are no friend to Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king is opposing Caesar."

29. Upon hearing this, Pilate brought Jesus out and took his seat on the tribunal at the place known as "the Pavement", in Hebrew, "Gabbatha."

30. It was the day of preparation for the Passover, about the sixth hour, and he addressed the Jews: "Behold, here is your King."

31. But they shouted, "Take him away, take him away, crucify him!" Pilate said, "Shall I crucify your King?" The High Priests replied, "We have no King apart from Caesar."

The Crucifixion



32. He then handed Jesus over to be crucified. They took Jesus away.

33. Carrying his own martyr cross, he went out to the place called the Place of the Skull, called Golgotha in Hebrew.

34. On the way, he broke down many times under the weight of the cross. Simon of Cyrene, his Essenean teacher, who was standing by the wayside, crying bitterly over his suffering.

35. One of the Temple guards, seeing this, went up to him and said, "If you are crying over him, then you can share his fate. Help him to carry his cross."

36. Simon said, "Lord, I am not worthy to share with you this honour, but my soul rejoices with happiness to be able to do so."

37. Jesus said to him, "You carry with me the whole weight of the world and I will make you a cornerstone of my new kingdom and you will serve me with your whole heart and with everything you possess, until all this is done."

38. Simon answered, "Lord, your word is my command." And he helped Jesus to carry the cross.

39. On Golgotha the Temple guards hung Jesus on the cross, along with two others, one on each side; Jesus was in the middle.

40. Pilate wrote an inscription and had it fastened to the cross. On it was written: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."



41. This inscription was read by many Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified lay near the city; the inscription was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek.

42. The Jewish High Priests went to Pilate and said, "You should not write "King of the Jews", but rather that he said, "I am King of the Jews."

43. Pilate replied, "What I have written, I have written, for it is the truth."

44. After hanging Jesus on the cross, the Temple guards took his clothes and, setting aside the tunic, divided them into four parts, one for each guard. The tunic however was without seam and was woven as one piece.

45. So they said to one another, "We should not tear it. Let the dice decide whose it will be." As this happened, the scripture was fulfilled: "They shared my garments among them and cast dice for my clothing." And this is what the guards actually did.

46. Standing near the cross on which Jesus hung, was his mother with her sister Mary, wife of Clopas, and his wife, Mary of Magdala with their daughter Galizia along with John, his dearest disciple.

47. As Jesus saw his mother and his disciple, whom he loved, standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

48. And he said to his disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that time on the disciple took her into his home.

49. And Jesus spoke: "Woman, leave this place together



with our daughter, for she does not understand the will of the Father." Galizia thought that her father was speaking about himself, and cried, for she loved him dearly.

"It is accomplished"

50. After this, Jesus, aware that all had now come to its appointed end, said in fulfillment of scripture: "I am thirsty." 51. There was a jar there, full of vinegar; so they soaked a sponge with the vinegar, fixed it on a hyssop, and held it to his lips.

52. When Jesus had taken the vinegar, he said, "It is accomplished!" Bowing down his head he gave up his Spirit to the place of forgetting, (not death!), as the Essene Masters had learned.

53. Because it was the eve of the Sabbath, the Jews were anxious that the bodies should not remain on the martyr crosses, because this Sabbath was a great day. So they requested to Pilate that the legs be broken and the bodies be taken down.

54. So the guards came accordingly to the men crucified with Jesus and broke the first man's legs and then those of the other.

55. When they came to Jesus and saw that he appeared to be dead, they refrained from breaking his legs.

56. On Pilate's order, his captain came and pierced Jesus in the side with a spear, in order to save him from a death of suffocation, at which blood and water poured forth.



57. And he who saw this has testified to this, and his testimony is true, and he knows that what he says is the truth, so that you also may believe.

58. For these things happened in fulfilment of the text of scripture: "No bone of his shall be broken."

59. And another text says: "They shall look on him whom they pierced."

The burial of Jesus

60. Joseph of Arimathaea, a disciple of Jesus, spoke with Pilate, and received permission to remove the body of Jesus. So he went to remove the body.

61. Nicodemus, the man who came to him the first time after dark, was there and brought a roll of Myrrh and aloes.

62. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it, together with spices, in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

63. Near the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden was a new tomb, which had not been used for burial; the tomb belonged to Joseph of Arimathaea, who, while being wealthy was also the uncle of Jesus and the commander of the Essenean merchant fleet.

64. And there, since it was the eve of the Jewish Sabbath and the tomb was near at hand, they laid Jesus.



Chapter 20

The Empty Tomb

1. Early on the first day of the week, Sunday, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalen came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance to the tomb.
2. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken my husband out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
3. So Simon Peter and the other disciple set out and made their way towards the tomb.
4. They started to run together, but the other disciple ran quicker than Simon Peter and reached the tomb first.
5. Leaning forward he saw the wrappings lying there, but he did not enter.
6. Simon Peter, who followed, arrived and entered the tomb, and saw the bandages lying there with
7. the cloth that had covered his body, rolled together.
8. The disciple who had reached the tomb first, now entered, and he saw and believed.
9. For they did not understand that it was written, that he must rise from the dead.
10. The disciples then returned to their homes.

Jesus appears to Mary Magdelen



11. Mary stayed standing outside, but near the tomb, weeping. Then, as she wept, she bent forward and peered into the tomb,

12. and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13. And they asked her: "Woman, why do you weep?" She answered: "They have taken my Lord and husband away, and I do not know where they have laid him."

14. After saying this she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not recognize that it was him.

15. Jesus spoke to her: "Woman, why do you weep, who are you looking for?" Because she thought it was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if it is you who have removed him then tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

16. Jesus said, "Mary." Turning, she said in aramaic, "Rabbuni."

17. Jesus said, "Even though you love me as I love you, stop, and do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and to your God."

18. Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." And she then gave them his message.



Jesus appears to the disciples

19. Late that same day, the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them, saying, “Peace be with you.”

20. After saying this, he then showed them his hands and his side. Upon seeing the Lord, Mary and his disciples were overjoyed.

21. Jesus said again, “Peace be with you! As the Father sent me, so I send you.”

22. When he said this he breathed on them, but not on his wife, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

23. If you forgive anyone’s sins, then they are forgiven; if you pronounce them unforgiven, then they remain unforgiven.”

24. Thomas, one of the twelve, the one called the twin, was not present when Jesus came.

25. So the others kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said, “Unless I see the mark of the nails on his hands, unless I put my fingers into the place where the nails were, and my hand into his side, I will never believe it.”

26. Now, eight days later, when the disciples were gathered in the same room, Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them, and said, “Peace be with you.”



27. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Place your hand here and put it into my side; be unbelieving no more, but believe."

28. In answer Thomas said, "My Lord and my God."

29. Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you believe? Happy are those who believe, without seeing."

30. There are indeed many other signs that Jesus performed in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

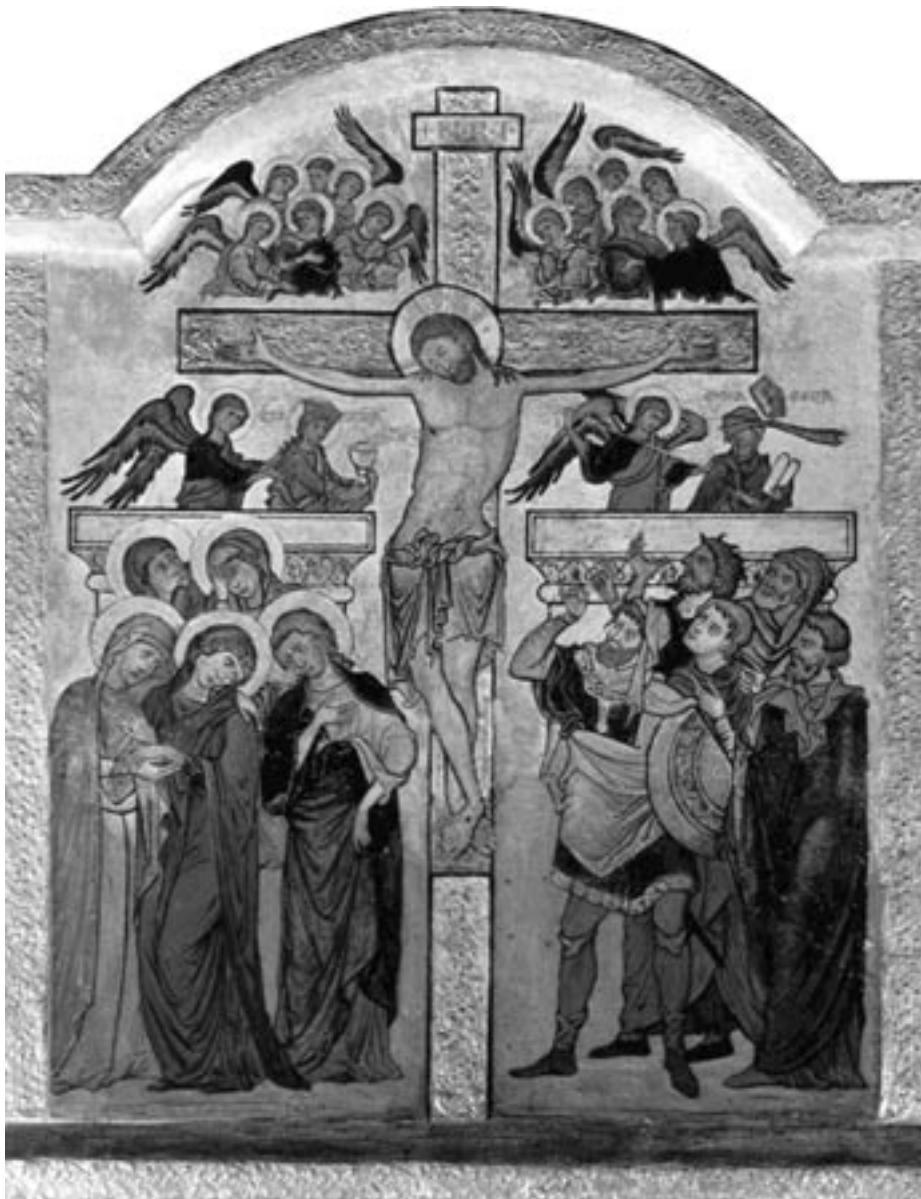
31. But those written here have been written so that you may believe that Jesus, the Christ, is the Son of God, and that you, because you believe, may have life by his name.

Chapter 21

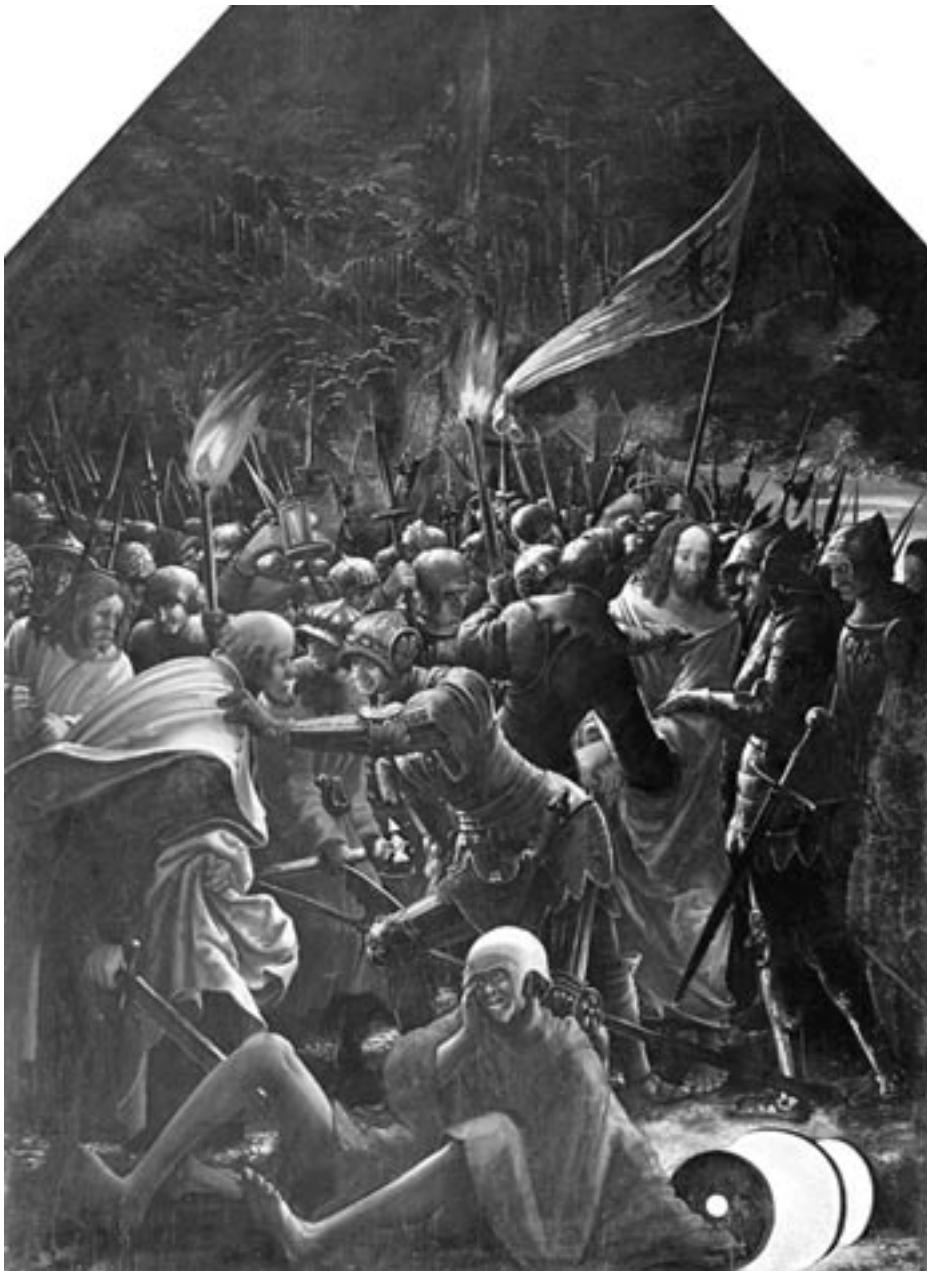
The Sea of Tiberias



1. Some time after this, Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the sea of Tiberias; the appearance came about like this:
2. Simon (Peter) was together with Thomas the twin, Nathanael from Cana-in-Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two other disciples.
3. Simon (Peter) said to them, "I am going out fishing." They answered, "We will go with you." So they set off and boarded the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
4. Morning came and Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples did not recognize that it was Jesus.
5. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you nothing to eat?" "No!" they answered.
6. He said to them, "Throw out your nets to the right hand side of the boat and you will find some." They threw them out, but because of the great quantity of fish, they could not draw them back in.
7. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved, said to Simon (Peter), "It is the Lord." When Simon (Peter) heard that it was the Lord, he fastened his shirt around him, because he had been naked, and threw himself into the sea.
8. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net full of fish; they were not far from land, only about a hundred yards.



9. When they came ashore they saw a charcoal fire there with fish laid on it and some bread.
10. Jesus said to them: "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."
11. Simon Peter went on board and hauled the net to land; it was full of fish, one hundred and fifty-three in all. Even though there were so many, the nets did not break.
12. Jesus said, "Come, let us have this meal." None of the disciples had the courage to ask, "Who are you?" For they knew it was the Lord.
13. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them and gave them the fish in the same manner.
14. This was the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection from the dead.
15. After they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter: "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes Lord, you know that I love you dearly." he answered. "Then feed my Lambs," he said.
16. Again, a second time he asked him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you dearly. "Then take care of my sheep," he said.
17. A third time he asked him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon, the son of John, became sad and answering a third time, he said, "Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you dearly." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."



18. "In all truth I tell you: when you were younger you fastened your belt around you and went where you chose. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten you and carry you where you do not wish to go."

19. He said this in order to indicate the manner of death by which Simon Peter would glorify God. After saying this, he added, "Follow me."

20. As Peter turned around, he saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following – the one who at supper leaned close to him to ask the question "Lord, who is it that will betray you?"

21. When he saw him, Peter asked Jesus: "Lord, what will he do?"

22. Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he should stay until I come, why should it worry you? Follow me."

23. This saying of Jesus circulated among the brothers, it was understood to mean that that disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would never die, he said, "If it is my will that he should stay until I come, why should it worry you?"

24. There are, in fact, many other things that Jesus did. If they were all to be written down in detail, I think the world could not hold the books that would be written.



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